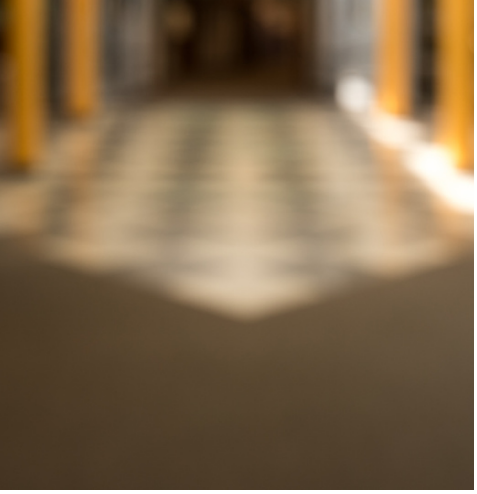


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NATIONAL PARENTS COUNCIL
SUBMISSION

RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENIOR CYCLE

FEB 2024





INTRODUCTION

National Parents Council (NPC) is the representative organisation for parents of children in early, primary and post-primary education. NPC was established as a charitable organisation in 1985, under the programme for Government, as the representative organisation for parents of children attending primary school and has been extended to cover parents with children in early years in 2017 and in post-primary in 2022. NPC received statutory recognition in the Education Act 1998.

NPC Vision

NPC want to see an Ireland where every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

NPC Mission

NPC exists to ensure that all parents are supported and empowered to become effective partners in their children's education. NPC will work to increase the capacity and capability of the primary education sector, to achieve true partnership and deliver better outcomes for all children.

NPC's Key Activities are:

- Representing the parents' voice in all aspects of their children's education
- Advocacy
- Building participation
- Service delivery



NPC Service Delivery

NPC services are aimed at empowering parents so that they can support their children in all aspects of their education.

Helpline

The NPC helpline is a national confidential service for parents. Their helpline staff listen, give information and support to parents to help them make the best possible decisions for and with their children.

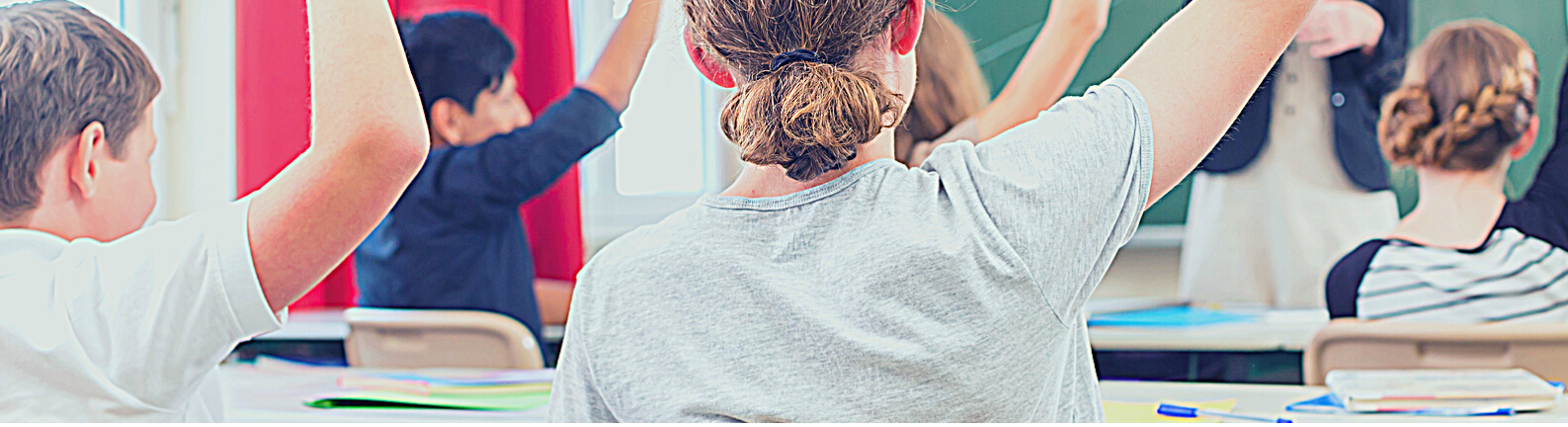


Training and Development

The NPC Training and Development programme is a national programme of training, development and support for parents. The purpose is to empower parents to play an active part in their child's education at every level.

Website

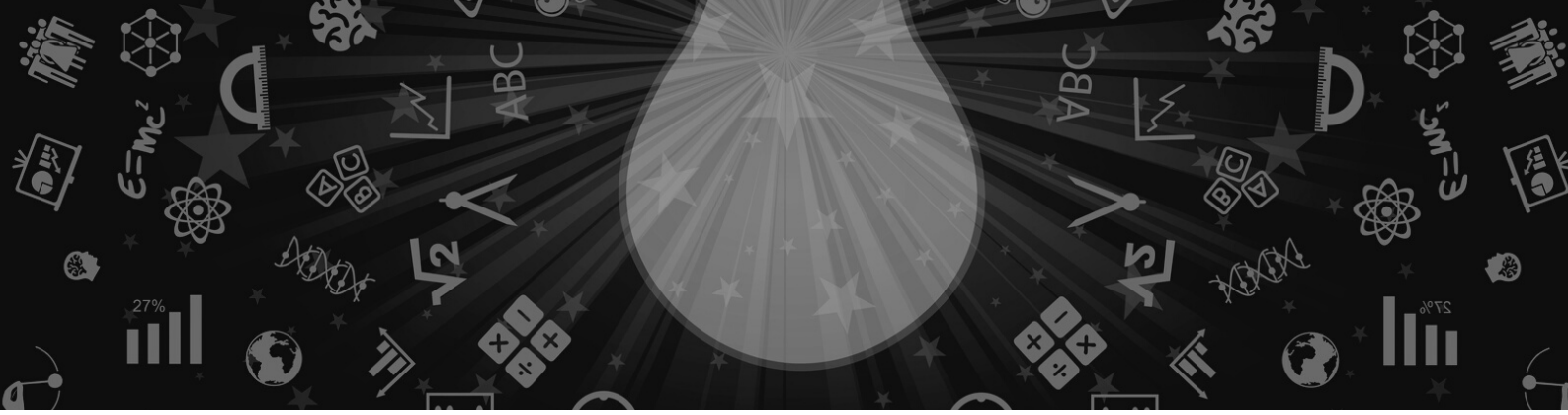
The NPC's website www.npc.ie aims to provide parents with information regarding Early Years, primary, and post primary education. The site also allows parents an opportunity to give NPC their views regarding education issues.



INTRODUCTION

The National Parents Council welcomes the opportunity to share the views of parents with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) in relation to the re-development of senior cycle, specifically the 6 subjects in the first round of consultation. On this basis, we developed a survey to hear the insights and concerns of parents regarding the vision and purpose of the senior cycle, the seven key competencies underpinning the re-development of the senior cycle, and their views on assessment.

Our survey was open from Feb 15th - Feb 22nd and received a response rate of 282 parents. In our survey, we have promoted the six subject specific surveys published by the NCCA and included the links for them at the end of our survey. The NPC survey was sent to NPC members and those on the NPC contacts database. Links to the surveys were also displayed on our website (www.npc.ie) and on the NPC social media platforms.



Section 1: Vision and Purpose

When asked about the vision for the re-development of senior cycle as one that would deliver "equity and excellence for all", the vast majority of parents (82%) agreed with this vision, 5% did not agree with it, and 5% did not understand the vision (See figure 1).



(Figure 1)

The vision for the redevelopment of senior cycle is to enhance the opportunities for students to develop and learn the skills, knowledge, values and dispositions which would support them to be become more enriched, engaged and competent learners, that it would deliver "equity and excellence for all." What is your view of this vision?



When asked about the overall purpose of the redevelopment of senior cycle, which is to meet the needs of all young people, the vast majority of parents (92%) agreed with this purpose, 5% did not agree with it, and 4% did not understand this purpose (See figure 2).



(Figure 2)

There are multiple purposes for the redevelopment, but in general, it is to evolve senior cycle to meet the needs of all young people and to ensure that the educational experience at senior cycle will:

- continue to educate the whole person
- help every student to become more enriched, engaged and competent, as they further develop their knowledge, skills, values and dispositions in an integrated way serve collective and individual purposes
- help students to access diverse futures by providing firm foundations for transition to further, adult and higher education, apprenticeships, traineeships and employment, and participation in civic society and adult life. What is your view of this purpose?



Section 2: Competencies

First competency: Critical thinking and solving problems

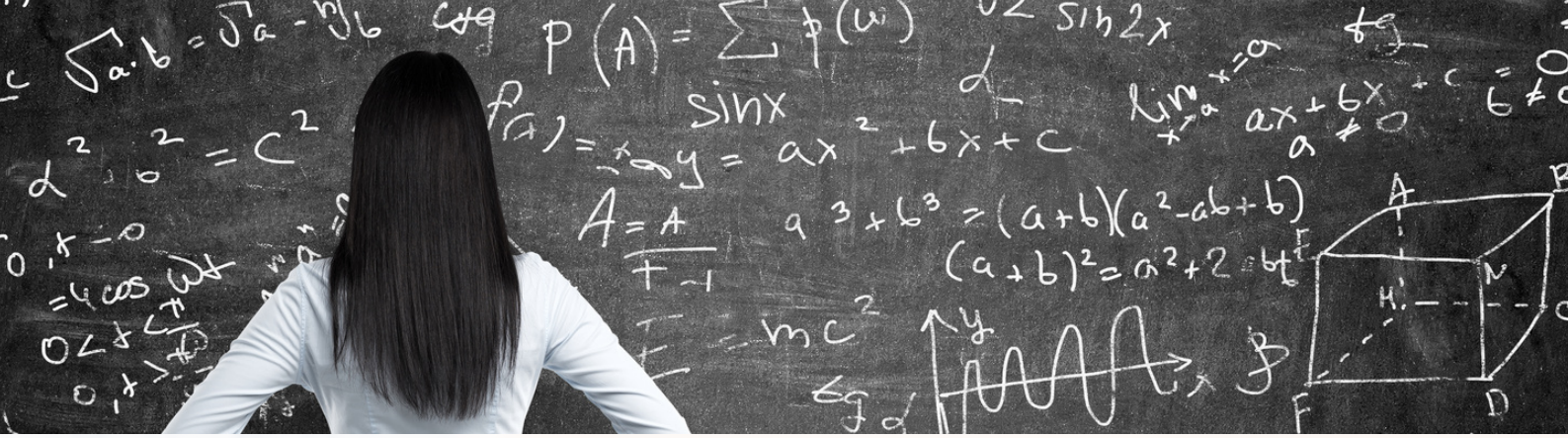
When asked if it is important for their children to be able to analyse information and solve problems in all subjects, the majority of parents (84%) said yes, 11% said no, and 5% said "I do not know" (See figure 3).



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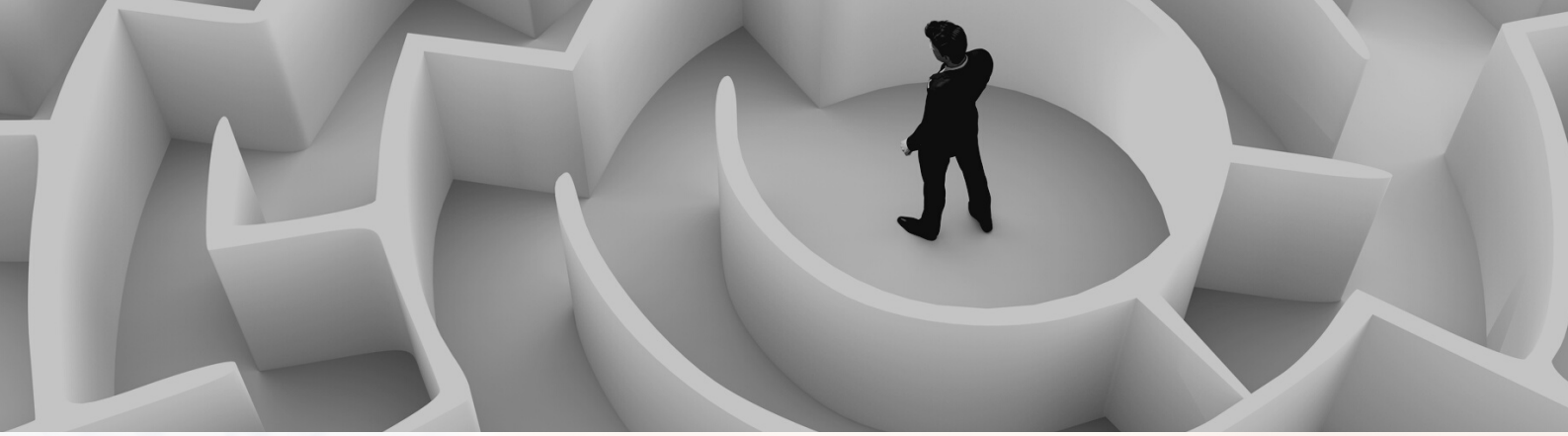
First competency: Critical thinking and solving problems
Do you think it is important for your child to be able to analyse information and solve problems in all subjects?

When asked to specify through a free text box why this skill is important, parents touched upon a wide range of issues. They see the development of analytical skills as essential life skills. Beyond the classroom environment, they see Critical Thinking and Solving Problems as necessary for navigating the complexities of real-world situations.

