



Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel Meeting

Wednesday, 11 November 2020

Dear Councillor

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL - WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2020

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Wednesday, 11th November, 2020 meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel, the following report that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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Education in Lockdown

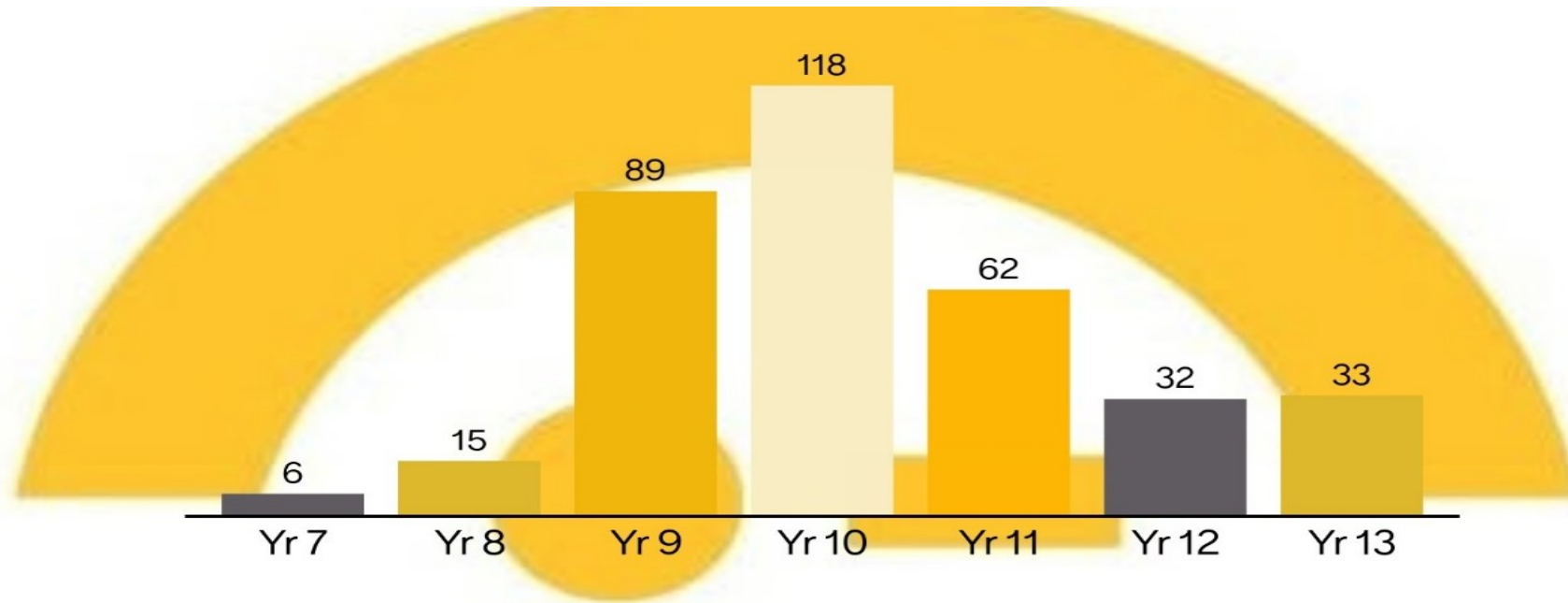
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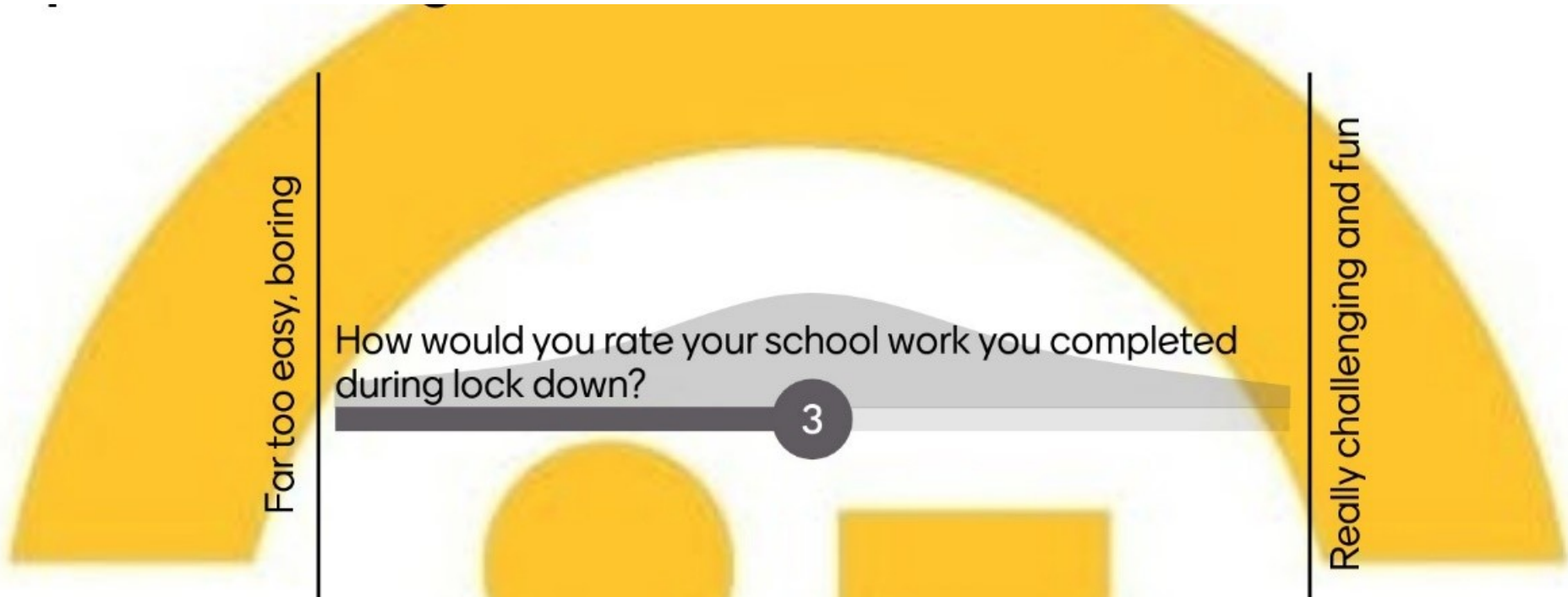
Background

