

Questionnaire Number



# Year 11 Questionnaire

## for Parents and Carers

Don't forget!

Use crosses in the boxes when you answer the questions ✕

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP**

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***This questionnaire is about how your child is getting on at school and their plans for the next few years.***

## **Your Child's School**

A1. What type of school (or other place of education) does your child attend?

A state school 1 ☐

A private school 2 ☐

Being educated at home 3 ☐ —————▶ **Go to question A10**

Other, please specify: 4 ☐ —————▶ **Go to question A10**

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A2. Would you describe the standard of education at your child's school as?

Very good 1 ☐

Good 2 ☐

Poor 3 ☐

Very poor 4 ☐

Don't know 9 ☐

A3. And do you feel that standards of pupil behaviour in your child's school are:

Very good 1 ☐

Good 2 ☐

Poor 3 ☐

Very poor 4 ☐

Don't know 9 ☐

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A4. Below are a series of statements about parents and education. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each one. (Mark one box in each line)

	Definitely agree	Slightly agree	Slightly disagree	Definitely disagree	Don't know
a) I find my child's school welcoming to parents	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
b) My child's school gives me clear information on how my child is getting on	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
c) My child's school makes it easy for me to be involved in my child's education	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
d) My child tries to stop me knowing too much about their school	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
e) If I talk too often to teachers at my child's school, I will be labelled a troublemaker	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
f) A lot of information given by the school about my child's education is full of jargon	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

A5. To what extent would you say your child's school provided enough choice of year 10/11 subjects and qualifications to meet your child's individual interests and learning style?

To a great extent	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	To a fair extent	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Not much	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
Not at all	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	9 <input type="checkbox"/>		

A6. During this school year, has the school had to contact you about your child because of concerns about...

	Yes	No
a) The behaviour of other pupils towards your child	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
b) His/her behaviour at school	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
c) His/her attendance at school	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
d) His/her attitude towards school or schoolwork	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>

A7. During this school year, have you gone into school for any of the following reasons?

	Yes	No
a) To discuss your child's progress	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
b) To see your child in a music, sporting or drama event	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
c) To take part in a parenting course	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
d) To take part in evening classes or other learning	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
e) To use the school facilities (e.g. ICT, sport or art facilities)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>

A8. During this school year has your child...

	Yes	No	Don't know
a) Had a detention (but only one)	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
b) Been on detention a number of times	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
c) Had a fixed-term exclusion from school or 'been suspended', even for a day	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
d) Been permanently excluded or 'expelled' from school	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

A9. As far as you are aware, in this school year has your child been bullied, either in or out of school?

Yes 1 ☐ No 2 ☐ Don't know 9 ☐

### **Involvement in your child's education**

A10. Thinking in general about children and education, would you say that a child's education is...

Wholly the parents' responsibility 1 ☐

Mainly the parents' responsibility 2 ☐

Mainly the school's responsibility 3 ☐

Wholly the school's responsibility 4 ☐

Both equally 9 ☐

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A11. How important is it to do each of the following, as a parent? (Mark **one** box in each line)

		<b>Very important</b>	<b>Fairly important</b>	<b>Not very important</b>	<b>Not at all important</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
a)	Help my child with his/her schoolwork	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
b)	Make sure my child behaves	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

A12. How easy or difficult do you find it to do each of the following, as a parent?  
(Mark **one** box in each line)

		<b>Very easy</b>	<b>Fairly easy</b>	<b>Fairly difficult</b>	<b>Very difficult</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
a)	Make sure my child goes to school every day	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
b)	Help my child with his/her schoolwork	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
c)	Spend as much time as I would like with my child	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
d)	Buy the things I would like my child to have	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
e)	Make sure my child behaves	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

A13. During recent months, how frequently have you, or another adult in your household, talked to your child about... (Mark **one** box in each line)

		<b>Never</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
a)	His/her experiences at school	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
b)	His/her friends	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
c)	Things that are troubling him/her	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
d)	Plans for further study after year 11	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
e)	Plans for work or career after your child finishes his/her education	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
f)	What exam grades they are likely to get this summer	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

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**Homework**

A14. At home does your child have a quiet place to do his/her homework?

Yes    1 ☐                      No    2 ☐

A15. During this school year, how much time each week would you say you, or someone else in your household, have spent talking to your child about his/her school work, helping with homework, looking over his/her school work, and so on?

Less than half an hour    1 ☐                      Between half an hour and 1 hour    2 ☐                      1 to 2.5 hours    3 ☐  
2.5 hours to 5 hours    4 ☐                      5 hours or more    5 ☐

A16. How would you describe your role in your child's homework?