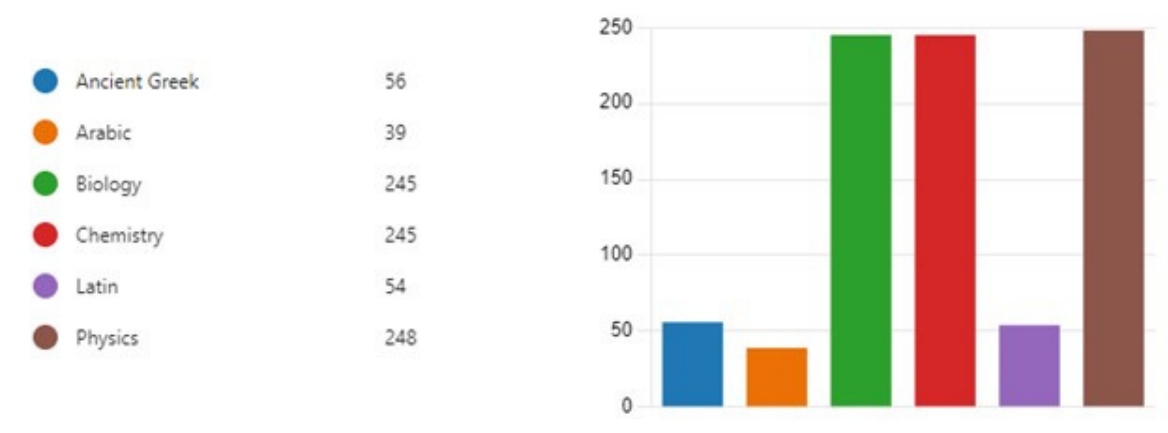


Parents believe that this competency will instil a mindset of curiosity, independent-inquiry, and resilience from an early age. It will also prepare them for future careers, which may involve facing various challenges and making informed decisions. With the abundance of information available online, parents also emphasise the importance of being able to analyse and evaluate information critically to discern truth from misinformation.

Parents who did not see Critical Thinking and Solving Problems as important were asked to specify why through free text box. These parents stressed the importance of recognising that every child learns differently and may excel in different areas. They emphasised that not all students may be adept at problem-solving or analytical thinking in all subjects. Although they were not asked specifically about the relevance of problem-solving skills in non-science subjects, they questioned the relevance of such skills in subjects like Irish, Latin, Arabic, and Ancient Greek. According to these parents, there should be a distinction made between skills essential for life, such as problem-solving and critical thinking, and skills specific to certain subjects. While acknowledging the importance of life skills, parents suggested that they may not need to be applied uniformly across all subjects.



When asked to identify the subjects where they see Critical Thinking and Solving Problems as important and relevant, 248 parents saw this skill as the most important in Physics, with 245 of them similarly seeing it as the most important in Biology and Chemistry. On the other hand, 56 parents considered Critical Thinking and Solving problem as important in Ancient Greek, 54 parents saw it as important in Latin, and only 39 of them regarded it as important in Arabic (See figure 4).



(Figure 4)

Critical Thinking and Solving Problems are skills that I think are important for my child in (tick all that apply



Second competency: Being Creative

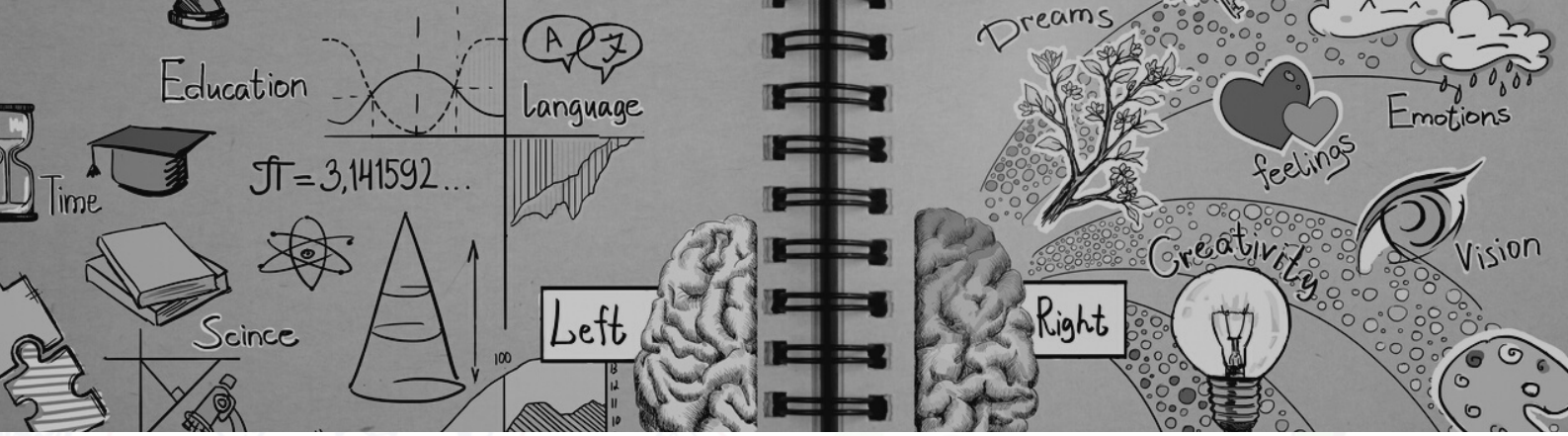
When asked how important it is to encourage their children to be creative, almost all parents (97%) found this skill to be important while 2% did not find it as such (See figure 5).



Figure 5

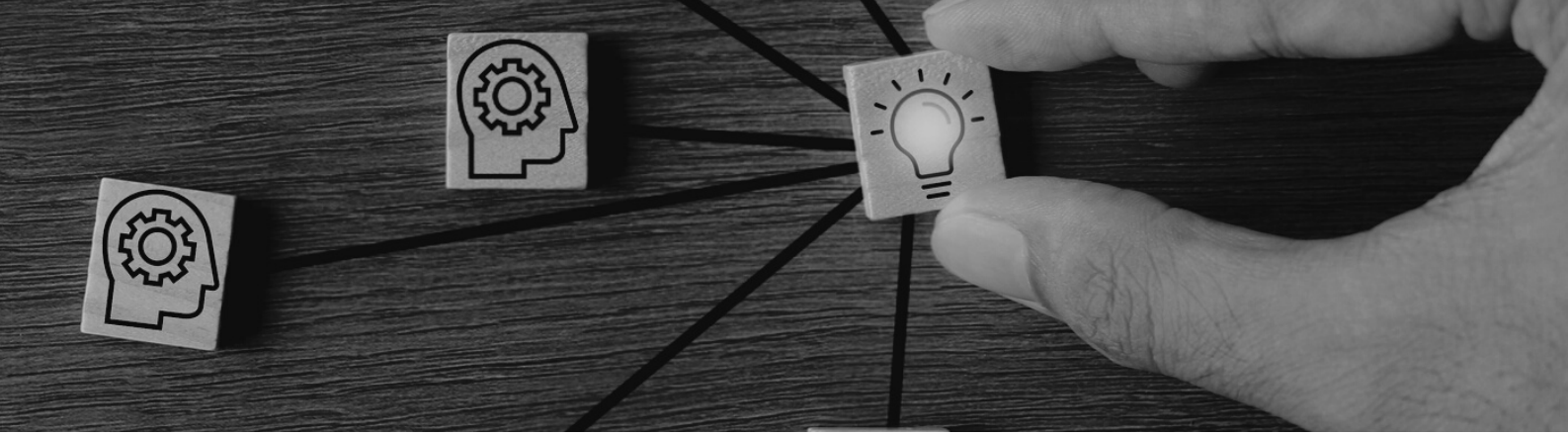
Second competency: Being Creative

Do you think it is important to encourage your child to be curious, imaginative, and to explore aspects of the subjects they are studying that they find particularly interesting?



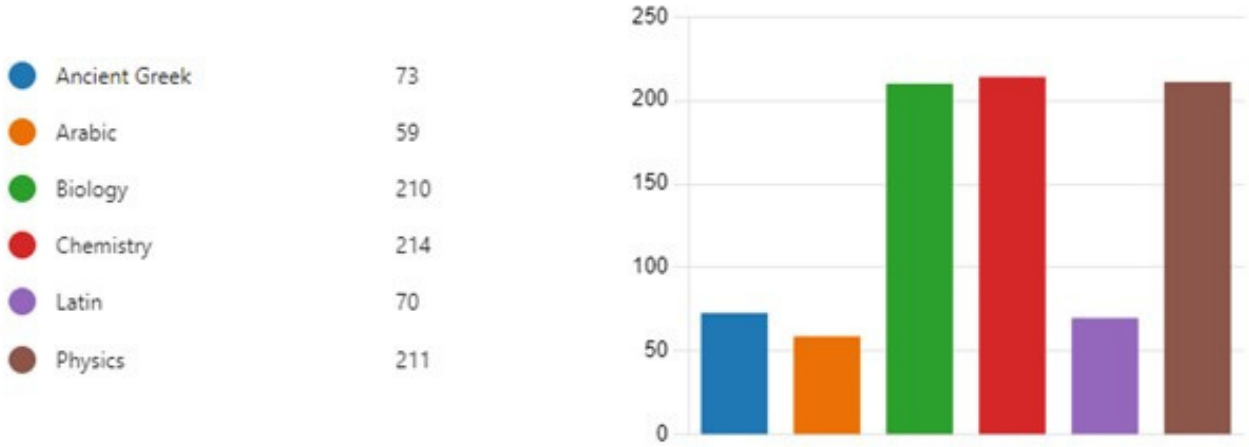
When asked to specify through a free text box why this skill is important, Parents' responses emphasised the multifaceted benefits of fostering creativity and curiosity in education, not only for academic achievement, but also for personal growth, career readiness, and lifelong learning. More specifically, they believe that fostering creativity in education prepares students for career skills such as innovation, entrepreneurship, and adaptability in an ever-changing job market. Furthermore, parents see the skill of creativity as an opportunity for their children to explore their interests and strengths. According to them, fostering creativity in education promotes autonomy, self-discovery, and a sense of fulfilment among children.

Parents who did not see Creativity as important were asked to specify why through a free text box. These parents have concerns around integrating the skill of creativity in every subject. While they recognise the importance of this skill, they stress that creativity may vary depending on the subject. In their view, creativity might be highly valued in subjects like English or Art but may not be perceived as essential in subjects like Biology or Chemistry, where the emphasis is on understanding and applying factual information.



On this basis, they suggest a more adaptable approach that takes account of factors such as subject matter, individual student characteristics, and the broader educational context.

When asked to identify the subjects where they see Creativity as important and relevant, the majority of parents (214) regarded it as the most important in Chemistry, 211 parents regarded it as important in Physics, and 210 parents saw it as important in Biology. On the other hand, 73 parents saw creativity as important in Ancient Greek, 70 parents saw it as important in Latin, and 59 parents saw it as important in Arabic (See figure 6).



(Figure 6)

Being Creative is a skill that I think my child will find important in (tick all that apply)



Third competency: Working with others

When asked how important it is for their children to work in pairs, groups, and teams in their study of all subjects, the majority of parents (73%) answered “Yes”, 20% answered “No”, and 8% answered “I do not know” (See figure 7).



(Figure 7)

Do you think it is important for your child to work in pairs, groups, and teams in their study of all subjects?

When asked to specify through a free text box why this skill is important, Parents said that they see teamwork as crucial for success in future careers, especially that collaboration is a fundamental aspect of many professions and daily interactions. They believe that learning to work with others in school prepares students for collaborative work environments they will encounter later in life.



According to them, working in teams helps develop important social skills such as communication, cooperation, conflict resolution, and empathy. For them, these skills are seen as essential for building relationships and navigating various social situations. While recognising the value of teamwork, parents highlight the importance of balancing group work with opportunities for individual work. They acknowledge that not all students excel in team settings and that independence is also a valuable skill.

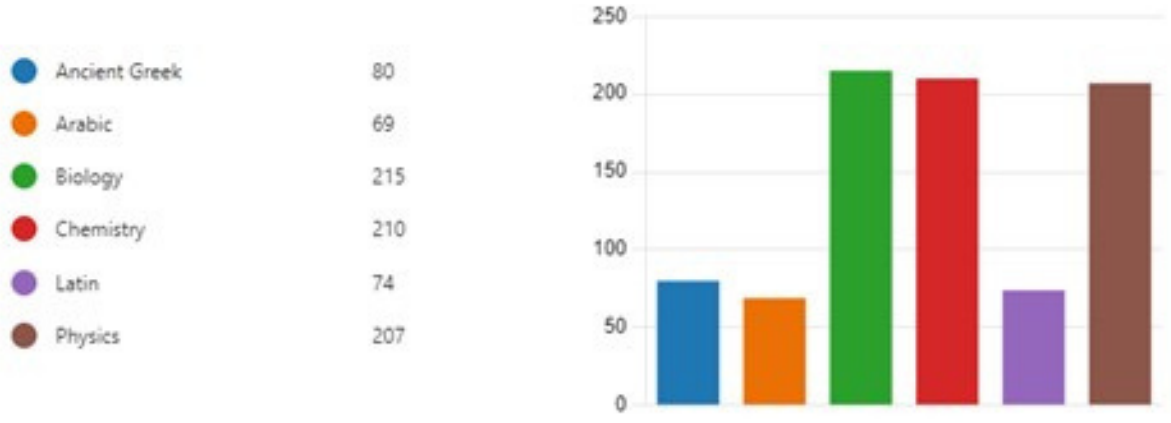
Parents who did not see the skill of working with others as important were asked to specify why through a free text box. These parents suggest taking into account the diverse needs and preferences of students when it comes to group work. More specifically, they suggest respecting individual preferences and needs when it comes to learning styles. They believe that not all students thrive in group settings and that forcing group work can be detrimental to their learning experience.