- We produced a Mentimeter survey that was promoted to Secondary schools over a 5 week period via the Head Teachers Bulletin, and contacts in schools.
- In total 344 young people took part. This is just under 2% of the pupils that attend a secondary school in Wolverhampton.
- Pupils from 16 secondary schools took part in the survey
- The survey was launched at a time when a number of other surveys had been shared with young people such as the Emotional Wellbeing survey which could have impacted on participation.

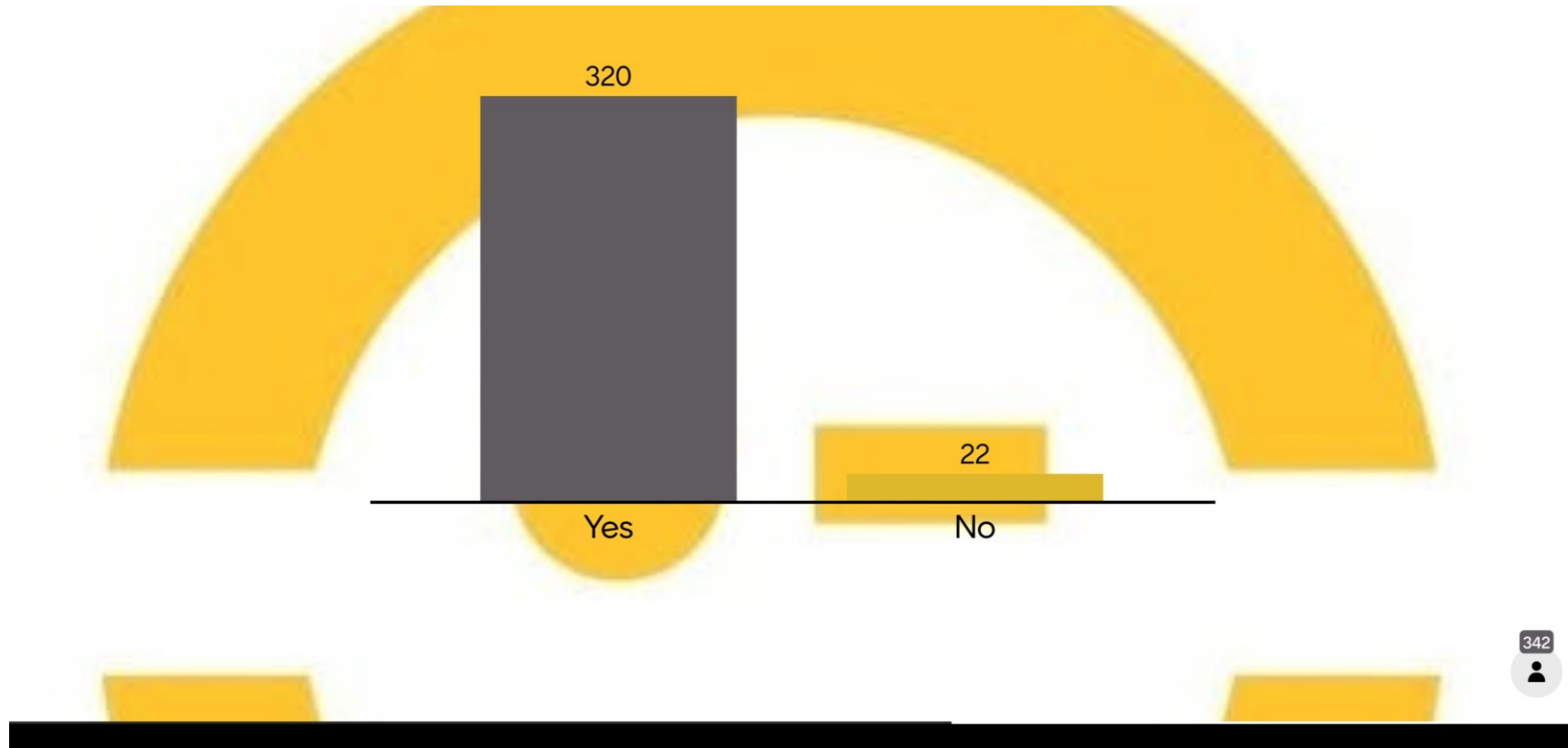
Year Groups of Young People Who Took Part.



