



# Is Donald Trump responsible for the Capitol riot?

22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Sample of 10,471 voters

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**Please Note:** The sample size featured reflects the number of pupils and students that cast their vote on this topic during the week in which this vote was held. This sample size does therefore not reflect the number of pupils and students who discussed this VoteTopic but did not get a chance to participate in the voting.

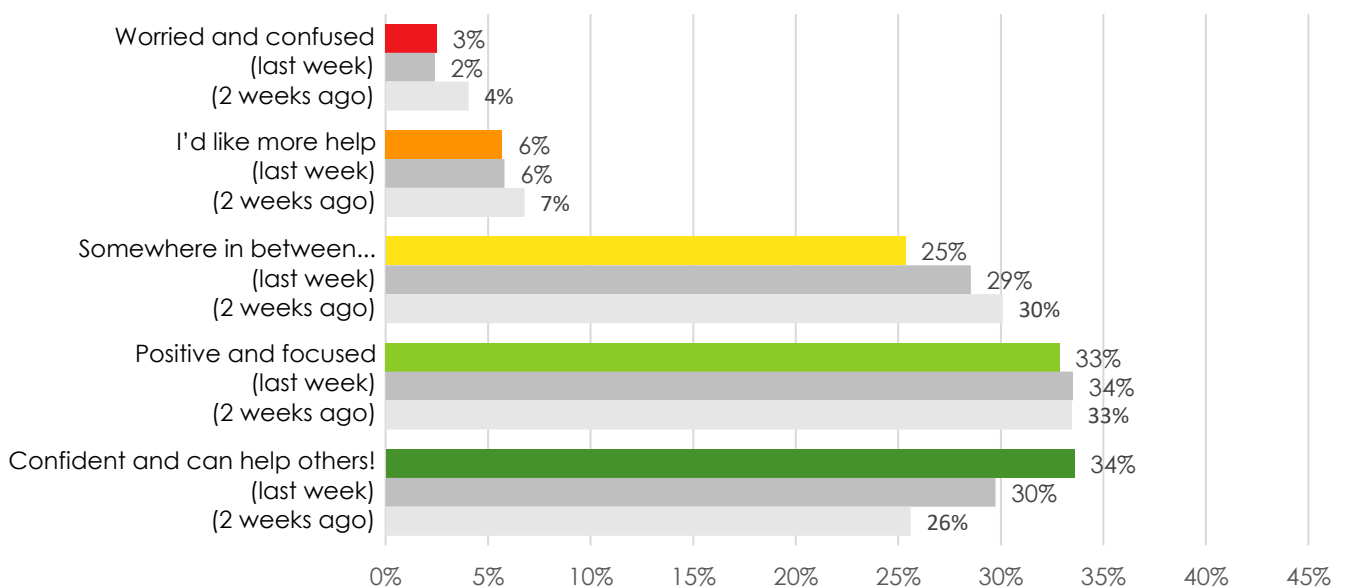
This VoteTopic was discussed by voters amid a national lockdown, as a response to the riots in the US Capitol.

Voters mainly engaged with our content from home. While usually our votes are logged by teachers, we set up links for our voters and parents to vote independently. The response was overwhelming as many took the opportunity to have their voice heard from home.

As part of their responses, we asked voters to share how they were feeling about learning from home with us. Please note that the above sample size does not apply to this data.

Here is an insight into what they said compared to the previous weeks:

