

# YOUR LIFE YOUR FUTURE



**Findings from the  
Your Life, Your Future Survey**

**October 2022**



# HELLO

Last year we conducted the first wave of the *Your Life, Your Future* study.

Thanks to *you and over 10,000 other young people in England*, we have collected information about young people's values, experiences and future plans.

This will help us understand why young people follow different paths in life. Our research will help policymakers design policies that are informed by your views and better address your needs.

We would like to share some findings with you. We hope you will find them interesting and will continue to participate in our study and help us to shape the policies that shape your opportunities.

You can also visit our new website to learn more, update your contact details and contact us if you have any questions.

[www.ylyfsurvey.com](http://www.ylyfsurvey.com)

## THE SURVEY

We wanted to examine how young people experience their journey to life after school and why some young people have more similar (for better or worse) experiences than others.

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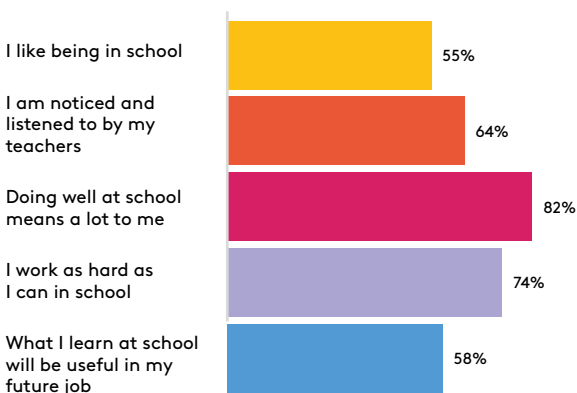
- What are young people's experiences of moving into further education or work?
- What support do they receive?
- To what extent do social inequalities affect young people's journeys?



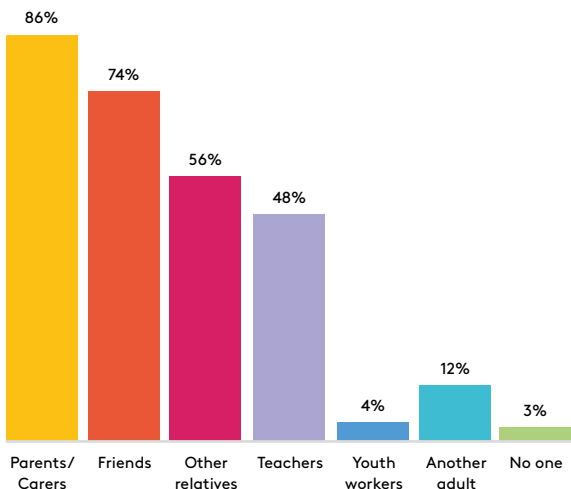
# SCHOOL & SUPPORT

We asked how you feel about school and who you receive encouragement from.

## HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT SCHOOL?



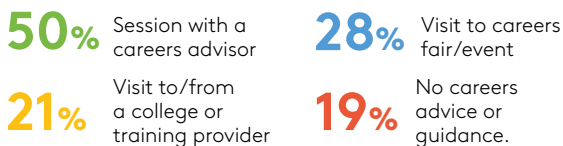
## WHO DO YOU RECEIVE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM IN YOUR LIFE?



# CAREERS AND WORK

Careers information, advice and guidance helps young people to see what options they may have when they leave school.

## WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE HAVE YOU RECEIVED?



## DO YOU KNOW WHAT WORK YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO IN THE FUTURE?



We asked those who had an idea about what work they would like to do *whether there was anything that might make it hard for them to achieve what they wanted to do.*

47% said a lack of confidence in themselves.

47% said they might not get good enough grades.

23% said they were not sure how to achieve it.

22% said they might not have the right skills or personal qualities.

22% said they might not be able to access relevant work experience.

21% said there were not enough opportunities where they lived.

20% said financial barriers.

20% said they did not know anyone working in this area.

## WHAT ARE THE 3 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT A JOB?

75%  
Work that you enjoy

71%  
A job that pays well

39%  
Time for family

# UNFAIR TREATMENT

We asked about whether you felt you are treated unfairly by your teachers and peers on the basis of characteristics such as your skin colour or ethnicity, religion, gender, social class, disability, sexuality, size or style.



## TEACHERS

**37%** of you felt you were treated unfairly by your teachers on the basis of one or more of these characteristics.



## PEERS

**50%** of you felt you were treated unfairly by your peers on the basis of one or more of these characteristics.



## WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES OF ACCESSING EDUCATION AND/OR WORK?

Nearly 1 in every 2 young people with a long term health condition or disability found accessing education or work challenging, meaning they might be missing out on opportunities available to other young people.

**12%** Lack of appropriate communication support

**11%** Lack of adaptation in school/the workplace

**10%** Negative attitudes or discrimination

**10%** Lack of support such as personal assistance

# THANK YOU!

We hope you have enjoyed reading the findings we have selected for you and that this has helped you understand how young people's transitions out of school might be shaped by different factors.

This work has only been possible thanks to your contribution. If you have any questions about the study, please let us know and we will do our best to answer them!



We will contact you again in the next few months to ask questions about your experiences since year 11. We hope you will continue to participate in our survey and we will send you a shopping voucher to thank you for your participation.

Let us know if you move or are planning to move so that we can make sure you receive the invitation to participate in the next survey.

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