

STATEMENT 7 - INDIVIDUALS

COMMENTS - IN AGREEMENT	PUBLIC	PARENT	YOUNG PERSON	STAFF MEMBER	TOTAL RESPONSES
					0
"Will give pupils an extra year to decide", "they would be more mature", "Current age is too young to make such a big decision"	39	39		2	80
"I agree with this proposed change", "this would be a change for the better"	37	22	1	7	67
"A broader education would benefit those in S1-3", "Would increase subject choice"	15	3		1	19
"Agree - this worked well in the past", "works well in England"	15	2			17
"Agree, as long as there is adequate transition / support and choices for pupils"	5	9	2	1	17
"All isles / rural pupils should have a choice to go to AHS in S4"	2	4			6
"Agree but restructuring of JH's / AHS will be required"	5	1			6
"Change is inevitable", "This is not a huge change", "Does not require structural change"	5			1	6
"Agree - but pupils should not be over stretched", "As long as it is to the pupils advantage"	2	1			3
"Agree - but need to ensure that Junior High Schools are not adversely affected / can expand"		3			3
"Will improve exam results", "Will encourage pupils to sit more exams", "Pupils better prepared for life after school"	2	1			3
"Exams should be taken earlier", "More time for studying highers"		3			3
"Agree - as long as further education is also geared to accommodate this change"	1	1			2
"Provided S1-3 is still challenging and stimulating"	1			1	2
"S1-3 could be delivered in rural settings"		1			1
"May increase vocational training"	1				1
"Would hopefully keep children at school longer"					0

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COMMENTS - AGAINST	PUBLIC	PARENT	YOUNG PERSON	STAFF MEMBER	TOTAL RESPONSES
"No need for change", "Current systems work well"	21	22		4	47
"Will damage Junior High Schools", "Junior Highs currently deliver a good standard of education"	9	20		11	40
"Will hold back those who know the subjects they wish to study", "Decisions on specific subjects will be made too late", "S2 is sufficient time to make choice"	10	13		3	26
"Will make study more difficult / rushed for pupils", "More pressure on pupils to achieve exam results in less time", "Transfers in S4 would make transition difficult"	4	10		2	16
"Will make no difference", "Quality of education is more important", "Depends on each child"	4	4		1	9
"Against this idea"	3	4	1		8
"Will diminish standards of education"	3			1	4
"Choices should be made even earlier", "Career subjects and trades should begin earlier"		2			2
"May mean children need to stay at school beyond age 16"		1			1
"Will mean a move from home at an earlier age"		1			1
"Pupils may lose interest"				1	1

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COMMENTS - GENERAL/NEUTRAL	PUBLIC	PARENT	YOUNG PERSON	STAFF MEMBER	TOTAL RESPONSES
					0
<i>"Need more information before deciding", "Parents should be consulted on local implications"</i>	30	44		8	82
<i>"Undecided", "Not sure", "No opinion"</i>	21	12	2	4	39
<i>"Question / statement is unclear"</i>	9	13	2	6	30
<i>"Need to train more skilled trades", "Increase vocational and traditional subjects"</i>	15	10		1	26
<i>"Need to determine S4 content and implications/exam results for school leavers", "School leaving age may need to be increased"</i>	12	13			25
<i>"Course subjects and choices should be flexible", "Some pupils may excel while others need more time"</i>	11	11		2	24
<i>"May mean that we need another/more 6th year schools"</i>	7	8		6	21
<i>"Need to determine the role of Junior High Schools", "Current structure of Junior High Schools/AHS need to be reviewed"</i>	5	11		4	20
<i>"Junior High Schools should continue in their existing format"</i>	7	3		9	19
<i>"Continual change prohibits better education"</i>	4	3		2	9
<i>"Strategy should be decided by education professionals, not Councillors", "Must follow national guidelines"</i>	2	4		3	9
<i>"There is currently excessive testing of children", "Education should be child centred", "Qualifications should be standardized"</i>	3	4		1	8
<i>"Should concentrate on life skills / social skills in S1-3"</i>	5	2			7
<i>"May affect quality of secondary 1-3 education", "Better teachers will leave S1-3 schools"</i>		4		3	7
<i>"Thought this already happened"</i>	4	3			7
<i>"The new AHS is too expensive/ too large"</i>	3	2			5
<i>"Could end up with more moves for pupils", "Change of school may be required for certain subjects"</i>		3			3
<i>"Standards must be maintained"</i>	2			1	3
<i>"Literacy and numeracy should be mandatory"</i>	1			1	2
<i>"Should avoid JHS becoming 6 year schools", "Sixth form college should be created"</i>		1		1	2
<i>"Small schools should close", "Less Junior High;s required"</i>	2				2
<i>"Secondary education should be centralised"</i>		2			2
<i>"Finance / cost also needs to be considered"</i>	1		1		2
<i>"Children should be educated in their own area"</i>		2			2
<i>"Should be access to all 3 sciences"</i>		2			2
<i>"Children should pursue as many subjects as they can"</i>	1				1
<i>"S4-6 should be completed in a familiar environment"</i>		1			1
<i>"Primary and secondary should be separate"</i>		1			1
<i>"Some children would learn more in a job"</i>		1			1
<i>"Need to make better use of technology"</i>	1				1
<i>"This reverts back to the old system"</i>	1				1
<i>"Languages could be taken from Primary School"</i>	1				1
<i>"Shouldn't follow Scottish Govt guidelines"</i>	1				1
<i>"As long as not in mixed ability classes"</i>	1				1
<i>"Many policies fail to materialise"</i>	1				1