How did you rate your online learning (out of 5)



We asked young people if they felt they had the right technology for home working



For those young people without technology the experience was very negative.

- I didn't have to complete daily work as I had completed year 11. I did find that assignments sent from sixth form staff were not very clear at all and left me very nervous, I also found that my laptop couldn't keep up with the amount of work I had.
- Struggle to concentrate and learn knowledge... teachers took weeks to respond. Had the right tec but was awful as there is three kids working on one laptop and we couldn't afford another one

- To make sure everyone has right equipment and they know what they are doing
- Don't send work to be printed to people who haven't got printers.

- hated it - work sent via post and had no help from school to complete it

- not being able to be on the same level as other schools. It is not a level playing field for exams. This needs to be taken into account by the government
- Did barely any work because we had different websites for different things so it was really confusing

What was your experience of education in Lockdown

Responses are summarised into three categories

Positive, Average, Negative.

24% of pupils felt positive about the experience

27% average

49% were negative to the experience

What was your experience of home education during lock down like?

A bit different, but enjoyable, the online lessons were very useful but I sometimes felt overworked

I was able to complete the majority of the work however we didn't have much communication from the school.

Better than I thought it was going to be but the work became repetitive and boring towards the end of lockdown

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I believe it was ok, I found it very hard to complete the work without a teachers guidance and would've preferred it if I had online lessons with my teachers so that it would be easier to complete the work. But overall the teachers did their best.

Fine just didn't have the support of a teacher as much

I did the work

Better than I thought but it was hard to concentrate

I lacked motivation toward the end of the lockdown period, due to the fact that we had no online lessons and a lot of my teachers were even checking my work, so I thought what's the point .

Very challenging. I didn't leave for 16 weeks and was scared of going outside. But made it through to the other side. I am grateful for my teachers and my family.

What was your experience of home education during lock down like?

I got more work done as it was at my own pace However, I did not get much feedback and what I did get was not very detailed

Difficult to teach ourselves the content

The work wasn't too hard but they gave us alot more than were used to

hard because i couldn't get support if i needed help

It was very fun and had a great time and was blessed to concentrate

It was hard to keep up with all the work and it was lonely having classes without my classmates

Very stressful and confusing

It was quite strange but became the usual after a while. The only thing that I thought could be improved is the amount of work set since we had to self teach it all and it was hard to do all the work in our set lesson time and I got behind a lot

Generally, it was hard for me to learn. With limited online lessons and no peers around me I struggled quite a lot as the usual environment to learn in was mainly when speaking and that was more effective than just copying and writing things down.

What was your experience of home education during lock down like?

Personally, I think the school handled the situation really well and gave us lots to do. I've heard that many other schools did nothing at all.

The first few months i was on top of it all and had it all handed in but i didn't feel like i was learning anything. And after a couple months it was really difficult to motivate myself and i missed a lot of lessons

It was very hard as I did not receive any communication from teachers other than to send work. It was very mentally draining along with the amount of work set. I was extremely overworked and it was affecting my mental health.

horrible. the teachers weren't helpful and they wouldn't really engage with us or offer help with work. there was too much work for some subjects to handle.