### Primary



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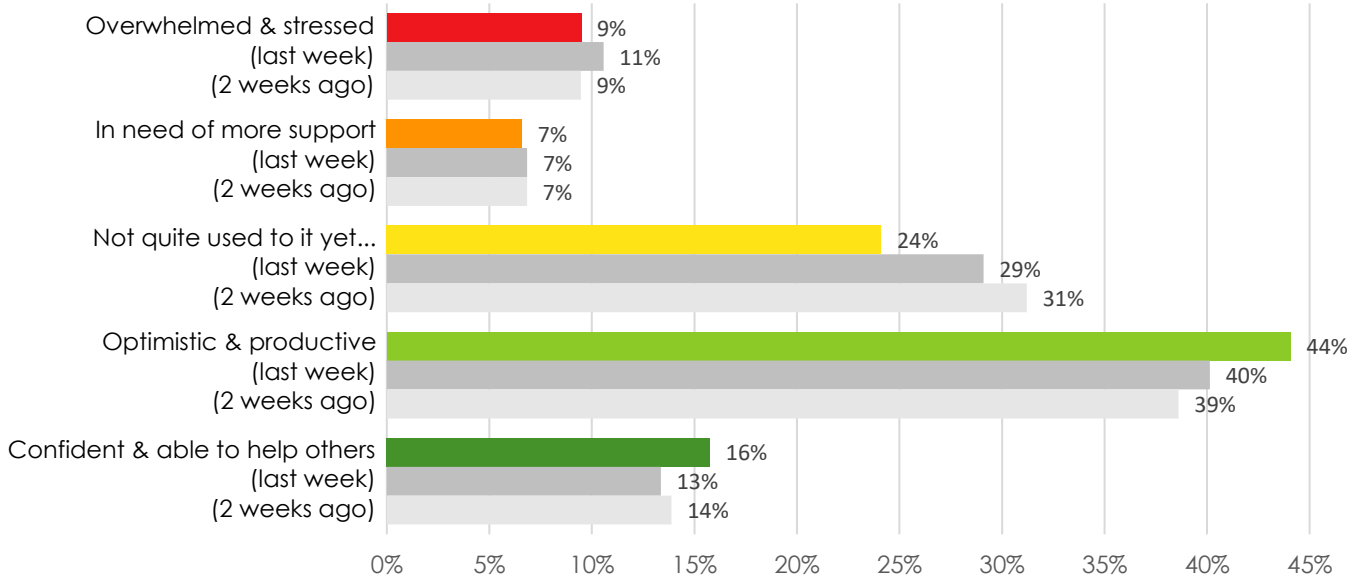
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### Secondary



### VoteTopic Overview:

#### Question Primary Key Stage 1 (KS1):

“Do you know what makes a good teammate?”

#### Question Primary Key Stage 2 (KS2):

“Is Donald Trump guilty of encouraging violence at the Capitol?”

#### Question Secondary:

“Is Donald Trump responsible for the Capitol riot?”

#### Question Secondary 16+ & College:

“Is Donald Trump guilty of inciting the Capitol riot?”

### Grand Total

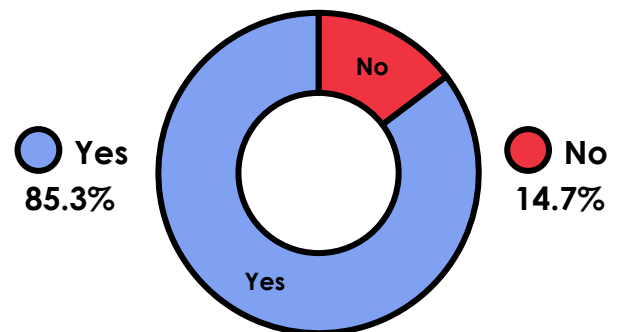
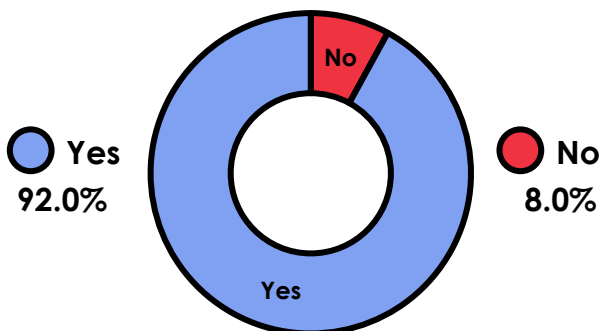
Primary KS1:

“Do you know what makes a good teammate?”

Yes	92.02%
No	7.98%

Primary KS2: “Is Donald Trump guilty of encouraging violence at the Capitol?”

