

# **OTESFORSCHOOLS** Brochure 2020-21



Be curious.

Be heard.

#### Who are VotesforSchools?



VotesforSchools is a **voting platform for young people** that strives to make a difference in your school, local community, and the wider world, and to highlight the importance of **being informed**, **curious**, **and heard**.



We support outstanding SMSC, British Values, and Prevent delivery.



#### And, to top it off, we're even award winners!



# Why choose VotesforSchools?



We talk about topics that really matter From extremism and knife crime, to the effects of Coronavirus, we get our voters talking about topics that matter to them and impact the world in which they live.

"As a result of following the PPTS, attendance at tutor periods has increased and the feedback from staff and students is positive. They are enjoying discussing topical issues with excellent up-to-date resources."

Assistant Principal, Reigate College

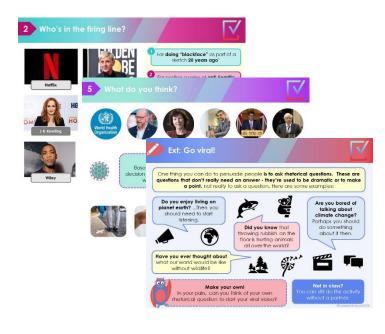


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We empower young people

- We give voters the information and opportunity to voice their opinions on relevant and challenging issues.
- Our resources help them to develop skills and confidence in oracy, political literacy and participation.





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#### We help schools meet curriculum requirements

- We provide weekly Curriculum Guides, which outline how SMSC, PSHE, British Values and Prevent requirements are met by our topics.
- We provide additional documents to help support you with inspections.

		, British Values & Prevent Evidence we forgotten about the environment t	his year?			
	The fo	llowing criteria are supported by this topic:				
	1.8	Pupils demonstrate defence in their aims, values, principles & bellefs	Spiritual: Personal values & beliefs	SMSC - Ofsted 2004		
	1.7	Pupils learn about themselves, others & the world around them	Spiritual: Experiencing wonder & tascination	SMSC - Ofsted 2014		
	2.5	Pupils can adapt their values in light of experiences	Moral: Developing & expressing personal views	SMSC - Ofsted		
	2.16		Moral: Understanding	SMSC - Ofstad		
	34	environment, respect) Pupils show respect for people, living things, property & their	consequences of actions Social: Developing augities	2004 SMSC - Ofsled		
	3.4	environment	& social skills	2004		
	3.14	Schools provide pupils with the chance to exercise leadership & responsibility	Social: Participating & resolving conflict	SMSC - Ofsted 2004		
	4.4	Pupils develop an openness to new ideas and are willing to change their views in light of new experiences	Cultural: Understanding & respecting diversity	SMSC - Ofsted 2004		
	4.8	Schools develop partnerships with outside agencies to extend pupils' cultural avaraness	Culturel: Understanding & respecting diversity	SMSC - Ofsled 2004		
	5.3	Pupils can participate in decision-making within their own school	Prevent Strategy: HM Govern			
	3.0	environment	present)			
	5.18	Give pupils a safe place to respond to current events that will challenge thair ballafs	Prevent Strategy: HM Govern present)	ment (2007-		
	6.7	Understand the strengths, weaknesses, advantages & disadvantages of democracy, and have democracy & the law works in Britain, is contrast to other forms of government in other countries.	Promoting fundamental Britis November 2014	h Values:		
		You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and				
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"We had only had VotesforSchools for four weeks when we were inspected. The children **spoke very enthusiastically about the topics** they had been debating. **No further evidence of SMSC, Prevent or British Values was needed**."

Headteacher, Delves Primary School

# What's in a VotePack?





#### Weekly zero-prep lessons with lesson plans,

differentiated for KS1, KS2, Secondary & Colleges.



Assemblies linked to each week's VoteTopic that help voters see the topic in a different way.



**Evidence** of how SMSC, PSHE, British Values and

Prevent requirements are met each week.



A cross curricular guide with ideas of how to take

the VoteTopic further.

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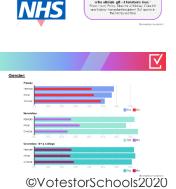
A home information sheet for parents, carers or independent learning.

A voting platform for young people to make their voices heard.

Feedback from Government, professional bodies & expert organisations.

National data reports with class, school, age,

gender and regional breakdowns.





Feedback: "Is "cancel culture" unfair



#### How does it work?





#### Flexible timing

For Secondary schools and Colleges, we also offer a 15 minute lesson for teachers who are short on time. Perfect for tutor time, these still cover all the main points of the topic. Each week, teachers across the country use our zero-prep lessons and assemblies to explore a topic with voters in an in-depth and age-appropriate way.

**Zero-prep lessons** 

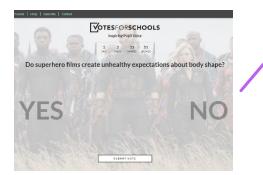
"I'd just like to say, although we are **often stretched for time**, these resources are fantastic. They are **topical and meaningful** as a form time discussion."