Additionally, parents raised concerns about unequal contribution within groups, with some students doing the majority of the work while others contributing less. This can lead to frustration and unfairness, particularly for high-performing students who may feel burdened by the workload. Parents also expressed concerns about students with conditions such as autism, dyslexia, or anxiety, who may find group work particularly challenging and stressful.



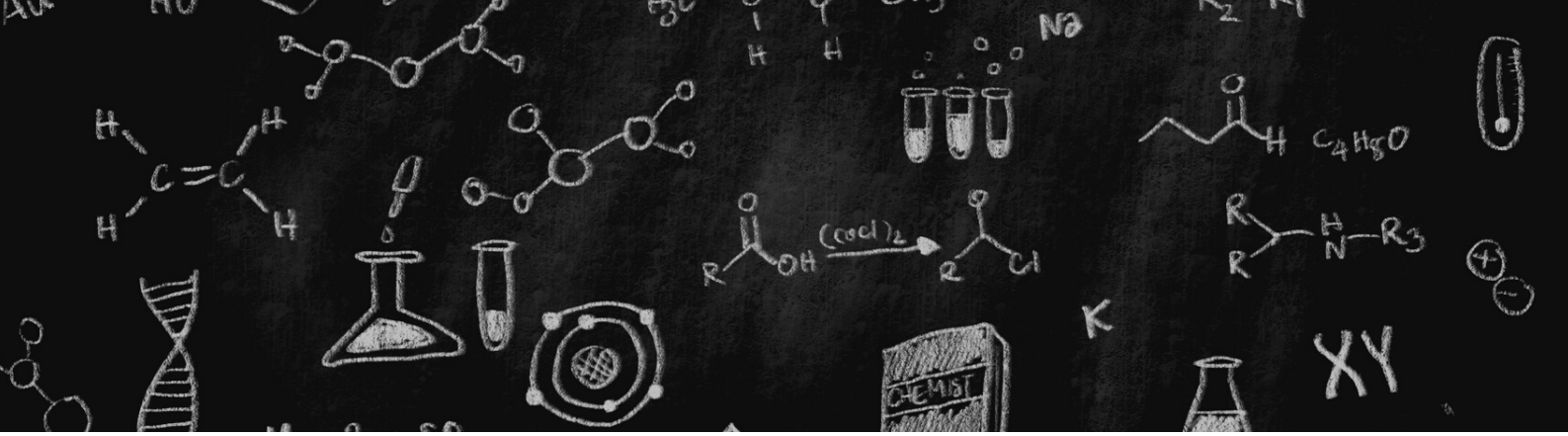
Parents felt that by forcing them into group settings without considering their individual needs, these difficulties will be exacerbated. Finally, parents question the fairness of assessing group work, as it may not accurately reflect individual effort or understanding. They worry that high-performing students could be disadvantaged if their grades are influenced by the performance of others in the group.

When asked to identify the subjects where they see working with others as important and relevant, 215 parents regarded creativity as important in Biology, 210 parents considered it as important in Chemistry, and 207 parents saw it as important in Physics. Meanwhile, 80 parents saw it as important in Ancient Greek, 74 parents saw it as important in Latin, and 69 parents saw it as important in Arabic (See figure 8).



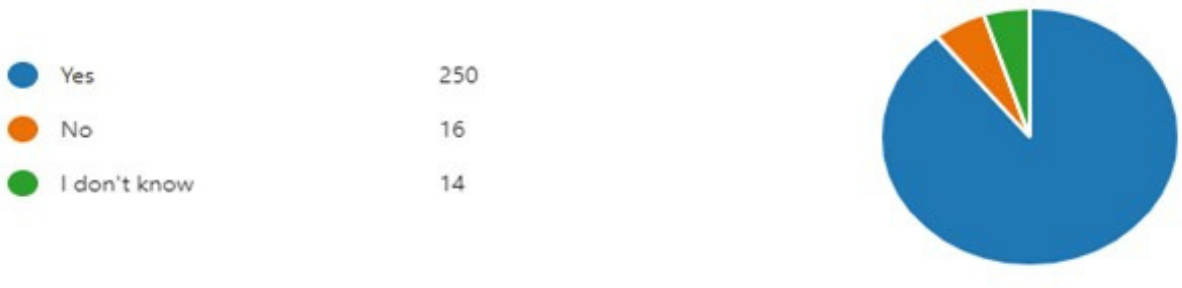
(Figure 8)

Working with others is a skill that I think my child will find important in (tick all that apply)



Fourth competency: Participating in society

When asked if it is important that their child will learn how to contribute to society through making informed choices, engaging with social issues, and contributing to sustainable futures in all subjects, 89% parents said “Yes”, 6% said “No”, and 5% said “I do not know” (See figure 9).

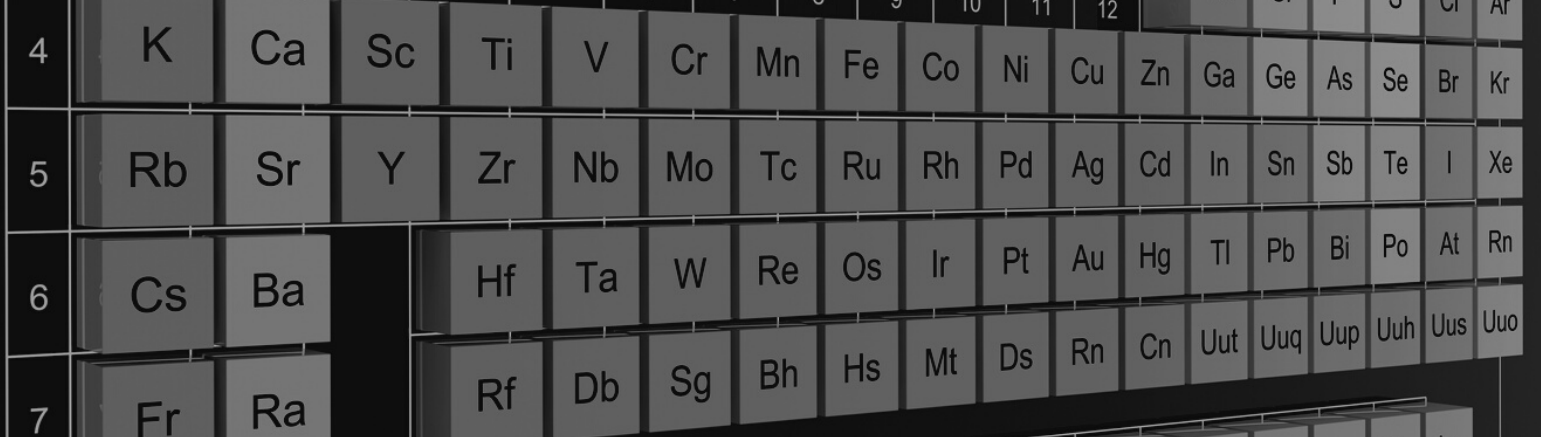


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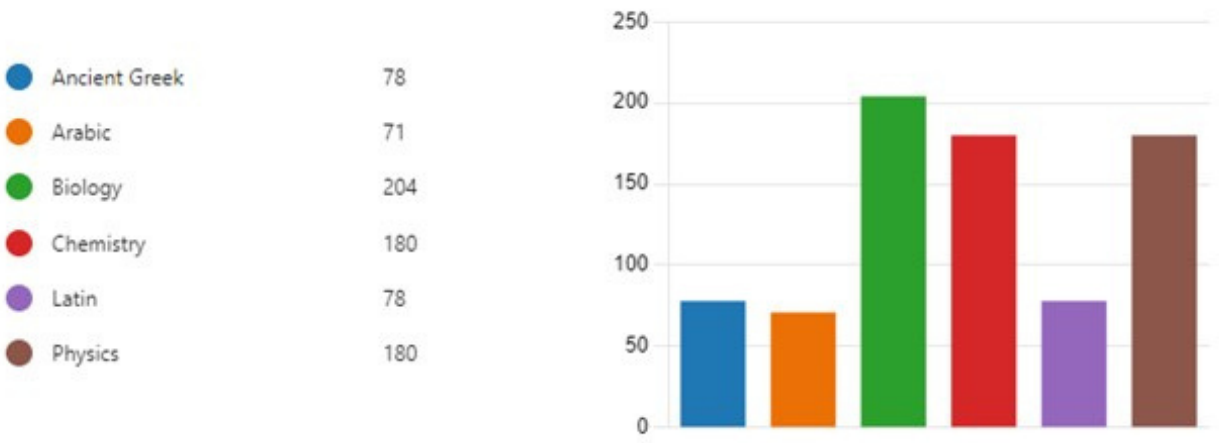
When asked to specify through a free text box why this skill is important, parents said that participating in society helps their children make informed choices.



Through engaging with social issues, they are empowered to share their voice in shaping their communities and the world. According to parents, this not only gives children a sense of agency and responsibility, but also prepares them as active citizens and future professionals. It helps them understand their responsibilities in society and make meaningful contributions. That is to say, parents see participating in society as vital for developing critical thinking, empathy, and social awareness. They enable children to understand different perspectives, evaluate information critically, and empathise with the different experiences of other members of society.

Parents who did not see the skill of participating in society as important were asked to specify why through a free text box. While acknowledging the importance of teaching skills related to sustainability and social engagement, parents question the relevance of these topics across all subjects. They suggest that these skills could be integrated into certain subjects where they are more directly applicable. Others are concerned that discussing topics like sustainability may be too political for secondary schools, leading to controversial discussions, or even bullying of students who hold differing views. These parents believe that teaching values related to sustainability and social issues should primarily be the responsibility of parents, rather than schools.

When asked to identify the subjects where they see Participating in Society as important and relevant, 204 parents saw it as important in Biology and 180 parents saw it as important in Physics and Latin respectively. On the other hand, 78 parents regarded the skill of participating in society as important in Ancient Greek and Latin respectively, and 71 parents considered it important in Arabic (See figure 10).



(Figure 10)

Participating in society is a skill that I think my child will find important in (tick all that apply)



Fifth competency: Communicating

When asked if it is important for children to learn how to express ideas and share opinions through conversation and active listening, almost all parents (99%) responded "Yes" (See figure 11).



(Figure 11)
Fifth competency: Communicating

Do you think it is important for your child to learn how to express ideas and share opinions through conversation and active listening?

When asked to specify through a free text box why this skill is important, parents stressed that communication is a fundamental life skill that is essential for success in all aspects of life, including personal relationships, education, and career development.



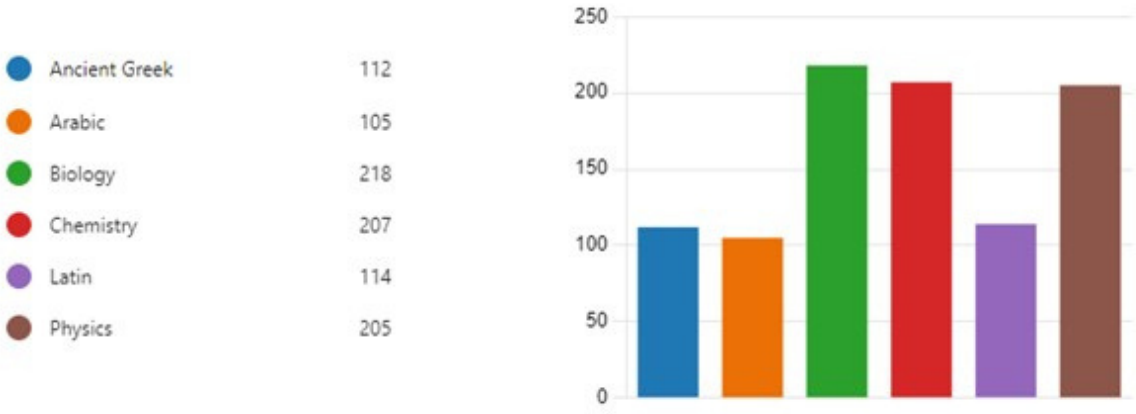
They added that learning to express ideas and respecting those of others fosters open-mindedness and tolerance. Parents also emphasised active listening as a crucial component of effective communication, enabling individuals to understand diverse perspectives and engage in meaningful conversations.

Parents who did not see the skill of communication as important were asked to specify why through a free text box. The only issue that parents raised here is the implications of developing communications skills among neurodiverse students. Parents expressed two views regarding the development of communication skills among neurodiverse students.

There are parents who believe that communication strategies can benefit neurodiverse learners, such as those with autism or dyslexia, by providing them with tools and strategies to express themselves confidently. Others believe that neurodiverse children will find communication a serious difficulty.



When asked to identify the subjects where they see communication as important and relevant, 218 parents considered it to be important in Biology, 207 regarded it as important in Chemistry, and 205 saw it as important in physics. On the other hand, 114 parents saw it as important in Latin, 112 saw it as important in Ancient Greek, and 105 saw it as important in Arabic (See figure 12).