Yes	85.30%
No	14.70%



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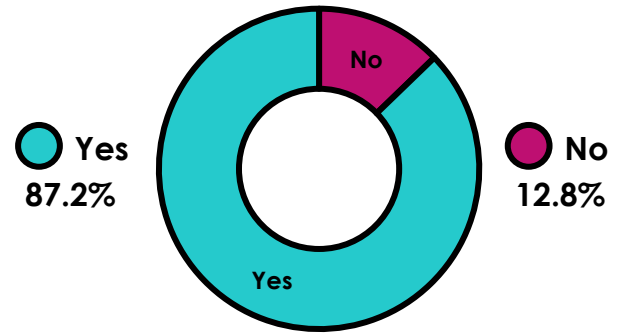
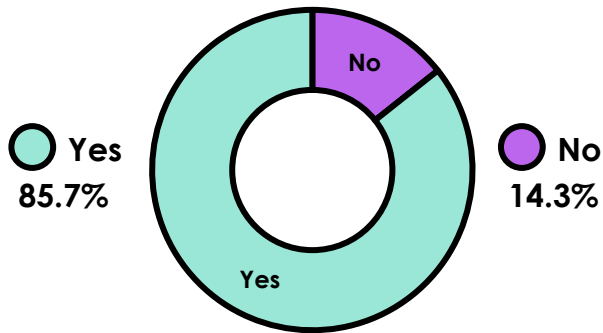


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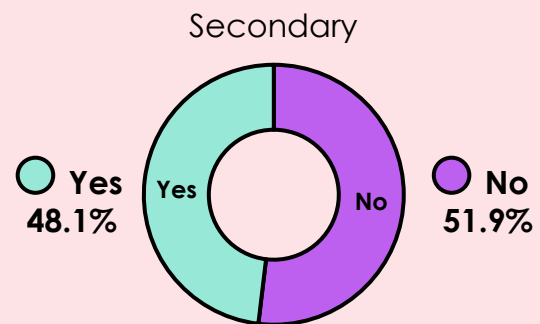
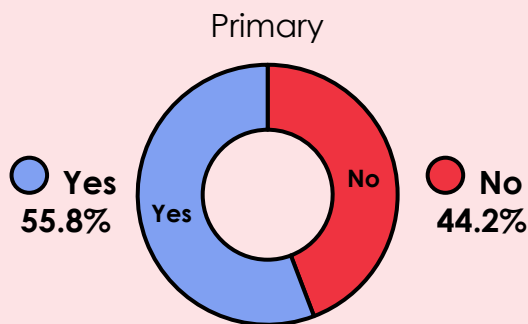
Secondary:  
 "Is Donald Trump responsible for the Capitol riot?"  
 Yes 85.67%  
 No 14.33%

Secondary 16+ & College:  
 "Is Donald Trump guilty of inciting the Capitol riot?"  
 Yes 87.22%  
 No 12.78%

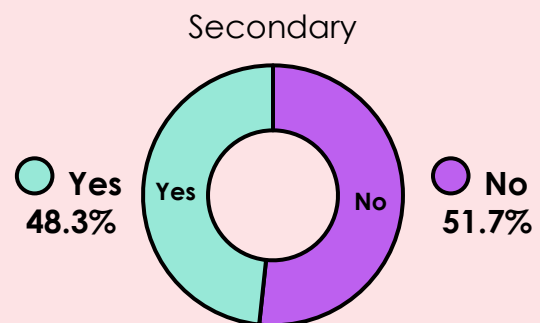
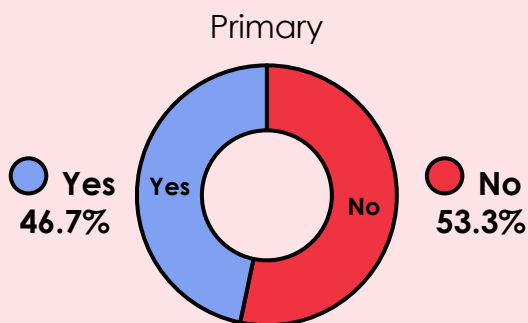


### How does this compare to previous VoteTopics?

In January 2017, during the week of 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, we asked **Primary pupils and Secondary students** "Should politicians use Twitter more to communicate with the public?". This were the results four years ago:



A few months later, in March 2017, during the week of 03<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Mar, we asked **Primary pupils and Secondary students** "Is Donald Trump making us question all news?". This were the results in March 2017:



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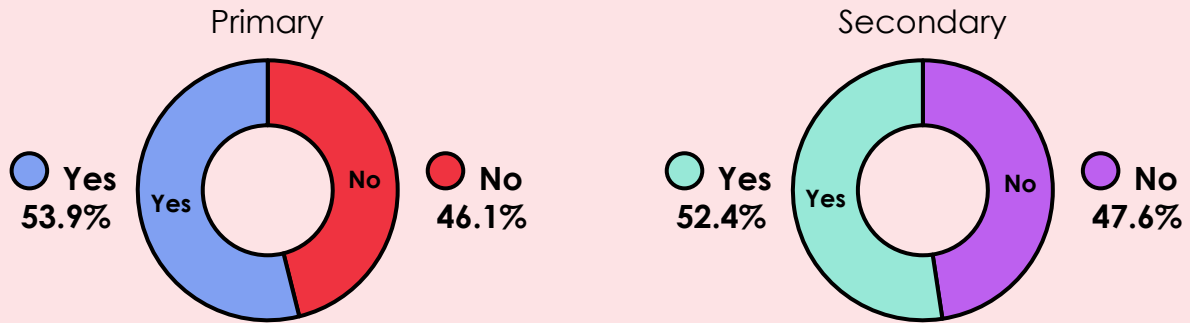
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In November 2019, during the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, we asked **Primary pupils and Secondary students** “Is fake news always bad?”. This were the results in late 2019:



## Gender

Primary KS1: “Do you know what makes a good teammate?”

	Yes	No
Female	95.07%	4.93%
Male	93.06%	6.94%
Diverse*	75.82%	24.18%

Primary KS2: “Is Donald Trump guilty of encouraging violence at the Capitol?”

	Yes	No
Female	85.38%	14.62%
Male	85.66%	14.34%
Diverse*	80.99%	19.01%

Secondary: “Is Donald Trump responsible for the Capitol riot?”

	Yes	No
Female	87.45%	12.55%
Male	83.94%	16.06%
Diverse*	84.73%	15.27%

16+ & College: “Is Donald Trump guilty of inciting the Capitol riot?”

	Yes	No
Female	93.41%	6.59%
Male	86.21%	13.79%
Diverse*	86.05%	13.95%

\*Votes collected as “Diverse” include students that identify as gender diverse, as well as students that wish not to disclose or were not able to specify their gender.



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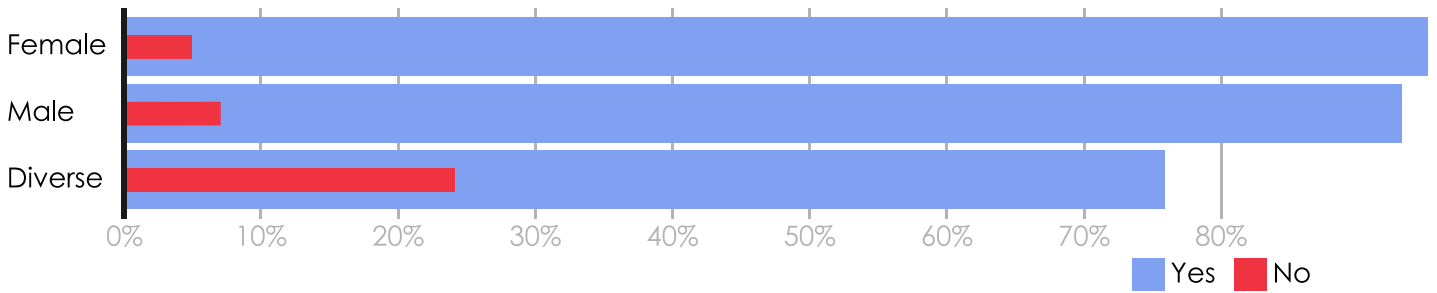
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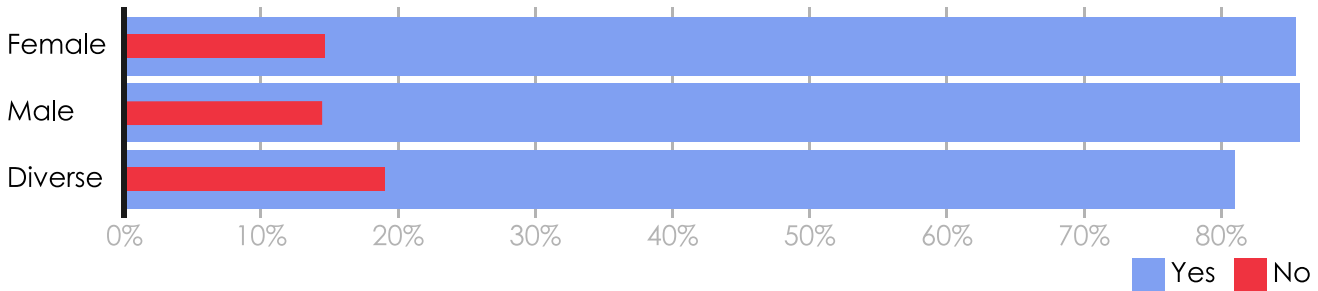
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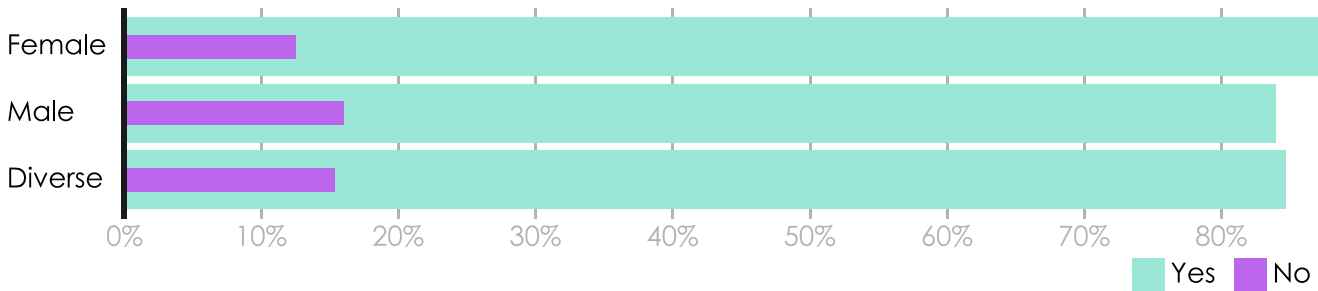
### Primary KS1: "Do you know what makes a good teammate?"