	Yes	No
a) My child's school insists that parents sign that they have checked homework weekly	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
b) My child seeks help or advice when they are stuck	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
c) I take more interest in work that is assessed for their courses than normal homework or revision	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
d) I try to make sure they 'go and do' their homework but don't check up on the actual work	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
e) My child won't tell me anything about homework and its progress	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>

A17 During this school year, which of the following activities have you, or another member of your household, done with your child to help with their learning?  
(Mark **one** box in each line)

	Never	Sometimes	Regularly	Don't know
a) Do or talk about school projects together	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
b) Visit libraries, museums and galleries	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
c) Buy books	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
d) Buy educational computer software	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
e) Supervise or help with use of the Internet	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
f) Discuss news/current events	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
g) Paid for extra tuition in one or more subjects	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>



## Your child's future

18. How important do you think it is that your child obtains 5 GCSEs at level A\*-C (or equivalent if vocational awards) this summer?

Very important    1 ☐

Fairly important    2 ☐

Not very important    3 ☐

Not at all important    4 ☐

Don't know    9 ☐

19. How likely do you think it is that your child will obtain 5 GCSEs at level A\*-C (or equivalent if vocational awards) this summer?

Very likely    1 ☐

Fairly likely    2 ☐

Not very likely    3 ☐

Not at all likely    4 ☐

Don't know    9 ☐

A20. What do you want your child to do after year 11? (Mark one box only)

Leave school at 16 and get a job    1 ☐

Stay in school or college until 18, then get a job    2 ☐

Stay in school or college until 18, then go to University    3 ☐

Do an apprenticeship or other vocational training    4 ☐

Leave school and look after family/home    5 ☐

Don't know    9 ☐

A21. In the long-run, which do you think gives people more opportunities and choice in life? (Mark one box only)

a) Having good practical skills and training    1 ☐

**or**

b) Having good academic results    2 ☐

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A22. Would you say that, over the past school year, the quality of careers advice and guidance offered to your child by their school or Connexions was?

Very good    1 ☐                      Good                      2 ☐                      Poor                      3 ☐  
Very poor    4 ☐                      Don't know                      9 ☐

A23. There's a government payment called the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to help young people carry on in education after they're 16, by giving them a weekly income. Have you heard of the Education Maintenance Allowance before today?

Yes    1 ☐                      No    2 ☐                      Not sure    9 ☐

A24. Is your child, or you on their behalf, planning to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance?

Yes    1 ☐                      No    2 ☐                      Don't know    9 ☐

A25. University and college students have to pay fees these days towards the costs of their tuition. Which of these views comes closest to what you think about that?  
(Mark **one** box only)

All students or their families should pay towards the costs of their tuition    1 ☐

Some students or their families should pay towards the costs of their tuition, depending on their circumstances    2 ☐

No students or their families should pay towards the costs of their tuition    3 ☐

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A26. When do you think students or their families start paying towards the costs of their tuition? (Mark **one** box only)

while they are studying <sup>1</sup> ☐

**or**

after they have finished <sup>2</sup> ☐  
studying and have a job

A27. In the last year, have you been on any educational or training courses (including training at work)?

Yes <sup>1</sup> ☐

No <sup>2</sup> ☐

A28. What is the highest qualification you currently have? (Mark **one** box only)

No qualifications <sup>1</sup> ☐

NVQ level 1, GCSE, CSE, SNQ, 'O' Level, City & Guilds 1 or equivalent <sup>2</sup> ☐

NVQ level 2, 'A' Level, AS Level, SNQ Higher or equivalent <sup>3</sup> ☐

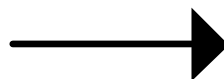
NVQ level 3, City & Guilds 3 or equivalent <sup>4</sup> ☐

NVQ level 4, First degree, nursing & teaching qualification or equivalent <sup>6</sup> ☐

NVQ level 5, Masters degree, PGCE, or equivalent <sup>5</sup> ☐

Other qualifications (not mentioned elsewhere) <sup>7</sup> ☐

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## Completion

B1. This questionnaire was completed by: (mark all that apply)

- a) child's biological mother 1 ☐
- b) child's mother figure 1 ☐
- c) child's biological father 1 ☐
- d) child's father figure 1 ☐
- e) someone else (please mark 1 ☐

and describe)

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B2. Please give the date on which you **completed** this questionnaire:

Day				/	Month				/	Year			
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B3. Please give the date of birth of **your child**:

Day				/	Month				/	Year			
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B4. Please give **your own** date of birth:

Day				/	Month				/	Year			
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**Thank you VERY much for your help**

Space for any additional comment you would like to make

**NB: Please remember we cannot reply to any comment unless you sign it.**

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