Boring. Just simple one answer questions. It was like doing a daily quiz for all of your subjects. :l

It was good as it is as school no difference amazing in other words

Once I got into the routine of things, it was generally ok. However, there were times when no being able to speak to my teacher face to face caused me to feel stressed

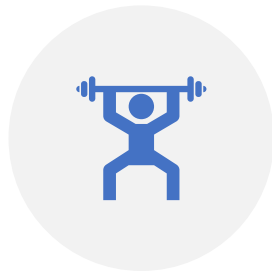
It was very different and quite difficult to keep on track but not too bad once you understand how to do it.

It was ok for me, I had a laptop to do my work on and I got all of my work done during lockdown

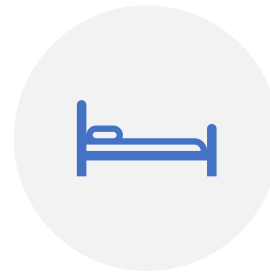
What did you enjoy about home education



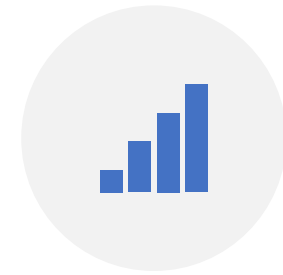
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FLEXIBLE WORKING 51%



COMFORT AT HOME 16%



INTERACTIVE 11%

What did you enjoy about home education during lock down?

Spending time with family
Working on different tasks on different days and being able to decide what you do what day from the next.

Doing things at my own pace

Getting up later

Not having to get up so early

Nothing really it was stressful

Nothing

stress free

Less distractions

It was very very fun tiring hard and educating. The education was really good there wasn't that much technical difficulties most of the time it went really well.

What did you enjoy about home education during lock down?

Being able to be with family. And being in our pyjamas.

The freedom to complete the work and take breaks when desired as long as the work was done

That I didn't have to wear my uniform, and that I could eat in the middle of lesson whenever I was hungry.

Not having to deal idiots at school. Able to get on with my work

Being in charge of my own timings

being able to do lessons but when i want and being able to have longer breaks inbetween

I enjoyed being able to do all my work straight away and not having set lesson times.

Staying home

I enjoyed doing the work from my home. It provided education and safety from the virus.

What did you enjoy about home education during lock down?

Being at home

More challenging and fun

The short quizzes that were set

I enjoyed things like being with my family all the time, and completing my work meant I have loads of time to enjoy the day.

I was able to have lots of days off because I could finish my work very quickly.

i liked that we got to make lots of posters

if i finished my work early i could go and chill

Nothing

I loved it because i could get comfy to do the work and listen to music while doing the work for all the questions but I did not like how they sent all the weeks work on Monday and we had to do that over the week so it was not organized

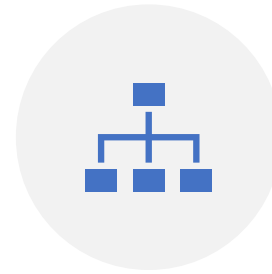
What suggestions would you make to improve home learning?



THE MOST COMMON
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QUESTION WERE



INTERACTIVE/ONLINE 38%



LACK OF
STRUCTURE/CONSISTENCY
OF WORK 29%



TEACHERS FEEDBACK 19%

What suggestions would you make to improve home learning?

Better planning/ organisation for the assignments as there was a lot of deadlines to meet.

Teachers need to be consistent with the work and respond to emails quicker

More active feedbacks

Not increasing the amount of work given because we're not at school

Im not sure

Maybe a bit more realistic suggested times for how long tasks were meant to take

Make all the lessons live as some were pre-recorded (I learnt more from the live lessons).

Less homework

What suggestions would you make to improve home learning?

I think it should stay the same

Explaining in more detail, and making the lesson a bit more fun to do

To have every single teacher provide quality feedback and constructive criticism from the work I complete, as I found many of mine did not do that.

Every single teacher providing feedback would be a big improvement because not many teachers actually gave me feedback during lockdown.

i dont know

Online Lessons

I think that when we are just working, the teachers could have let us work instead of interrupting. They could have also set all the work for the week on monday instead of on that morning.

Send the days work on the day it has to be done so can be spread evenly across the week for it to be easier and more organized for the students

Nothing.

What suggestions would you make to improve home learning?

Overall i think the teachers need to be in contact with students more.

1. Communication from teachers.2. Lessons via call3. Encouragement that you are doing well

engagement from the teachers and actual fun and helpful work

Nothing everything was up to high standards

Let us talk to the teachers! Emails aren't an effecient way of communicating! If I was stuck I just had to leave it or guess.