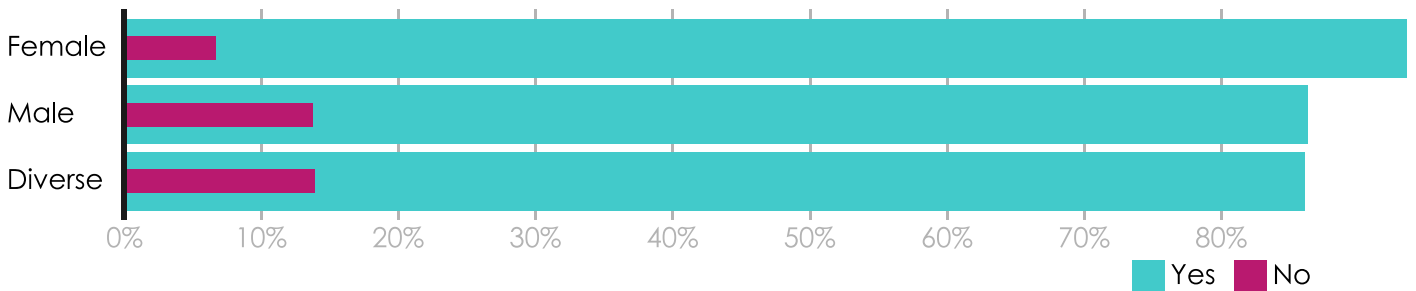
### Primary KS2: "Is Donald Trump guilty of encouraging violence at the Capitol?"



### Secondary: "Is Donald Trump responsible for the Capitol riot?"



### Secondary 16+ & College: "Is Donald Trump guilty of inciting the Capitol riot?"



The VoteResults were very similar amongst the different gender groups in their respective year groups. The biggest difference can be found in **Primary KS1**, where **diverse voters who said Yes**, I do know what makes a good teammate, were **16.2% under the KS1 average** of all votes combined. Another significant difference can be found amongst **female 16+ and College voters who said yes**, Donald Trump is guilty of inciting the Capitol riots. With 93.4% of female 16+ and College students voting Yes, they were **6.2% above the average of all 16+ and College votes** combined.