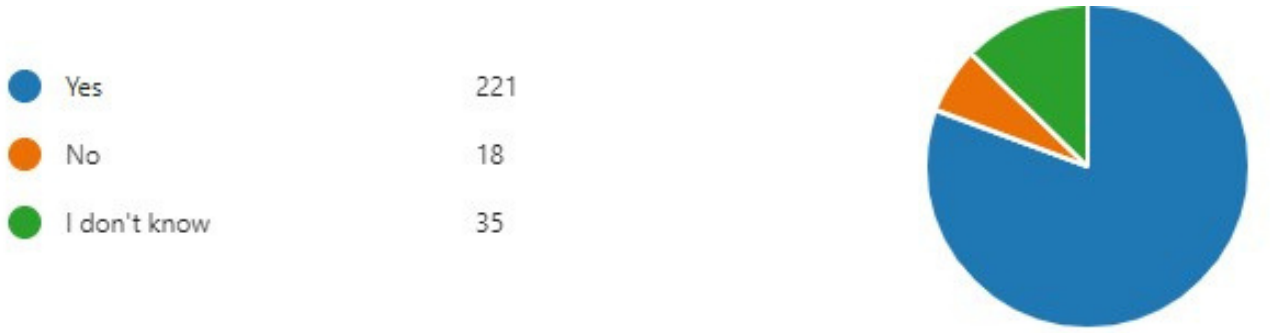
(Figure 12)

Communicating is a skill that my child will find important in (tick all that apply)



Sixth competency: Cultivating wellbeing

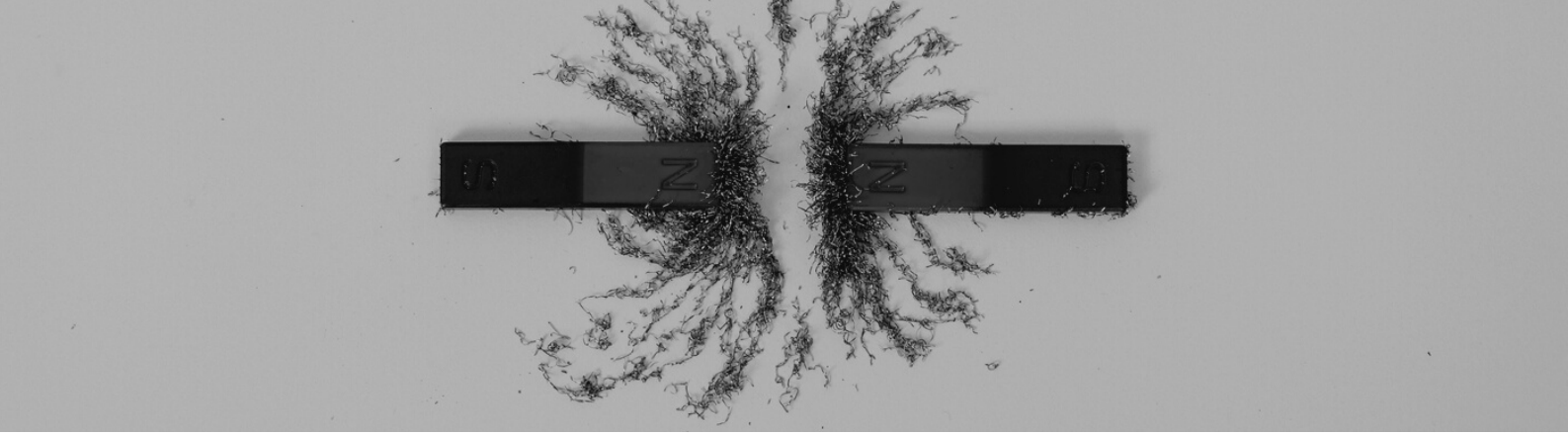
When asked if it is important for their children to reflect on topics in all subjects by connecting them to their own lives, 81% of parents said “Yes”, 13% said “I do not know”, and 7% said “No” (See figure 13).



(Figure 13)

Sixth competency: Cultivating wellbeing

Do you think it is important for your child to reflect on topics in all subjects by connecting them to their own lives and their everyday life choices?



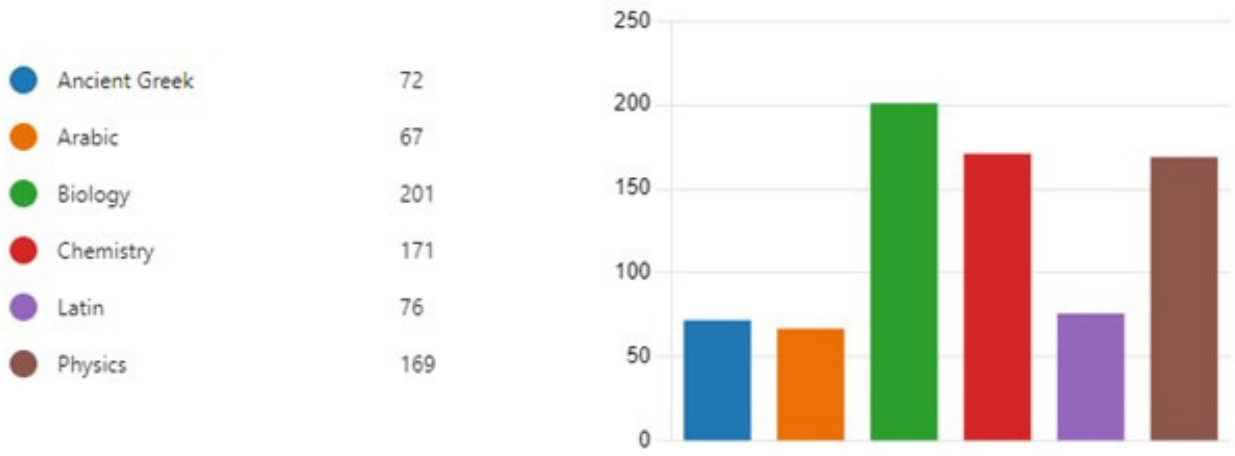
When asked to specify through a free text box why this skill of Cultivating Well-being is important, parents emphasised the importance of making subjects relevant and applicable to everyday life. They believe that connecting academic learning to real-life experiences enhances understanding and engagement.

They added that integrating the skill of cultivating well-being into all subjects provides a more comprehensive learning experience that develops the student as a whole. On this basis, they suggested incorporating personal stories and experiences to make the learning process more meaningful and memorable.



When asked to specify through a free text box why this skill is not important, parents highlighted practical challenges in integrating well-being education into all subjects. They believe that not all subjects lend themselves easily to discussions of well-being, and attempting to do so may be forced or ineffective.

When asked to identify the subjects where they see Cultivating well-being as important and relevant, 201 parents saw the skill as important in Biology, 171 saw it as important in Chemistry, and 169 saw it as important in Physics. On the other hand, 76 parents saw it as important in Latin, 72 saw it as important in Ancient Greek, and 67 regarded it as important in Arabic (See figure 14).



(Figure 14)

Cultivating well-being is a skill that I think my child will find important in (tick all that apply)



Seventh competency: Managing learning and self:

When asked if it is important that their child will learn how to manage their learning through setting personal goals that are based on understanding themselves and others, 88% of parents said “Yes”, 8% of parents said, “I do not know”, and 4% said “No” (See figure 15).



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Seventh competency: Managing learning and self

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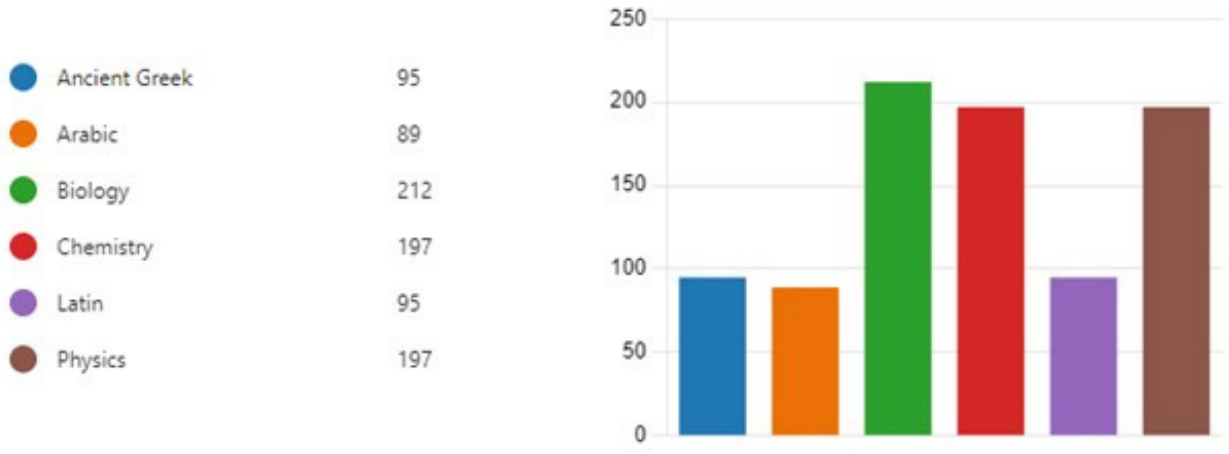


When asked to specify through a free text box why the skill of Managing Learning and Self is important, parents said that goal-setting and self-management are practical skills that contribute to success in education, work, and life in general. They help their children stay focused, motivated, and resilient in the face of challenges. These parents see the skill of Managing Learning and Self as an opportunity for their children to pursue their own goals and thrive in their areas of strength.

When asked to specify through a free text box why this skill is not important, parents expressed confusion about what it means to manage one's learning and set personal goals. They see it as more suited to higher education or apprenticeships. Parents also question whether young pupils have the capacity to effectively manage their own learning and set meaningful goals. They feel that children need adults to direct them.



When asked to identify the subjects where they see Managing Learning and Self as important and relevant, 212 parents found the skill to be important in Biology, and 197 found it important in Chemistry and Physics respectively. On the other hand, 95 parents regarded it as important in Latin and Ancient Greek, while 89 found it as important in Arabic (See figure 16).



(Figure 16)

Managing learning and self is a skill that I think my child will find important in (tick all that apply)



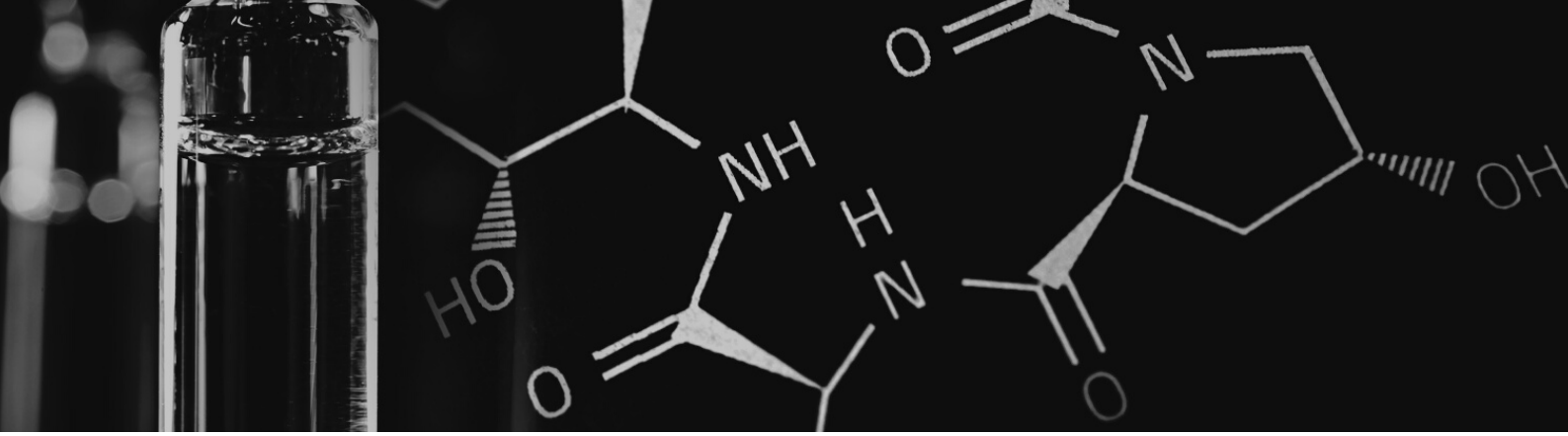
Section 3: Assessment

When asked if they want their children to be assessed at regular intervals throughout the 2-year cycle, 81% said “Yes”, 7% said “do not know”, and 5% said “No” (See figure 17).

