

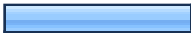




Advocate for Access to Education Questionnaire








1. Are you:

		Response Percent	Response Count
In school		0.0%	0
At an FE college		35.9%	14
At a 6th form college		15.4%	6
At University		30.8%	12
Doing an apprenticeship		0.0%	0
In other forms of education or training		17.9%	7
		answered question	39
		skipped question	5


2. Where are you currently studying?

		Response Percent	Response Count
The north		16.2%	6
The midlands		27.0%	10
London		21.6%	8
South East		13.5%	5
Northern Ireland		0.0%	0
South West England		21.6%	8
Somewhere else/outside the UK		0.0%	0
		answered question	37
		skipped question	7

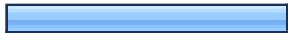


3. How important do you think work experience placements are in helping young people to make decision on their future career? Please choose between 1 and 5 with 1 being very important and 5 being not important

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		25.6%	10
2		25.6%	10
3		17.9%	7
4		20.5%	8
5		10.3%	4
		answered question	39
		skipped question	5

4. Which is your preferred way of receiving careers advice at school?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Online		0.0%	0
On the telephone		0.0%	0
In person		100.0%	35
		answered question	35
		skipped question	9



5. Is year 9 too early, too late, or the best year?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too early		24.3%	9
Too late		16.2%	6
The best year		59.5%	22
answered question			37
skipped question			7






6. What kind of information would you like to see in such a guide? (list no more than 5 ideas)

	Response Count
	25
answered question	25
skipped question	19






7. Do you think financial education, and specifically education about student finance for apprenticeships, college, and university should be a compulsory part of the school curriculum?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		89.2%	33
No		10.8%	4
answered question			37
skipped question			7


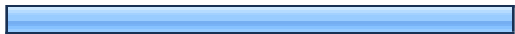
8. If yes, in which year do you think it should begin?

		Response Percent	Response Count
7		9.1%	3
8		12.1%	4
9		27.3%	9
10		42.4%	14
11		9.1%	3
answered question			33
skipped question			11





9. When speaking to someone about your career plans or plans for further or higher education how much does would it influence you if the person has previously been to your school or college? (1 not at all and 5 very much)

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		6.1%	2
2		12.1%	4
3		30.3%	10
4		24.2%	8
5		27.3%	9
answered question			33
skipped question			11





10. Do you think there should be a graduation ceremony for every student before they leave school?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		55.9%	19
No		44.1%	15
answered question			34
skipped question			10



11. Which description of the new method of payment for university teaching from 2012 do you think is the best?

		Response Percent	Response Count
An annual payment when the graduate can afford to pay.		21.2%	7
Pay as you earn		33.3%	11
A graduate contribution		12.1%	4
Tuition costs		0.0%	0
Tuition fees		33.3%	11
		answered question	33
		skipped question	11

12. How valuable would you find it to visit a university before making a decision on whether you would go to university or not?(1 not very useful and 5 very useful)

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		5.7%	2
2		0.0%	0
3		8.6%	3
4		17.1%	6
5		68.6%	24
answered question			35
skipped question			9



13. Would you consider going to a university outside your region of England? Or outside Northern Ireland if you are in Northern Ireland?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		69.7%	23
No		30.3%	10
answered question			33
skipped question			11



14. What would be your top reason for applying to such a university? Please rank the following in order of importance, with 1 being the least important and 5 being the most important

	1	2	3	4	5	Response Count
Reputation	3.1% (1)	6.3% (2)	34.4% (11)	28.1% (9)	28.1% (9)	32
Course selection	15.6% (5)	3.1% (1)	6.3% (2)	40.6% (13)	34.4% (11)	32
Living Costs	12.5% (4)	18.8% (6)	15.6% (5)	18.8% (6)	34.4% (11)	32
Fees	12.5% (4)	9.4% (3)	12.5% (4)	21.9% (7)	43.8% (14)	32
Quality of teaching	0.0% (0)	12.5% (4)	15.6% (5)	21.9% (7)	50.0% (16)	32
answered question						32
skipped question						12



15. The government has introduced a national scholarship scheme to provide financial support for poorer students who want to attend university. The money available can be used as a 'fee waiver' which will mean that students will pay less towards the cost of their education after university, or bursaries, which will help with the costs of living while at university. What do you think scholarships should be provided for?

		Response Percent	Response Count
fee waivers		30.3%	10
bursaries		69.7%	23
answered question			33
skipped question			11



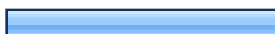


16. Do you think it is fair that young people who do well in schools or colleges which generally do not have good results should be offered places at university even if they achieve lower grades than people who come from better-performing schools or colleges?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Fair		61.8%	21
Unfair		38.2%	13
answered question			34
skipped question			10

17. Do you think that scholarships to universities should be offered to every English school, sixth form college and further education college so that all students from the age of 15 will know about the value and conditions for scholarships to university?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		84.4%	27
No		15.6%	5
answered question			32
skipped question			12

18. What is the lowest value of yearly scholarship available which would persuade you to consider applying to university from the age of 15?

		Response Percent	Response Count
£500		6.7%	2
£1000		23.3%	7
£1500		23.3%	7
£2000		10.0%	3
£3000		36.7%	11
answered question			30
skipped question			14






19. Would you prefer to apply to university before you receive your grades (as most people do now), or after you receive your grades?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Before		50.0%	15
After		50.0%	15
answered question			30
skipped question			14


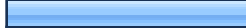


20. How important on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 not important and 5 very important) is improving your chances of getting a job on your decision as to whether to go to university after you leave school or college?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		3.2%	1
2		0.0%	0
3		22.6%	7
4		38.7%	12
5		35.5%	11
answered question			31
skipped question			13



21. How important on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 not important and 5 very important) is improving your income on your decision as to whether to go to university after you leave school or college?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1		3.4%	1
2		6.9%	2
3		20.7%	6
4		31.0%	9
5		37.9%	11
		answered question	29
		skipped question	15

22. What do you think should be the most important factor for universities in deciding whether they will give you a place or not:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Type of qualifications you have (BETEC, A-Level, or other qualifications)		20.7%	6
Which courses you have taken		20.7%	6
Your University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) points score		31.0%	9
Any other factors (please specify)		27.6%	8
		answered question	29
		skipped question	15

23. Do you think you should be allowed to change your university half way through your course?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		79.3%	23
No		20.7%	6
		answered question	29
		skipped question	15

24. Are there any other things that the Advocate for Access to Education should consider as part of his report?

	Response Count
	13
answered question	13
skipped question	31