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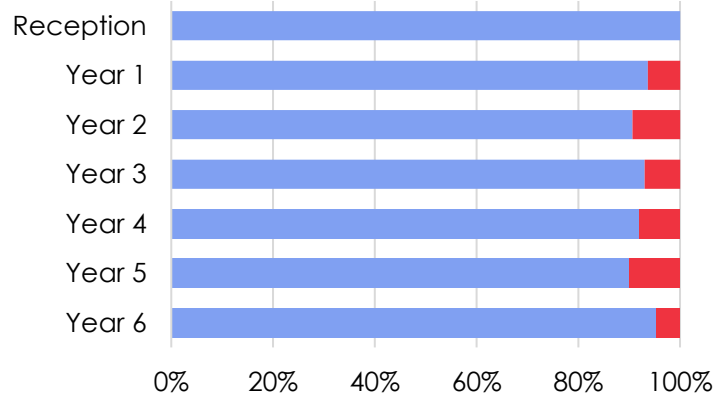
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## Age

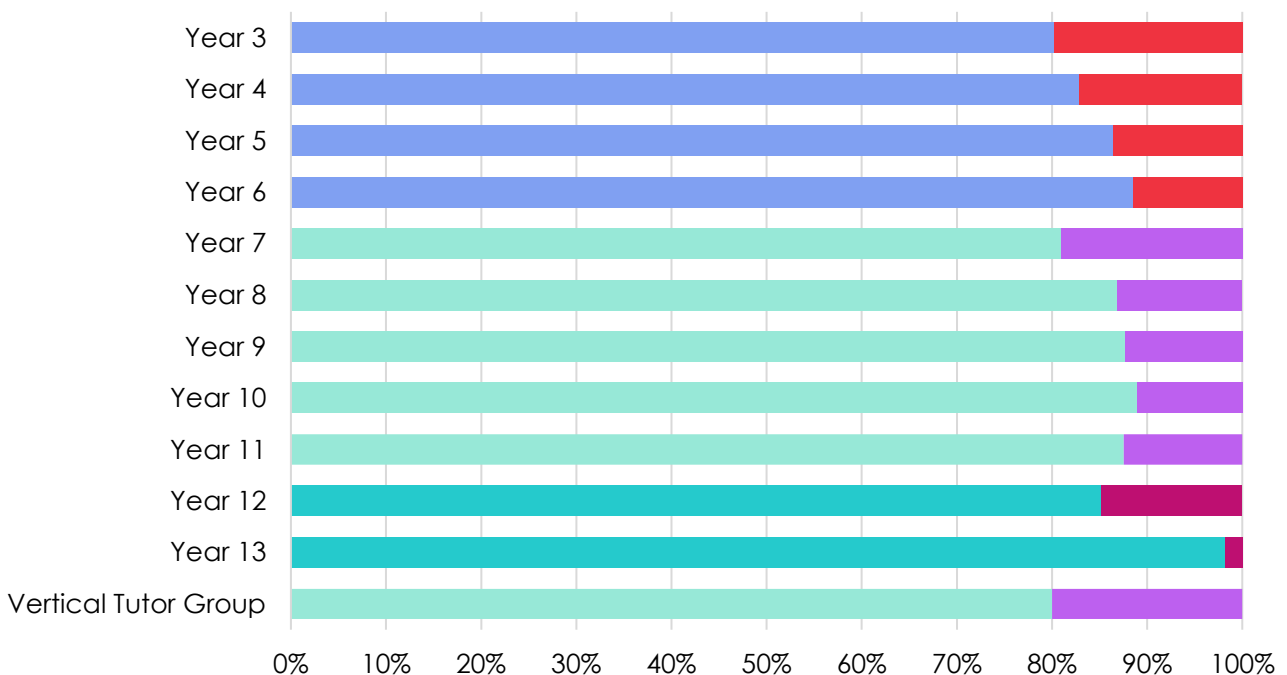
Primary KS1: "Do you know what makes a good teammate?"

Year Group	Yes	No
Reception	100%	0.00%
Year 1	93.70%	6.30%
Year 2	90.67%	9.33%
Year 3	93.07%	6.93%
Year 4	91.95%	8.05%
Year 5	90.00%	10.00%
Year 6	95.45%	4.55%



Primary KS2, Secondary, 16+ & College:

Year Group	Yes	No
Year 3	80.23%	19.77%
Year 4	82.90%	17.10%
Year 5	86.41%	13.59%
Year 6	88.50%	11.50%
Year 7	80.94%	19.06%
Year 8	86.90%	13.10%
Year 9	87.65%	12.35%
Year 10	88.93%	11.07%
Year 11	87.53%	12.47%
Year 12	85.19%	14.81%
Year 13	98.21%	1.79%
Vertical Tutor Group	80.00%	20.00%