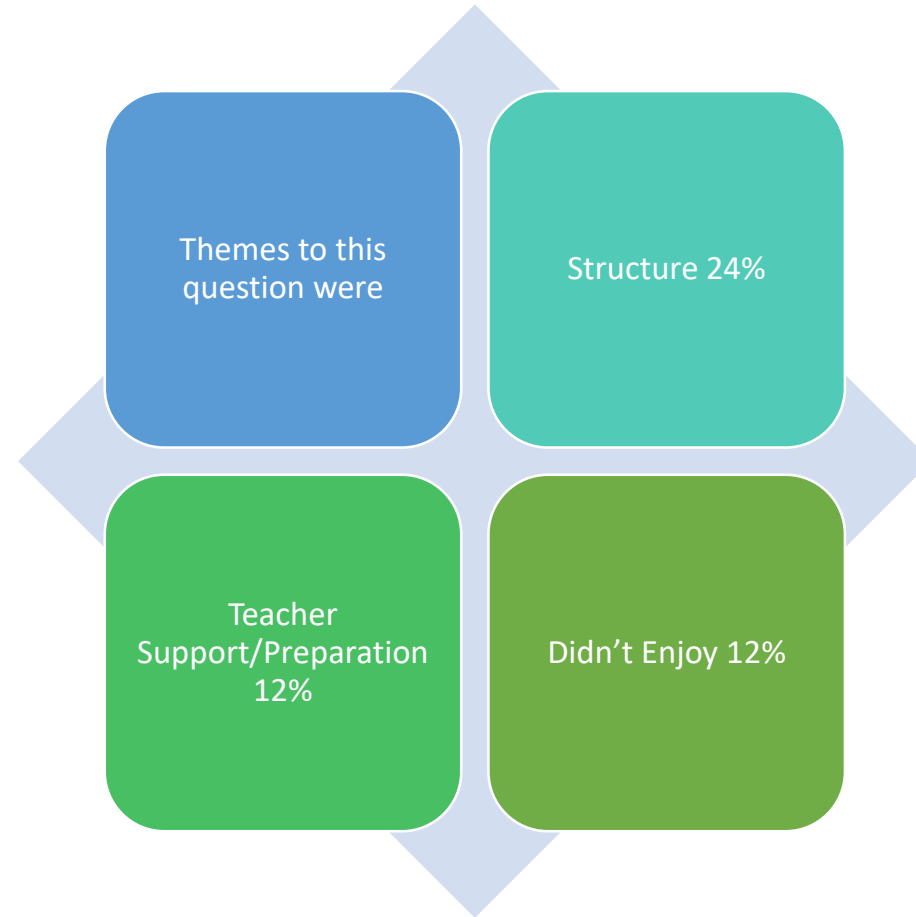
Maybe weekly check-ins with each subject teacher on a one-to-one basis, especially for students doing their A-Levels

Some things weren't set very in the same way so it was difficult to access work. Teachers should set the same amount of work we complete in a lessons as well, not more.

Teachers could be more on the ball, my spanish teacher forgot to set work one week, so she set two pieces the next week for the same time. Also some teachers would set work once a month

That everyone had online lessons with their teachers

Do you have any other comments regarding your education during lock-down



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Nope

no

I do not any other concerns on education during lockdown

no

Nah

Many students were unable to complete the work during quarantine due to other issues and i believe the teachers should be more lenient on the work load. I also think that cameras should not be mandatory as many people couldnt use them

no

It was quicker than in lesson so i got to spend more time with my pets

Do you have any other comments regarding your education during lock down?

No

Too much work make it less and something you can actually learn from.

No

No

Make it less as we can't catch up at home

No

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I learnt a lot from it because it was all basically revision

There was enough work set.

Pupils welcomed the phone calls received from teachers and would recommend this continue in the future.

More support could be provided on emotional well being.

Supply of ICT equipment that's available for young people to access

Consistent feedback is given to all pupils by staff.

Teachers practice delivery of on-line lessons throughout the school year.

Ongoing training to be given to all staff on the on-line platform that a school uses.

Pupils are able to use online platforms and utilise them accordingly such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

Smaller Group work to be encouraged

Lessons to be more interactive where possible

Home Education is more reflective of a normal school day

Consistent approach for all year groups

Recommendations for future Home Learning in Lockdown



Any
Questions



Make
Your Mark

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Make Your Mark

Make Your Mark was launched on November 1st this year the vote is online. We would like to ask you to support Youth Council in encouraging as many young people in the city to take part as this will help set the themes of work for 2021.

The link to the online ballot is below

<https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/make-your-mark/>