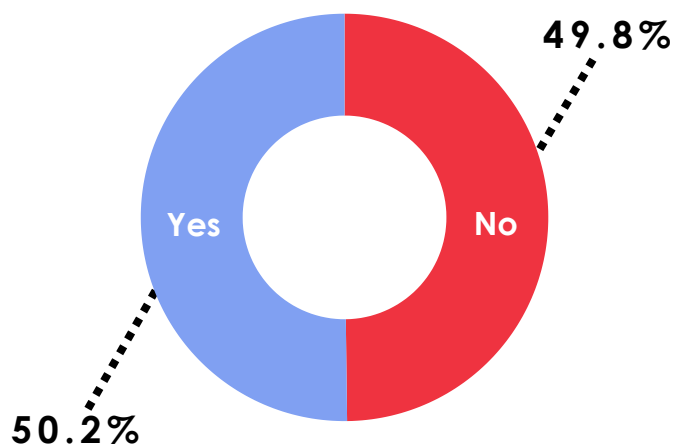


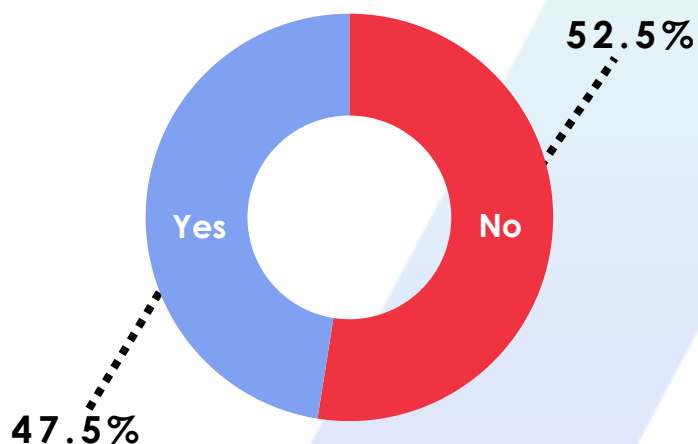
VOTESFORSCHOOLS AT HOME

YOUR LATEST RESULTS

5-7: Is it easy to talk about your feelings?



7-11: Would you feel comfortable having a conversation about your mental health?



This VoteTopic received 52,646 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

5-7: Do history months help us to understand other people?

7-11: Do you learn during history months?

- Which history months do you remember?
- How long do you remember the stories that you learn about in history months?
- Do we need special history months to help us to tell different stories from our past?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"For so long LGBT+people's history was hidden. UK LGBT+ History Month was created to claim our past, celebrate our present and create our future." - LGBT History Month.*
- *"History months are a good starting point for reflection; however, inclusion needs to go beyond the month of February." - Noël Caliste, LGBTQ+ Envoy and Seyi Osi, Equity and Inclusion Officer at the Students' Union UCL.*

A CLOSER LOOK: SOPHIA JEX-BLAKE



Sophia Jex-Blake (born in 1840) was a trailblazing woman who fought for her right to an education. Back in the 19th Century, women were not encouraged to go to university or have careers. While visiting a female doctor in the USA, Jex-Blake realised that this was what she wanted to do in life, so she decided to study medicine at university.

The only problem was that the universities were not accepting female students. Jex-Blake wrote and shared an essay explaining why women were able to study the same subjects as men. After much campaigning, an Act of Parliament was passed which allowed Jex-Blake to study medicine at The University of Edinburgh with six other women. These pioneers paved the way for women to access their right to an education and a career.

YOUR GUIDED READING QUESTIONS

- When was Sophia Jex-Blake born?
- When did Jex-Blake decide to become a doctor?
- What problem did Jex-Blake face when trying to become a doctor?
- How many women joined Jex-Blake to study at The University of Edinburgh?
- Find and copy a word that is a synonym for 'trailblazers' in the last sentence.

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

Storm Jocelyn breaks records

Wind speeds have reached 97mph as Storm Jocelyn has swept across the UK, causing floods, powercuts and disruption to air, rail and road traffic. This is the 10th storm of the season. Last year, there were only 2 named storms.



Greece begins to discuss same-sex marriage

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis has said that same-sex marriage will become legal in Greece soon. Media experts think that he will explain the new law change more fully in June.



No 'Oscar-Winner Barbie' this year

Ryan Gosling, Best Supporting Actor nominee for his role in Barbie, is very disappointed that Margot Robbie (lead actress) and Greta Gerwig (director) were not nominated for Oscars for their work on creating the Barbie film.



Royal Mail services to be reduced

At the moment, Royal Mail delivers letters from Monday to Saturday. Ofcom has said that it may need to drop to five (or even three) days. More letters are being delivered late, and the changes could improve the service.



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