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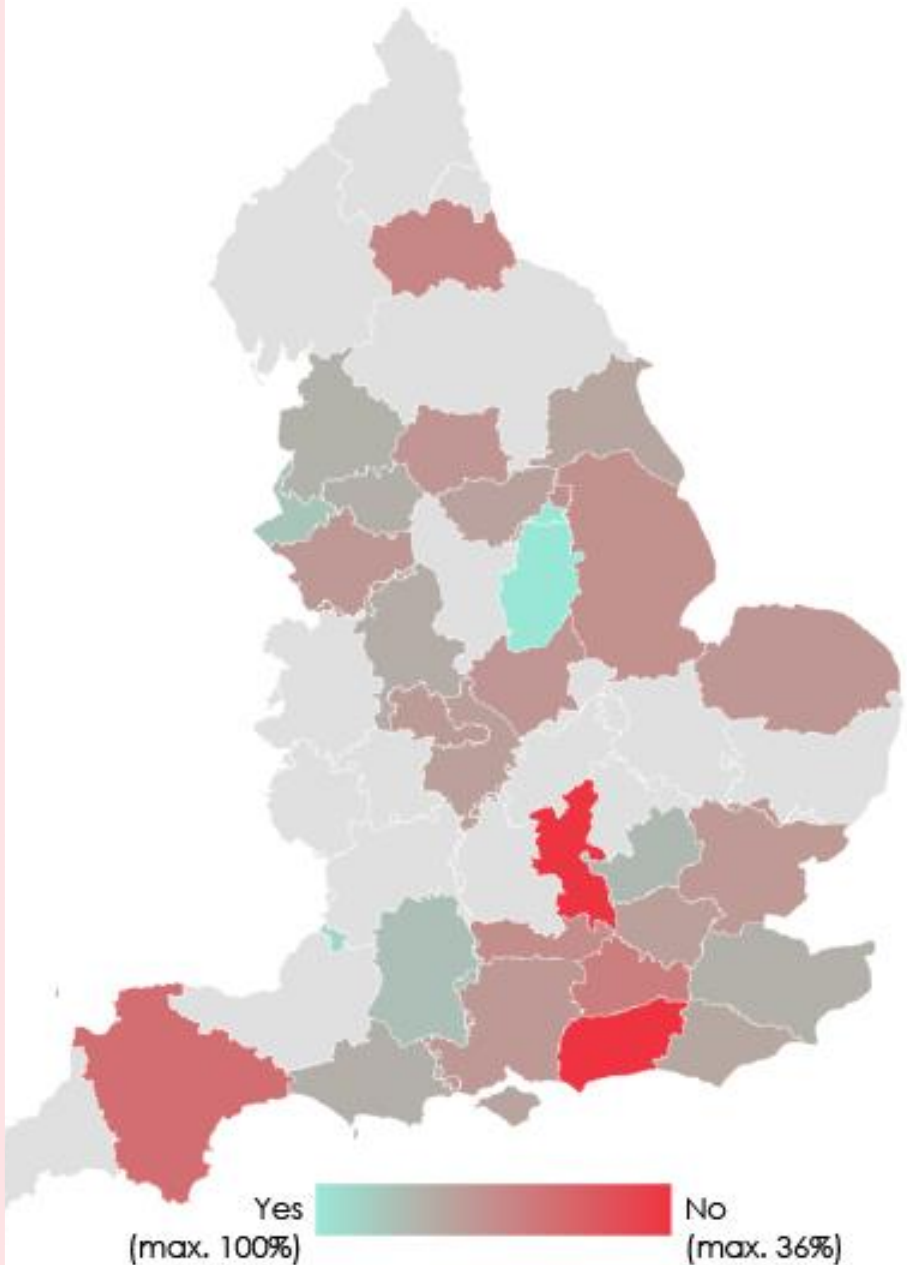
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## Location

Primary KS2, Secondary, Secondary 16+ & College:

	Yes	No
Conwy*	100%	0.00%
Flintshire*	100%	0.00%
Rutland*	100%	0.00%
Tyne & Wear*	100%	0.00%
Guernsey*	100%	0.00%
Herefordshire*	100%	0.00%
Newport*	100%	0.00%
Wrexham*	100%	0.00%
Bridgend*	100%	0.00%
Cornwall*	100%	0.00%
Worcestershire*	100%	0.00%
Oxfordshire*	100%	0.00%
Nottinghamshire	100%	0.00%
Bristol	97.12%	2.88%
Merseyside	93.18%	6.82%
Wiltshire	92.11%	7.89%
Hertfordshire	90.91%	9.09%
Lancashire	89.52%	10.48%
Kent	89.29%	10.71%
Greater Manchester	89.15%	10.85%
Dorset	88.89%	11.11%
Staffordshire	88.77%	11.23%
East Sussex	87.42%	12.58%
East Riding of Yorkshire	87.33%	12.67%
Isle of Wight	86.84%	13.16%
South Yorkshire	86.56%	13.44%
London	85.92%	14.08%
Warwickshire	85.91%	14.09%
Cleveland*	85.71%	14.29%
Greater London	85.71%	14.29%
West Midlands	85.08%	14.92%
Essex	84.63%	15.37%
Cheshire	84.62%	15.38%
Hampshire	84.52%	15.48%
Norfolk	84.38%	15.63%
Leicestershire	84.21%	15.79%
West Yorkshire	84.13%	15.87%
Lincolnshire	83.08%	16.92%
Berkshire	82.37%	17.63%
Durham	80.95%	19.05%
North Yorkshire	80.00%	20.00%
Surrey	79.51%	20.49%
Devon	76.19%	23.81%
Derbyshire*	66.67%	33.33%
Buckinghamshire	64.71%	35.29%
West Sussex	64.29%	35.71%
Cambridgeshire*	50.00%	50.00%
Carmarthenshire*	50.00%	50.00%
Rhondda Cynon Taff*	50.00%	50.00%
Ynys Mon (Anglesey)*	50.00%	50.00%
Bedfordshire*	50.00%	50.00%
Cardiff*	0.00%	100%
Cumbria*	0.00%	100%



\*Regions with fewer than 10 votes are not displayed on map. These regions are marked with a \* in the table.



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## Students' Comments Primary KS2 & Secondary:

"He **spread fake news** about the election being stolen. He also **told his supporters to go and fight for the country.**"

Primary School, West Midlands

"He made a **speech saying fight for our country**. He may have not said to break into the capitol and create chaos, but he did **imply that they should make their voices heard** and he did also **tell them the election was a steal** with no actual evidence."

Primary School, London

"I think that Donald Trump is guilty of encouraging violence at the Capitol because **some of the things he said** like 'if we don't fight we won't have a country anymore,' things like that **will encourage violence** especially for people that are Trumps followers."

Primary School, Hertfordshire

"Spreading fake news to millions of people was obviously going to create problems. He **should've been more responsible.**"

Primary School, Berkshire

"He **encouraged his voters to fight back**. He is somewhat responsible for what happened. He **should have been more clear** and wary about what he said."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"He is **supposed to be a role model** for America. The riot was encouraged from him after saying that "we will stop the steal". This is him **suggesting that something should be done**, and as a result of this, the riot happened."

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"He is responsible for this incident because he **was going on about the election for months** ever since November and claiming he won by saying the votes were fraud but **never had evidence.**"

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"He **provoked his followers** with all his speeches and tweets."

Secondary School, Essex



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"Ultimately it was **up to the protestors** who made the **final decision** on whether to commit a crime or not."

Primary School, London

"I **don't think he specifically encouraged the violence** on purpose he just said "We will march down to the Capitol" and I don't think he meant for them to take guns and other weapons down he just **wanted them to fight for who they wanted as President!**"

Primary School, Staffordshire

"He **specifically said to be peaceful**, and he never said they had to be violent."

Primary School, Norfolk

"When Trump told people to fight for their country, he didn't mean that they should be violent. It's the protestors who chose that. Trump **specifically said that people should be 'peaceful'** when making their voices heard."

Primary School, Surrey

"**Directly?** No. **Indirectly?** Yes."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"Donald Trump didn't tell them to physically do it, **it was their choice** to create a riot."

Secondary School, Essex

"Overall, Trump is **not completely responsible** for the Capitol riots, but he is still partially responsible, since he clearly stated "We are going to the Capitol" to his followers. This led to the riots happening, since he further convinced them to go to the Capitol. Despite this, he **did tell the followers to "peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard"**. Instead, the followers were not peaceful at all. This shows he **was only partially to blame** for this riot."

Secondary School, Norfolk

"It's Trump's supporters showing how much they want Trump to be President. We have **no evidence of Trump promoting riots.**"

Secondary School, West Midlands



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