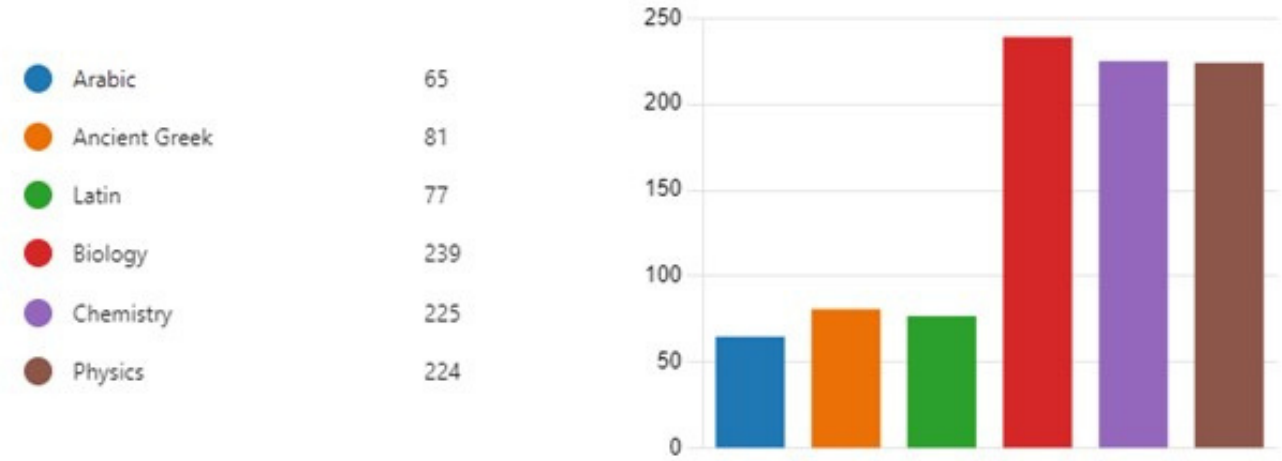


(Figure 17)

I want my child to be assessed at regular intervals throughout the 2-year cycle.



When asked to identify the subjects where they see research work as relevant, 239 parents saw research work as relevant in Biology, 225 parents saw it as relevant in Chemistry, and 224 parents saw it as relevant in Physics. On the other hand, 81 parents saw it as relevant in Ancient Greek, 77 parents saw it as relevant in Latin, and 65 parents saw it as relevant in Arabic (See figure 18).

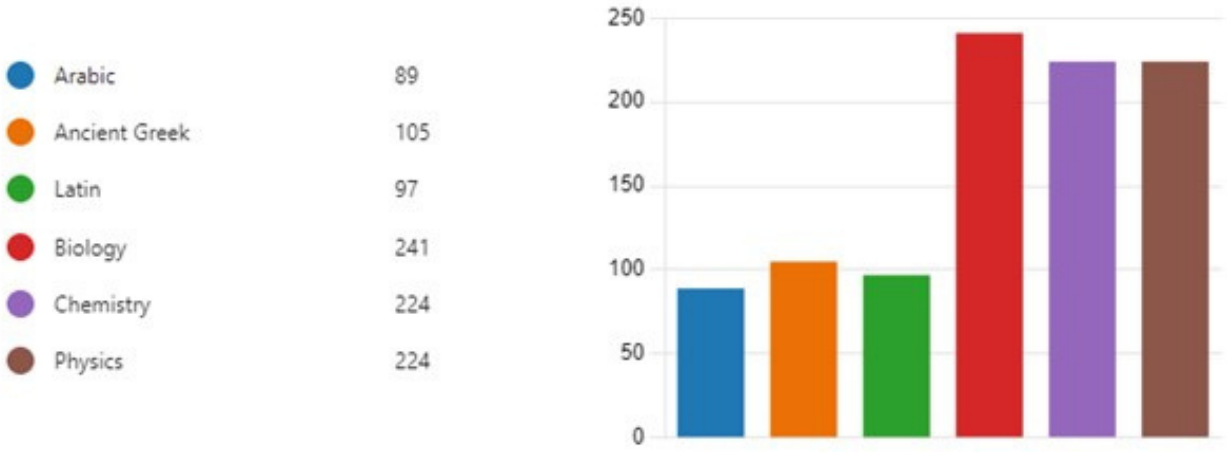


(Figure 18)

My child should be engaged in research work in (Tick all that apply)



When asked to identify the subjects where they see project work as relevant, 241 parents identified Biology as a relevant subject for that, and 224 parents identified it as such in Chemistry and Physics respectively. Meanwhile, 105 parents recognised the relevance of project work in Ancient Greek, 97 parents recognised it as relevant in Latin, and 89 parents saw its relevance in Arabic (Figure 19)



(Figure 19)

My child should be involved in project work in (Tick all that apply)



When asked to identify the subjects where they see experiment work as relevant, 258 parents saw it as relevant in Biology, 249 parents saw it as relevant in Chemistry, and 247 parents saw it as relevant in Physics. On the other hand, 31 parents saw experiments as relevant in Ancient Greek, and 30 parents saw it as relevant in both Arabic and Latin respectively (See figure 20).

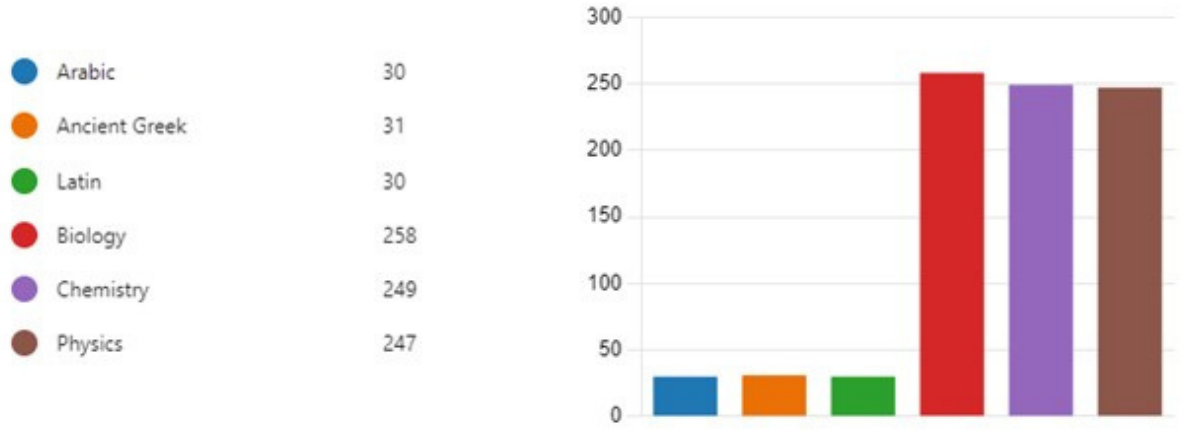
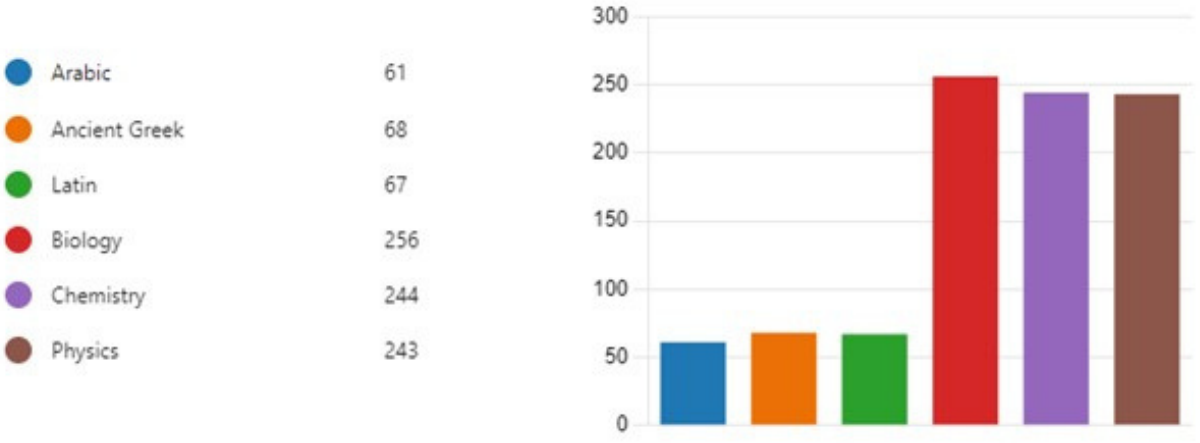


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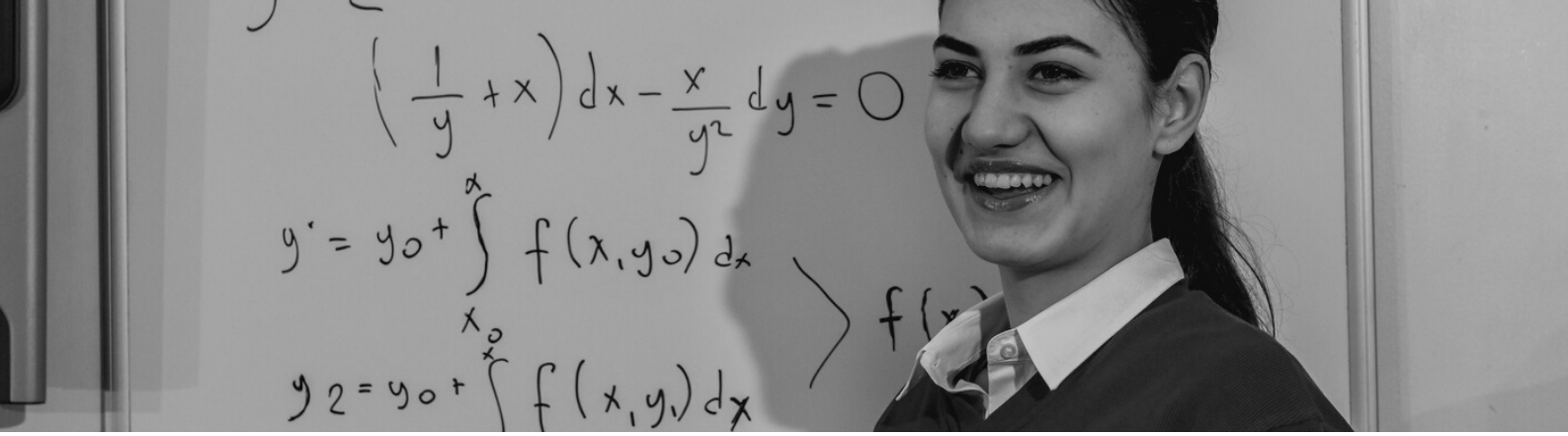


When asked to identify the subjects where they see practical work as relevant, 256 parents saw it as relevant in Biology, 244 parents saw it as relevant in Chemistry, and 243 parents saw it as relevant in Physics. Meanwhile, 68 parents saw it as relevant in Ancient Greek, 67 parents saw it as relevant in Latin, and 61 parents saw it as relevant in Arabic (See figure 21).

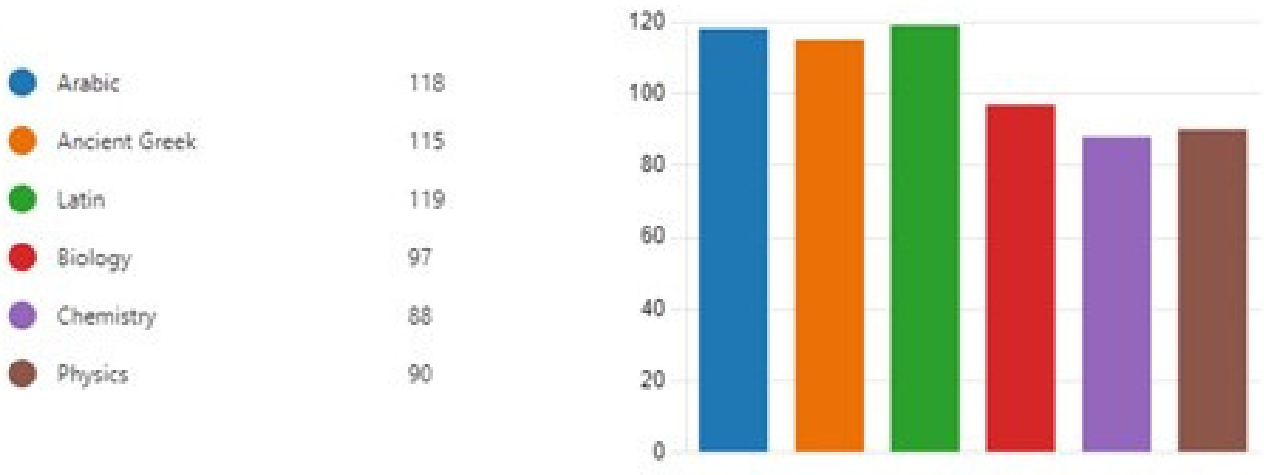


(Figure 21)

My child should be engaged in practical work in (Tick all that apply)



When asked to identify the subjects where their children should be engaged in aural exams, 119 parents saw this should be the case in Latin, 118 parents saw aural exams as relevant in Arabic, and 115 saw this kind of work as relevant in Ancient Greek. On the other hand, 97 parents saw this work as relevant in Biology, 90 parents saw it as relevant in Physics, and 88 parents saw it as relevant in Chemistry (See figure 22).