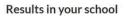
Head of Science, Hazel Grove High School

#### How does it work?



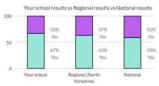












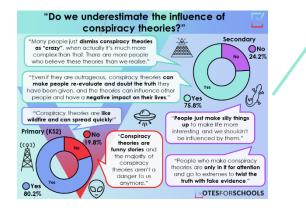
Young people then vote "Yes" or "No" in response to our VoteTopic question, and send comments or feedback.

They can do this **via their personal logins**, or teachers can **enter their votes manually**.

After that, schools can see their vote results and how they compare to other schools in their area, as well as in the UK as a whole!

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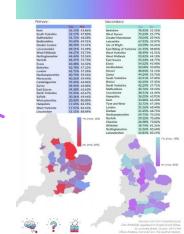


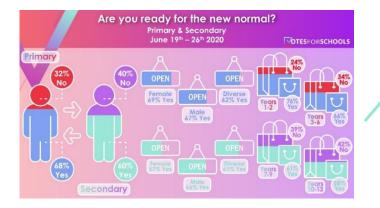


At the end of each week, we collect the data from our vote to work out the results. We also collate some of our voters' most

insightful comments.

We then **break the data down**, looking at the key differences in **gender**, **age groups and locations**.





We use this information to create

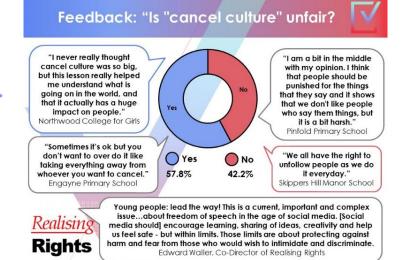
reports and infographics, to make

voters' voices heard loud and clear!

#### How are their voices heard?



Each week, 500,000 young people discuss our VoteTopics, with 30,000+ voting. We are very passionate about their voices being heard!







The evidence for this strategy is limited so far, but this might be because it's very hard to put into practice and prove its worth. This leaves us uncertain about how to reduce infections, even if the 'why' is clear.

So whilst we wait a more scientific strategy, or a vaccine, the NHS thanks for your cooperation. We will beat this together!

#### Feedback: "Should students wear masks in

It's very impressive that almost half of you voted in favour of masks in school! Many of us in the NHS struggle to wear masks all day, despite the obvious benefit to our older sicker patients. But a large portion of infection is in younger healthy people. So should we expect you to wear masks to prevent deaths beyond the school gates? Is this necessary if we follow the rules of social bubbles and self-isolation? Only if this would significantly reduce

transmission to older, more vulnerable people.



Alex Bunn, GP at HMP Wandsworth and Associate Clinical Director at **Oxleas NHS Trust** 

As well as sharing the results and voters' comments with our schools and colleges, we also inform the Government, professional bodies, and expert organisations of what young people think.

# How are their voices heard?



Think twice before you share our faces online, say children

Study reveals parents are less savvy than their offspring about the perils of posting family photos



Advice is to check privacy settings before 'sharenting' pictures. Photograph: Photoalto/Rex/Shutterstock

It's become an accepted part of keeping up to date with extended family and friends, but if schoolchildren were in their parents' shoes, the majority wouldn't share posts of their sons and daughters online.

Over 55% said they would not upload news about, or images of, their children to their social media feeds, according to survey of over 16,000 pupils by VotesforSchools.



#### THE **TIMES**

GANGS IN CLASS Gangs in class: this is our normal



Many pupils said that private security guards helped them to feel safe in school

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"Knife crime has been normalised: it happens so often, no one is really alarmed by it any more. But if we spend every moment fearing for our lives, not taking risks, is that even living?" The results of our votes have made it into newspapers and have even been used to influence legislation in Parliament!



Christine Jardine, MP for Edinburgh West

"In education, a survey of just under 18,000 Secondary school pupils in February of this year found that 51% said that they could spot the signs of an abusive relationship. I find it quite scary that 51% of teenagers said that."

# Who do we work with?





We work closely with those who are experts in their field. As a result, we are quickly becoming the go-to place for youth voice...



# Who do we work with?





On top of this, we have also **worked hand-in-hand** with some amazing organisations to **create bespoke resources** and **collect relevant data**...



# Who do we work with?





And we are proud to support groups, councils and school organisations to make sure all young people have the chance to make their voices heard!



# **Subscriptions & pricing**

#### An annual subscription includes...

- 40 lesson packs per year
- Access for all teachers in school
- An archive of resources to revisit
- Our unique voting platform
- **Data breakdown** of weekly votes
- Curriculum maps for SMSC, PSHE, Prevent & British Values
- On-hand help from our team with embedding VotesforSchools



#### Pricing

School Type	Subscription	Price*	
Small	1 year	£360	
(<100 pupils	2 years	£680	
or students)	3 years	£940	
	1 year	£500	
Primary	2 years	£925	
	3 years	£1,325	
	1 year	£1000	
Secondary & Colleges	2 years	£1,850	
	3 years	£2,650	

\*All prices exclude VAT

# What's the next step?



www.votesforschools.com

#### Get involved

- Visit our <u>website</u> to check out some of our free resources.
- Invite one of our team to present to your MAT, school cluster or conference.
- Email info@votesforschools.com or call 07754 862979 to find out more about us!









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