

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1374 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 15th - 16th June 2011

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region						
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1374				434	378	290	668	706	166	350	470	387	783	591	176	447	294	338	120	
Unweighted Sample	1374	393	435	91	434	347	300	676	698	83	410	555	326	913	461	268	416	276	287	127	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The Government has announced plans stating that school league tables will only reflect the proportion of students who achieve GCSEs in core subjects like science, maths, english, history and geography. The government said this is aimed at discouraging schools from pushing students towards "easier" subjects to improve their league table position

Below are a list of common subjects studied at GCSE. Please tick ALL those you think should count towards school's league table positions.

Maths	90	94	92	88	92	91	95	89	91	85	88	90	94	92	88	85	91	88	94	87
English language	87	93	89	81	90	89	90	86	89	77	83	90	92	90	84	85	88	85	91	81
Science	83	88	84	84	86	82	88	82	83	76	84	82	85	86	78	80	84	80	85	81
English literature	68	72	70	63	71	67	69	61	75	79	73	63	65	71	63	68	69	67	70	59
History	67	74	69	68	72	69	67	65	68	59	66	67	71	70	62	72	65	66	68	61
French, German, Spanish or other modern languages	66	73	64	77	71	64	70	65	66	58	64	65	72	72	57	65	65	67	67	63
Geography	65	71	64	69	71	60	67	63	66	60	66	64	67	68	60	65	65	66	66	55
Information and Communication Technology	58	56	64	56	55	61	65	59	57	59	55	59	59	59	58	54	60	56	58	64
Economics	46	50	45	39	49	46	43	46	45	40	43	44	53	46	45	52	43	45	47	45
Business studies	41	40	43	41	41	46	38	41	42	36	43	41	43	40	43	43	38	40	47	40
Design and Technology	37	35	39	38	35	41	37	40	34	34	35	37	40	37	37	39	30	43	40	34
Law	33	32	35	34	34	33	33	33	34	34	36	33	31	34	32	40	32	32	37	23
Home economics	31	29	34	24	27	35	32	27	34	25	29	28	38	27	36	29	29	33	31	32
Art and design	27	25	34	33	25	34	29	26	29	27	30	25	28	29	25	32	24	29	29	24
Sociology	22	16	26	22	16	23	25	18	25	20	26	21	20	21	22	24	19	24	24	19
Religious Studies	21	22	21	21	22	20	22	17	25	32	25	16	19	25	17	22	25	20	19	16
Latin	19	23	16	27	23	14	20	17	21	26	20	15	20	23	13	25	20	18	15	19
Media Studies	16	10	21	15	11	21	17	13	18	17	18	15	14	15	16	16	14	14	19	15
Drama	11	5	15	20	5	16	15	9	14	16	16	9	8	13	10	12	11	11	13	8
Dance	7	3	10	11	3	10	9	5	10	13	12	4	5	9	5	9	8	7	8	3
None of them	2	1	3	5	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	3
Don't know	5	3	3	3	4	4	3	5	5	8	7	5	3	3	8	8	4	8	2	7

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At present, at least 35% of pupils in each Secondary school in England must achieve at least five GCSE's at grades A*- C including English and Maths. Schools that do not achieve this benchmark are regarded as underperforming. Before Michael Gove came to office, the benchmark was 30% and he is expected to increase this figure again to 50%. In your opinion, is the 50% benchmark over ambitious, not ambitious enough or is it about right?

Over ambitious	23	11	36	20	15	35	25	24	23	11	21	27	25	23	23	20	20	19	31	28
Not ambitious enough	31	42	22	34	39	18	34	35	27	38	31	29	29	32	29	29	36	30	26	30
About right	37	43	34	42	40	37	37	34	39	35	38	36	37	37	37	43	36	37	36	29
Don't Know	9	4	8	4	6	11	4	8	11	15	10	8	8	8	11	7	8	14	8	12