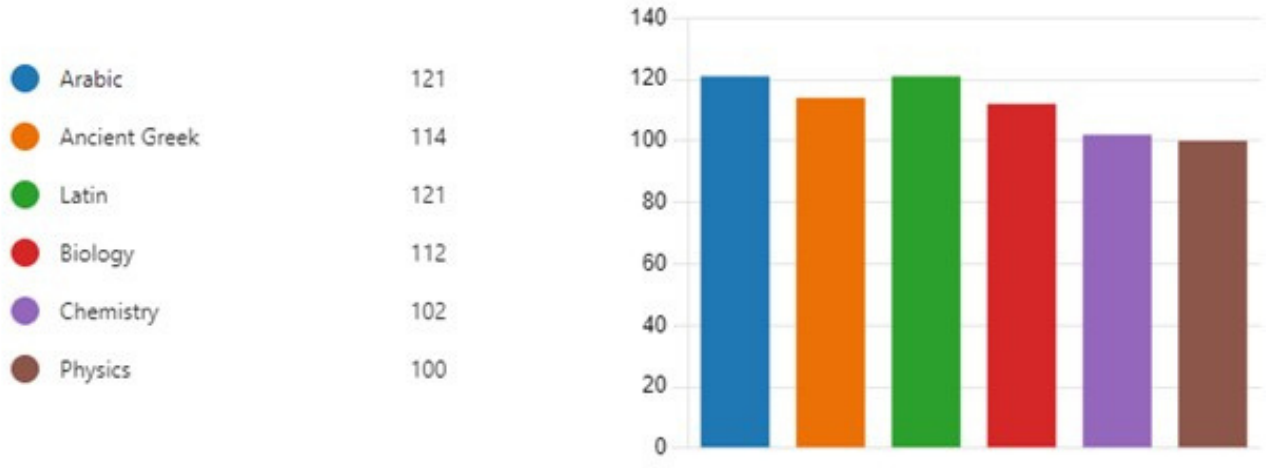


(Figure 22)

My child should be engaged in aural exams in (Tick all that apply)



When asked to identify the subjects where their children should be engaged in oral exams, 121 parents saw it as relevant in Latin, 121 parents saw it as relevant in Arabic, and 114 parents saw it as relevant in Ancient Greek. On the other hand, 112 parents saw oral exams as relevant in Biology, 100 parents saw it as relevant in Physics, and 102 parents saw it as relevant in Chemistry (Figure 23).



(Figure 23)

My child should be engaged in oral exams in (Tick all that apply)



When asked when the oral examinations and practical examinations shall take place, 83% of parents said, “in term” and 9% of them said, “out of term”. (See figure 24.)



(Figure 24)
When should the oral examinations and practical examinations take place?



CONCLUSION

NPC welcomes this opportunity provided by the NCCA to make a submission on the re-development of Senior Cycle. In the main, it is clear from the parents' responses that that the re-development as outlined is welcomed. There is strong support from parents for the vision and purpose of the redevelopment although a significant minority do not understand it.

Parents have told NPC that they see the importance of the development of the whole person, and they value the individual competencies which will help achieve this. However, they do not find each competency equally relevant to each subject. This view of parents is the same when it comes to assessment, where parents are equally questioning whether certain forms of the additional assessment component are and could be relevant in all subjects. Noticeably, there is a high endorsement of aural and oral assessment across all subjects.



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Appendix – Further comments and where other answer options were applicable

Abilities & Skills
You will notice that the draft specifications include a range of key competencies (abilities and skills) which all students will experience throughout the different subjects. These are included to give students an opportunity to develop as an individual and to give them a chance to showcase their abilities. **These 7 competencies , thinking and solving problems, being creative, communicating, working with others, participating in society, cultivating well being and managing learning and self will be included in all subjects to some extent. NPC would like to hear your views on how these are being included.**
First competency: Critical thinking and solving problems **Do you think it is important for your child to be able to analyse information and solve problems in all subjects?**
Why is this important?
It's a life skill
we need to move away from pure wrote learnings
Life requires it
Life skills and not just exam focusing; applying theories to real life problems
Because that's what life is about!
For performing well in future
For future careers
There's a lot of information online and it is important to know what to trust and how to use it to solve real life problems
Important life skill. However, there needs to be smaller class sizes so that all learners potential can be achieved. This is not possible in the largest class sizes in Europe.
To develop as an individual and to become independent
Sets them up for work and college
Because empirical practices is the only way to really learn any theoretical knowledge.. In Humanities it will foment a deeper understanding of human relations, which is the utmost requirement for diversity equality and justice
To prepare them for their future
Problem solving is a key aspect of life in any capacity
So that they are able to think for themselves and and understand and resolve problems
To prepare them for decision making in all aspects of life in the future
Aid problem solving in real world with work and other reissues that may arise in their life
Because rote learning is pointless in the internet age- they need to be able to filter and analyze information.
Life is full of problems personal and professional. Being able to analyse what problems are , come up with solutions and implement solutions is a life skills which helps every area of life
This is a skill you need in jobs and every day life
Problem solving is essential for life in general

Helps life skills
Firstly to be able to understand and then be able to apply.
It is recognised as a key future skill
Develops their thinking for the future.
Otherwise what's the point in learning the subject?
Critical thinking enables all decisions in later life
It will enable the child to have the information, and make informed choices about how to use the information. I would guess that in some subjects, the information is given (or it is established through formulas) and there may only be a right or a wrong answer. I think this should be taken into account when giving children the freedom to solve problems.
Boosts confidence and an important life skill
Teenagers need to be able to criticality analyse topics. In the real world that is a skill that is required in all areas.
This is a key skill to be able to break down problems and provide solutions
Critical thinking assists in how people learn and if they can use this it would make learning easier
This will help gain confidence throughout ALL abilities
Children need to be able to solve all sort of obstacles in life.
Problem solving is key to future careers
Critical thinking is a valuable transferable skill and children should be exposed and able to practice this skill at every opportunity
They are going to need to be able to do this with many issues across their lives.
It makes education process easy for him and improve his self esteem.
Important at 3rd level and in life - promote independent thinking
Critical thinking, the ability to sort through an analyse information, to judge and evaluate will be increasingly important in an age of disinformation and fragmentation and the growth of non-traditional media
Problem solving is a like skill
It's more important to teach children how to think critically and independently than it is to teach them what to think. Because it's a skill that can be applied to almost every aspect of life and lifelong learning beyond school
To develop & grow as an individual & identify their strengths & weaknesses
To enhance understanding & learning
The real world is full of problem solving & they need to be equipped.
Critical thinking is a life skill
To make better choices and problem solve for themselves
This is an important skill to have throughout life, to ensure they can make informed decisions and promote independent thinking.
Critical thinking and problem solving is a life long skill that applies to more than education.
For life skills
an analytic approach of all problems is the best
Critical thinking and analysing information is a daily skill
Life skills .. guided make a decision based on facts . Real facts and basis
The ability to think critically and question hypothesis
To be able to analyse a problem and produce a satisfactory answer with a positive outcome is extremely important.
For real world application
A life skill, and with ai most problem solving is automated and children are not given a chance to do this for themselves
Helps them develop their own personal views and understanding of their subject
To enable them to become independent

This will help them to understand instead of memorize
Vital skill in allaspects of personal and professional life. Should be taught in a range of situations to ensure wide competency achieved
ecause they do not know what direction their lives are going to take and knowledge in all different areas will help them with life choices
To problem solve as a life skill
They will need this life skill in all aspects of adult life.
to help solve problems in worklife
This is a baslife skill
Applicable in later life
As they become adults and go into the workplace this skill is invaluable and will make them key players
Critical thinking is an essential skill in everyday life, we need to be able to take in information and process it utilising implicit and explicit information. Young people today have a myriad of resources available to them, it is important for them to examine all knowledge critically, not just take things at face value. Problem-solving once again is an essential skill, it can also help build resilience and coping.
This is a life skill that is invaluable and the you ger the learn the more naturalnit is
I believe it's an important life skill to be able to analyse information and solve problems in life.
Life is full of challenges and options, but I think that there needs to be guidance too
Because of misinformation, lack of honesty in the press & parliaments and the need to expedite change to counter climate change.
Analytics is very important in any career path
It is important for a person to be able to do this in order to add to their life skills and be able to independently access and/or solve situations after school life.on
To help them be better employees
It is a life skill
This is a key life skill that all adults should have
Essential life skill
It will apply to adulthood
To think outside the box
Despite the way many subjects are needed to be learned by rote, I think all students should learn through experiencing the real subject, finding their passion in a subject and being inspired by teachers who are also passionate and able to teach in a variety of learning syles
I think it is vital for children to develop problem solving skills and given the volume of information available when researching online, information analysis is now more important than ever.
Enables informed decision making, identifying opportunities and risks on a personal and professional level
Too much misinformation in all subjects
Learn to fail before success.
It will help them develop competencies to become an all rounded person
It's important because this is what happens outside the school building every day.
Children are being forced fed lies through social media and take everything as fact without taking the time to analyse what's actually being said. Critical thinking is a life skill that needs to be taught from an early age.
This is a critical skill for life. Every problem presented in life requires this skill at a basic level but also on a fundamental level. This also means that young adults can better engage in the material they are provided with as they will understand it as intended. This also makes for a more interested and engaged student.

individuals need to learn to be critical
It is crucial to be able to discern between information in this age. Solving problems is the whole point of education.
AI is ruling now. What different AI can't do that kind of skill we should embed in students
It will be needed in the workplace
Skills for life
life after school is full of problem solving. Learning to analyse and problem solve at senior level is crucial to future success.
Life is not sanitised.Our children need to be able to problem solve and be cope with problems
So they develop skills for all situations in life but my worry is if a child had bad literacy skills this will impact their learning across all subjects
It's a key transferable skill which will stand to a child in every career.
Analytics and problem solving is key in all aspects of life
Basic life skill
Data can be accessed/gathered, being able to analyse it and use it is the main differentiator. They need to be able to think for themselves, and not expect to be spoon fed info information. We need them to be ready to conquer the world. :)
This skill will prove vital in as young people develop into productive members of society
Essential for many workplaces and life in general after school.
Basic skills required for life
Critical thinking is independent skill from any subject matter, and is essential for being a well-rounded indicidual, especiallz in todays and future environments.
Critical thinking allows them process data and decide if it is news or just social media. Being able to think for themselves and not be part of group think and herd mentality
Life in general requires these competencies
Because it is a life skill the need
Critical thinking, analysis and problem solving are essential life skills in all areas of life and so should be across all subjects.
They will need it in life
It a key skill that will carry on into future career and life in general
Children need to know their rights, they need to be able to make decisions on their rights and participate in life. Developing these key skills as early and continuously is vital
It is important for them to fully comprehend the subject they are learning and not just memorise the information for exam purpose
Problem solvers are needed more now in every aspect of life
Essential skill in the working world.
Its important they are able to link information & see how it impacts on various aspects of life. Will help them become broader thinkers
This ability will help them when solving practical life situations.
Because kids are bombarded with news and fake news
It is a very important life skill
Children need to learn practical skills
They will encounter problems in life and further education
This skill is essential in todays world
Important Life skill
Life skills
Because life is all about problem solving
Need to be able to apply knowledge to show understanding, relate it to everyday situations, make them see why they are learning the information
Skills required as an adult

Helps them become independent adults
It’s important that they learn to be critical thinkers and not believe everything they’re told but instead be able to apply critical thinking and logic to what they’re being taught.
Badly needed in the work place
Because rote learning and exam success does not translate to competency in the majority of aspects of life
Solving problems is part of adult life
It’s an important life skill which they will use throughout their life
It's a valuable life skill
Important to demonstrate understanding of subjects.
Analytical skills are essential for their life to make right decision at the right time
Criticial thinking and Problem solving are important skills in life, as engaged citizens and for future employment.
Important to seek out information, research, question and verify without over relying on search engines and AI as quick fix to learning and thinking for themselves. I worry about maths ability.
Yes in the subjects they have chosen. regardless of ability, I think they should know the steps involved in how to analyse information and draw out their solutions from their analysis. It’s these abilities that work in everyday life.
Vital for adult life and in a world where information is getting more complex
This skill is what is used every day in life and the workplace
Resilience training
This is important for independence and good decision making
To be able to navigate through different situations in life
Promotes Less rigid more flexible thinking which is required in 3rd level and also is a mindset for better wellbeing
In every aspect of life it is important to understand the facts of any situation and be able to work out a solution to the best of our ability.
To face the challenge of the digital era in which they live in, skimming and processing huge amount of data cross different sources
Providing the student with the knowledge and skills they require, to be able to undertake the task of analysing the information and then attempt to solve a problem is essential. This is the information age and it is essential that students are taught how to analyse the information and make informed decisions.
To judge whether certain tasks could be achieved in a different way.
critical thinking is essential to life. one needs to be able to correctly analyse facts and draw conclusions from them, as this helps making decisions in all spheres of life. All the time we are processing information that come to us, and we need to be able to discern which is valid and solid information, which is hearsay, and which is completely fake - otherwise, we may take critical decisions based on false premises and that can have terrible repercussions to us and to our society.
It is a basic necessity in any work-good to learn this early
why wouldn't it be important ?
Its a life skill that can be used everywhere and its important they develop those skills rather than rely on others
Comprehension and problem solving are skills that will only benefit children in life.
It is so important that our young people can think for themselves. I'm concerned that with so much instant information and AI that it is reducing the ability of our young people to critically think for themselves and work out solutions. Attention span seems to be greatly reduced and this is very worrying as the knock on effect is that they will not stick with trying to solve things for themselves

To encourage independent learning and develop critical thinking
This is a life skill that will apply to every decision they make. Using abstract subject to practice will enhance this skill to enable our children competent problem solvers in their own lives.
I think these skills are required in work / everyday challenges and are important to develop
For real life
I think it will aid resilience and their confidence to solve problems on all subjects
This is a critical aspect of every day life. Even in art you should be able to analyse a situation (i.e paint to water ratio) and solve a problem (paint too runny etc..)
Good skill for life
analysing information and problem solving are necessary life skills required at any age, these skills once developed can be adapted to any topic going forward
help them in life in all aspects of it
I think nowadays kids are expecting parents/teachers to solve problems/find answers, therefore when they graduate school and face the reality of making important decisions in their life, they get lost
To become more active learners, rather than rote learning
As this is what will be required in their further education and/or employment life
Skill that they will need throughout their life no matter which path they pursue
Because the learning is in the solving not just learing the notes or cramming information
applies to all things in life
Life in general and most occupations require analytical skills, critical thinking, and the application of these skills to solve problems.
Problem solving is needed in real life, as situations later in life do not come with a set of rehearsed answers.
Is necessary throughout life
Critical thinking and problem solving is part of our everyday life and it is important for our children to have the ability to think for themselves and solve issues being academic or in their personal lives
It is a fundamental life skill to be able to solve a problem. To be able to use all information at hand to decide is something will work or not and find solutions around it
It is an absolute essential part of learning needed for everything in the workplace
improves resilience and moving forward
It's an essential life skill
fostering critical thinking skills and promoting academic success and lifelong learning.. its important to be able to link information from school to current affairs
This is what's required in real life situations
Rote learning doesn't allow the student to think outside the box
Life is all about solving problems, why not start this process in school.
Critical thinking is foundational in all jobs of the future
For thinking
To enable them use these problem solving skills in real life situations.
These are 21st Century Skills required for jobs which have not yet been invented
Critical thinking and problem solving skills are the bedrock for the good development of abilities to use knowledge, facts, and data rather than relying on machine processes to offer this.
In the real world it is all about analysing and solving problems - applying knowledge, not just absorbing knowledge.
It is better to be able to approach problems than to memorize the answers.
Important for children to think for themselves, evaluate, put forward their opinions and make decisions

because life is made up of problems that you need to solve and won't necessarily have someone to give you the answers, you need the skills to figure things out on your own if you need to
Shows a full understanding and not just learning off by heart
To be able to adjust to and deal with whatever challenges are posed at work and home
To prepare kids for adult life and work
These are important life skills and across all subjects not just the sciences
It is an important life skill
To understand the whole/overall picture. It is much easier to understand something or learn about something if you are able to piece all the components together like a jigsaw to obtain the end result. It's like small pieces of knowledge building up to full understanding.
Important life skill
It reflects the skills needed in their careers
Analysing information and understanding it is an important life skill
Because learning by rote accomplished nothing.
Life skill
Essential life skill
Children need to learn how to do this as using the Internet more often. So they learn to question sources of information. How to problem solve with good information. Will keep them safer.
I think it's important for them to understand how to solve a problem and not just get the answer not knowing how it was done.
It's used each and every day especially in work
Basic life skills and very transferable
It is essential for students to engage to improve their knowledge and hopefully this will help them to source out their strengths to hopefully find their decision in employment for their careers.
I want my children to be able to think for themselves, especially now when there is so much knowledge available through the internet and so many opinions and judgements pushed on them through social media.

First competency: Critical thinking and solving problems **Do you think it is important for your child to be able to analyse information and solve problems in all subjects?**
Why not?
You won't always need to solve problems
Everyone learns differently and this may not always be academic
For some students with language disorders the use of too much language in e.g. maths affects their ability to show their knowledge to perform maths. So not in all subjects. Of course in English and other subjects it's important to problem solve, verbal reasoning and use their higher language skills.
What problem solving can they do in subjects like Irish?
Absolutely disgusting that leaving certs are still expected to take 7 subjects in their LC .. disgusting pressure
While I believe that this is valuable in subjects my child will need or has an aptitude for, I cannot agree that it should be required in all subjects given the pressures of the current points system.
Because they now lack the basics of the 3 R's and they find the whole process of self evaluation as rubbish
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Problem solving is important but appreciation and enjoyment are important, not everything needs to be treated mechanistically
Every child has different abilities and learning styles, they also have different aptitudes in various subject areas so therefore they may not be able to solve problems in all subject areas.
Ppl are good at different things
Not all children are good at analysing and problem solving. Their strengths may lie elsewhere
The capacity to do this grows over a lifetime - it is not an achievable goal for teenagers - this is meaningless word salad
I think it's crucial to have the ability to analyse information and solve problems. I feel it's imperative these skills are focused on. Where I disagree is the wording "ALL". I feel it's unlikely they will be able to do this in all no areas to a meaningful degree & not all minds work like that in a broad range.
Because they may not like or be good at some subjects so it is not important to be able to solve problems in all subjects
Only subjects that the students has an interest in and that are relevant to their life progression
For example in languages I would be more focused on fluency
I think these skills are essential in the subjects that interest the student and not in subjects that the student has no interest in.
7 subjects at LC level is lot for students to study, less subjects as in Ni would be better and allow more critical thinking and time for the subject to get more indepth knowledge
Some subjects may be led from the heart, not the brain
The ability to analyse information and solve problems is a life skill but i don't necessarily believe its required for each student to be able to apply this in each subject
Not necessary for all subjects
Problem solving is an invaluable life skill along with critical thinking to be able to understand and research matters and make an informed opinion, however this is not needed individually in all subjects. It's a life skill that is adaptable to all subjects.
My eldest son is dyslexic and would benefit more from this method but my other sons are not and I dont believe this can be for all subjects.
Not in all subjects
It is not necessary in all subjects but is a necessary life skill
dependent on strength subjects or teacher's skills to teach critical thinking
I don't think there is need to include Arabic, Ancient Greek and Latin in Senior cycle. It is rather a distraction from what they should focus to enable them to develop in other core subjects. These core subjects are what would help the society and individual for future development. From my point of view if there should be any introduction of new subjects, I strongly suggest Agriculture as one as that brings food to table in a basic terms and there are fewer and fewer people going to that area as their profession. This will in turn reduce further self-sufficiency for food as a nation.

Second competency: Being Creative **Do you think it is important to encourage your child to be curious, imaginative, and to explore aspects of the subjects they are studying that they find particularly interesting?**
Why is that important?
So they enjoy education
thinking outside of the box is important here too
Easier to learn about what you are interested in
Problem solving competencies

It's what creates interest
To continue to develop intellect
For future careers
Everyone has different learning abilities and being able to be individually imaginative and exploring there imagination is very important
Promotes engagement, relevance to life and innovation
Again, rhus can only happen with time and appropriate resources. This won't happen with the CAO exam (apologies, leaving cert).on the horizon. The love of learning is well and truly knocked out of kids bu this rigid system.
These are subjects my child is interested in Each child is unique and we should scaffold them
Life in general
Same
To develop their creative side and figure out what area of subjects they enjoy most
Modern life is very hard on young people forcing them into dynamic and creative thinking to accomplish even the most reasonable opportunities
Being creative is a vital life skill particularly when facing challenges in life
It will nurture their love for a subject that will hopefully lead into whatever field they will end up working in
They can think outside the box if they are creative and imaginative. Curiosity helps them understand better
Because learning to learn is a skill that will enhance their adult life
Perspective is very important and they should have their view and option. Having a curiosity and an imagination And using their imagination may discover New inventions occur cures not discovered yet
This is how people progress in jobs as well as life in general
Self growth
Imagination is so important especially when kids are given screentime when bored instead of using their imagination.
Life skill
Broaden their scope for more knowledge, encourage research in that area and to be able to apply findings to other areas in life.
It is a recognised future skill need
Again for their development,think outside the box
Each young person has their own unique way of learning and if they have the ability to guide their own learning to where their interests lie they will have more positive Learning experiences. This will encourage further learning as they have agency over their learning pathways.
To be creative problem solvers and more rounded thinkers
It's always important to encourage children. However, trips away may not be every child's cup of tea, and so encouraging them to do research of their own might be helpful. I also think there is nothing wrong with learning all there is to know from their textbooks. What I mean is that the information pertaining to any exams should be in their textbooks. And also maybe all schools should use the same textbooks.
It leads to an open mind
Being able to be creative is very important even in subjects that seem to be more academic than creative.
To be come a well rounded person that has the ability to question things
Absolutely to have creativity to design and think of new ideas and see what their strengths are.
Creativity is essential
Curious minds can become scientists . This needs to be encouraged more.. imaginative minds

This builds a passion. Instead of forcing a child into certain topics, let them explore it on their own.
To allow for creativity as individuals
Helps them learn
This is important for a child to develop a sense of their whole self and exploring creative ideas and using imagination are important aspects of this
Absolutely. Hugely important for their mental health to be creative and see there are different options always. Important in finding opportunities and solutions to issues also.
I believe it will make my child feel confident and enjoy studying.
Promotes enjoyment - a subject enjoyed is not hard learned
intellectual curiosity is a hallmark of success in later life - if interest and imagination are not sparked during this crucial stage how can they become lifelong learners
Keeps them motivated
Critical component of learning a subject
Because this is where someone explores their individuality as a one of a kind unique individual rather than learning to be a cog in the collective hive mind, it is those people who have developed the skills to think outside of the box that create the innovation that advances mankind into the future.
Learning should be joyous and stimulate curiousity for better engagement. It will also pave the direction for a future career if it’s their passion.
To grow as an individual
The act of physical participation creates memory
It makes the world a more accepting place if young people are exposed to imaginative curios.
Uses different parts of the brain
It will engage their learning interest
Further reading is always good.
To be able to explore the world around them and learn and grow
It's important that they are active in their own learning and not just limit themselves to what's in front of them.
Creativity can enhance critical thinking and problem solving.
to enrich their lives
It's good to be creative.
Curiosity is vital to education
Help them with choosing courses for third level if they wish to go to college, gives them more insight into subjects
To develop.. to learn / expand exploration of ideas
To understand context and apply ideas in a post modern environment
To play to their strengths/interests. How that's to be done is the important part.
Without going out of their comfort zone how are they going to know what fulfills them?
To motivate further use of the subjects
Because not every child is a logical brain- art and crafts and music need to be supported too and are very unsupported by our education system currently. Most arts must be done outside of school at weekends or after school with no aknowledgment of this time in the lc.
To develop self awareness of how things work, to make mistakes and to learn from that
The love of a subject like Home Economics gives them life skills forever that stupid subjects like Irish only traumatise them
Being creative is of human nature and developing and enhancing it's important
Yes absolutely it may be something they want to pursue as a career
We are all naturally creative and to be tapped into this part of ourselves allows a more meaningful existence. As a culture historically this has been stamped out or looked down on.

Building confidence and skill in creative areas has positive knock on effect on all other parts of life.
curiosity is essential for learning at any age.
To see perspectives differently and enhance learning and decision making abilities
It encourages independent Learning and allows students to identify their own areas of particular interest
A child will learn better when the topic is of interest to them.
Encouraging creativity allows children to be able to express themselves.
to hidden their thoughts
It will hold their interest more & make them feel more involved
To help them think for themselves
Artifical intelligence is coming on board at a quick pace. They can still only do as they are instructed. Creative thinkers will be highly sought after for ingenuity
Imagination leads to creativity, when logic and creativity go hand in hand it leads to the integration of experiences and knowledge.
They should follow their interests amd will enjoy/excel when allowed to
I believe this is important because if they find a subject interesting I always want them to be curious, imaginative and explore that particular subject as it shows the love they have for it and the would always be learning something new!
Being creative builds confidence and acceptance of one's own skills and enhances team work
Because we must all play to our strengths, especially children whose confidence is knocked when trying to complete an academic task they have no skill or interest in.
Their creativity is at great risk with screen time draining again their thinking ability so any encouragement is so crucial.
Their minds are still growing and providing as much information as possible I'd important, as a lot of children are fully focused on their future career choices.
It develops their own personal skills+strenghts in the subject
It develops entrepreneurial mindset
Creativity feeds into life satisfaction and ongoing happiness
Ai will take the drudgery work out of a lot of work. Humans who bring creativity to the mix will be in demand and it's a practiced skill
Again, it will stand to them in adulthood
To be able to develop and deal with transitional situations into the future
Because that is what true learning is made of. Not everyone can just regurgitate blocks of information.
how could it not be important to encourage curiosity and imagination in children as this will automatically encourage them work independently and further explore other subjects or additional aspects of subjects they already study.
Being innovative, thinking outside of the box can help advance in any field they choose to work on
Stimulates ideas and development
Albert Einstein's theory of education is based on reasoning and logic. He believed that education is not about learning facts but thinking about ideas.
If they are not curious about an optional subject they should not do it
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It will equip them with skills to explore and invent goods an services relevant for the society
Curiosity is the start of creation and change. It is needed for the challenges we face as individuals and collectively as a people.
All children should be encouraged to explore what triggers their creative side

Being creative leads to self discovery. Without creation one cannot be a self starter and cannot discover their natural talents and abilities. Being creative allows thinking and doing outside of the norm and the rigidity of the current school system. For kids on the spectrum and with learning difficulties school is a very difficult time where their confidence is crushed and they compare themselves too much to their peers. Creative subjects allow personal growth and enlightenment and is key to being a whole person.
been able to apply what they study in day to day activities will give them a sense of need to any subject
This may give him/her the desire to continue with certain subjects.
Important for life
That is the essence of education
If a child/teen is interested in a subject they are more likely to work at it.
Society needs out children to be creative problem solvers
So they can broaden their learning in that subject and see the crossover between subjects
Children learn more and easier if they are interested in a subject and so should be able to explore more their areas of interest
Curiosity leads learning
We need to let their passions and interests drive them - they can learn, do, produce so much more if they're interested in it!
Along with learning the structure or system, creative approaches encourage more involvement and a greater interest
Being curious & constantly seeking more information is a life skill that will create a well rounded adult with a healthy & active mind
If the student is interested in the subject, I imagine they would enjoy learning about it.
Encourages critical thinking, moves beyond regurgitation of texts
Repetitive jobs will decrease due to technology, creativity, ingenuity and human-touch jobs are more secure on the long run.
As they need to be able to pursue their own interests.
So they think critically and challenge status quo as appropriate
Schools for a long time have reduced creativity to make space for exam performance and results achieved. Some subjects should just be enjoyed and students allowed to develop creativity, not just make the grade
As everyone excels at different things and creativity is one
Being inquisitive and imaginative fuels creativity and ingenuity.
Because curiosity fosters creativity and creativity is essential for problem solving
Important that children are not just learning facts from a book but understanding them
For subjects that they find interesting, creativity and curiosity will let them further explore the subject and perhaps areas outside the curriculum
They need to figure out who they are, they need to try different things in order to find themselves. To find yourself you must explore
Creativity feeds the mind and expands learning which can assist in all areas of academia
To be able to think outside of the norm will be valuable
Exploration allows for greater learning opportunities and growth. Innovative thinking is essential in workplace
Helps thdm get a greater understanding of the subjects & they will enjoy it more
All subjects should allow children to explore the creative side to allow for children that are more creative minded flourish in school rather than feel less than their academic peers. They can participate equally.
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It is important to always be open to new learning, not just what is prescribed

If a child is interested in a subject, they will respond better
It's always good to encourage your child to pursue a subject they are interested in
Because it expands the mind and engagment with a subject/topic.
Helps develop innovation and new design
Maximise individual talent
Otherwise they will do the bare minimum that's required
It encourages them to develop agency, to pursue what interests them, to learn more about themselves, their skills, weaknesses.
This is how they will find their passion in & outside their career. I feel it's essential to seek out what sparks interest & curiosity & happiness. It's 2024, please stop forcing this idea everyone needs to be good at all subjects even those they find incredibly difficult or tedious.
It will help them find the career they love
There's all by kinds of talents and abilities that students have but the school system doesn't allow enough of this kind of curriculum and is too academic based.
Develops deeper understanding
To better understand subject and it will hopefully transfer to life
It will allow the student to develop their own set of thoughts on how to interpret the subject matter and to think outside the box on the subject
Growth mindset
Because a very narrow curriculum kills the fluid intelligence and interests of children
Every child should be allowed to use their imagination and to be curious.
They will get more out of work and life
It gives them better ability to understand all aspects of the subject
Allows child explore whether they have a genuine interest in the subject
Curiosity will answer their question on why do I study it. And, it will eventually guide them to explore more. That's a great platform to develop creativity and then it can be extended toward innovation.
Creativity is important for advancing society and leading a fulfilling life.
Apply to life/work after secondary school, encourage entrepreneurship and creativity especially if children have diverse learning challenges I.e dyslexia
I think it is essential that students should be encouraged to spend more time on the subjects that they have a strong interest in. Making students study subjects they have no interest in just leads to a dislike in learning.
Always good to encourage curiosity and imagination, regardless of children's ability if they have an interest in a topic or subject, they should be encouraged to explore it and be imaginative. These could be the very subjects they excel in when encouraged.
So they stay interested in the subject and don't give up on it
Human beings are creative beings and our souls and bodies need ways to find hope and joy. In a busy and increasingly anxious world, many can get stuck in their heads.
Being creative aids problem solving
Find something they enjoy
This should be human nature and constantly explore and seek improvements
Fostering interests is worthwhile and interesting for the student
Interest equals passion and creativity enables a different and fun way of learning
Curiosity and imagination should always be encouraged that's how we grow and evolve.
Curiosity and creativity are foundational for a growth mindset
Being able to explore and develop a greater understanding of a topic they're interested in, helps them to develop a love of learning.
Find different solutions in creative ways

the more a brain is healthily stimulated, the more powerful it becomes. allowing kids to delve in topics they like is also extremely positive, as it encourages their initiative, and helps give them self-confidence to pursue their goals by themselves.
To keep their intetests in the subject
It gets people to explore alternatives
again , why wouldn't it be important ?
We need to develop and encourage students to be passionate about something as they are all individuals and society needs a broad spectrum of thinkers, challengers, doers etc to make their world a better place. If they are curious on a subject that should be encouraged rather than sticking to subjects that don't motivate or even de-motivate them
The more knowledge our kids can acquire, the better it will be for them in life and also give them greater choices when it comes to what kind of career they would like
if not they are just regurgitating
Children will be happier in school learning subjects they have a genuine interest in
It is important to allow the creative part of a person to flourish, like every skill if unused it will be come weak and then a person will lose the confidence to create for themselves and their own enjoyment.
It enhances their learning experience
Because creativity enables progress
Yes I think having the ability to think creatively and look at a something from a different angle gain a different understanding
This is a critical aspect of every day life, especially work life and college.
It will encourage a different method of learning with students and instead of just learning from a textbook it can provide a better understanding of a subject by not being confined to the limits of the predetermined course work
It is much easier to learn and retain information when you have an interest in a subject, learning information for the sake of learning is not easy for alot of students espesically for those with different ways of learning and does not teach independent thinking. Teaching a child to be curious, imaginative and to explore aspects of subjects gives them practical experience and skills to take with them when they leave school.
OMG this questions are so obvious! How can you possibly think of asking us that. it is obvious that this is important fir all reasons! And why those subkects related to creative thinking: Are you forning us to get the results you need to remove some subjects?
It is important as it will help them to make the right career choice
To understand anything fully one must have their own views and be able to back them with research and evidence rather than wrote learning which is the current LC
Rather than just learning what is taught to them - there should be exploration around the subjects - very often this is a skill that is only started at third level and should be started sooner
Because if they are allowed to explore their own interests, they will naturally learn and develop
builds interest
Curiosity should drive all learning; it's at the very core of making learning enjoyable and continuous.
It will make it easier to Learn
So they will be able to question things in later life
It’s important that they earn how to explore and investigate what they are learning by school. It’s important they just don’t use the information they are being given from teachers/ parents but learn to use library’s, internet, research
They will want to learn as much as possible of a subject that they find interesting
Encourage them to pursue subjects they like and enjoy
helps in problems solving , improvisation important to be part of this

To develop a love of learning, and to keep it interesting
it can lead to breakthrough in science, discover of new equipment or services for the society.
They can learn to research what they're interested in and question and challenge things
Expand their knowledge & to think for themselves
We learn better if we are studying something we enjoy learning about.
Being curious is and learning through imaginative work is key to developing skills necessary in age of AI
Encouraging your child in anything they find interesting is important
For a childs mind and interest to grow it is important that the interest is theirs and not forced upon them.
To enhance learning
To foster ingenuity in the future working population, setting the seeds of entrepreneurialism.
To prepare them for life, to be citizens that partake in society. So that they can nurture their mental health. So that they can problem solve and prepare themselves for the future.
Empowering for them
A curious and imaginative mind sparks and drives the creative process towards infinite results. Creativity has always been at the core of progress.
To be interested in learning and seeking knowledge
Kids have curious minds and like to explore. It make subjects more interesting when they can apply what they learn and move from theory to practical.
This helps students become interested in learning and continuing learning throughout their lives.
Important to encourage learning by way of embracing the questions, queries & possible solutions, it’s through doing, exploring & making mistakes that we learn
it adds to the learning experience, gives them a chance to focus on the aspect of the subject that they really have an interest in and possibly lead to a different career path
For them to be able to express their true selves
To maintain interest in learning
Because they will learn to question more & do research - key skills for tertiary level and the workplace
Creativity needs to be encouraged
To embrace diversity and a true reflection of the world we live in.
Because it could lead to more. It could possibly turn out to be their chosen area in later life. It’s a wonderful thing to want to know more or to long to know more. It’s an interest. More knowledge doesn’t cause any harm. Plus it’s good to follow your own interests because it makes up you. A lot of courses in third level have self research combined also,
encourage further development
Innovation is the future
To develop a passion for the subjects they are studying
Helps the develop researching skills to use in university and when they start working
Because this will foster a love for something and get them on an actual path to a fulfilling life occupation
only by being creative can anything new invented or found out
My child has dyslexia. We had to bring him privately to get diagnosed. All children can only benefit from been taught thus way but in particular children like my son can only learn this way..
To develop anything new, child should be curious, imaginative and exploring aspects of the subjects they study that they find particularly interesting.
They will do better at something if they are given the opportunity to spend time on it
They need to enjoy the subjects they are studying. It will help keep then engaged.
Helps them develop a deeper understanding of the topic
Knowledge is power, exploration and imagination is essential for our future generation

To encourage self-directed learning and applaud initiative, to make learning fun, interesting and engaging

Second competency: Being Creative **Do you think it is important to encourage your child to be curious, imaginative, and to explore aspects of the subjects they are studying that they find particularly interesting?**
Why not?
It might take time away from studying others as to get enough points to then go on and study in their area of interest
It depends on the subject. Being creative in English or Art is fine.
This is time to learn and to learn how to learn - the rest comes later
I do not think the current draft of biology encourages this aspect
Some kids are not creative and time doesn't allow deeper exploration of subjects unless they have less subjects like A levels
Not sure if it's necessary to be creative in all subjects, for example for my daughter studying chemistry and biology, the requirement is really just to get the information taught in a more clear way rather than creativity

Third competency: Working with others **Do you think it is important for your child to work in pairs, groups, and teams in their study of all subjects?**
Why is this important?
For future work environments
very important for all aspects of life
Helps learning and teaches skills for life after school working with others
Ability to take other people's opinions into account
Because it's a life skill
It us important to prepare them for community work
We all have to work with others but leaving cery is not place to learn this skill
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Future relationships and careers
To develop good relationships with peers in a work type rnvironment
Working with other people is a skill that needs to be developed rather than something that comes naturally to all but other people exist in most work environments so teamwork needs to be a priority skill
They need to be able to work as part of a team to get on with people even difficult people learn to take constructive criticism see things from others perspective and dev nb social skills
Most jobs require a level of team work so to do so in study will show them not everyone thinks the same as them and its not necessarily wrong to think another way
Everyone works with people at some point and social skills are very important
It is difficult to make group work equal and have all members participate- very challenging with teenagers some of whom are not very engaged
We are social beings understand others peoples views and options helps us to be flexible and respectful of others
Again u need to do this in life and deal with issues as well as different personality typed
To prepare them for working life with colleagues.

Because invariably they will have to work with people in their future work
Learn from other, share their own knowledge with others. Learning solo is just as important
While it is a useful skill it makes assessment of individuals difficult
Most life experience involves working in teams in employment, sport etc. there are skills involved in being a good team player
Some young people may find this difficult but it is important to have a learning community and the chance to contribute.
Team work and collaboration is essential in all areas of life
Yes they should be allowed work in groups, but in groups of mixed abilities so that all children benefit
It teaches life skills such as collaboration and communication
This again is an essential life skill.
Team work
Kids sometimes feel they are better working on their own but if they can learn to work as part of a team where everyone has equal input them they can make and develop better ideas collectively
Teamwork for the adult world but not always as it is hard to manage input in school
This builds a teamwork an social skills
Some neurodiverse children don't do well working with others
It's important to build interpersonal skills as well as be able to collaborate with others
Probably not important to do this in all subjects or in academic subjects necessarily. An important life skill though for sure for work and personal relationships.
My child will have the opportunity to express his ability easily to others.
Learn to work with others
Develop communication and team building skills
Because although individualism is important, it is also important to understand how to implement one's unique skills amongst piers and learn from the unique skills that others bring to the team.
Man is not an island, it teaches them team work, conflict resolution and an opportunity to learn from each other
To encourage each other & work together as part of a team
Most workplaces demand you work with people now.
It's a life skill and not everyone enjoys it
If aids them as a team player but I do not think grading in team work should count towards state exams, as not everyone contributes to the workload.
to enhance their social and team working skills
A life skill that will carry them through adult life.
To exchange ideas and get a sense of where their understanding is working a group
for real life experiences
Builds coperation and team working skills
I would be for and against , sometimes people don't contribute to the assignments and it's left to one person
Teamwork.. Learning, listening, ask questions, patience, understanding, teaching
In general, people will end up working alongside others in most aspects of work and life. Working alone is well tested. Having a grounding in working with others will benefit the child when entering third level or the world of work, whatever type that is.
Very seldom there is a role within a company whereby you do not encounter working within a team
Importance of working in teams in the future and to appreciate of others perspectives and understanding

Because solo work usually comes later in life work - self employed or consultancy etc. working with others is the building blocks of learning from each other life skills, tolerance, patience, compromise etc
To improve social skills and also problem solving as a team taking others peoples opinions on board and debate is always healthy
Helps them develop their active listening and communication skills
Communication skills and social skills are the most important thing they will carry throughout their lives with kindness and manners
It prepares them to real life working experiences
Children need more social skills especially since covid and communicati g woth others
Working with others is key to success. Interpersonal skills allow us to make friends, find opportunities, meet and nurture loved ones and to be successful colleagues and leaders.
Team work turn taking and sharing abilities
It depends on the child ability, it can work for most students but not all.
In a working environment as you get older you need to be able to work with people with different opinions and different ideas and it is important they are able to do this
teamwork
Effective interaction with others is a necessary life skil
To develop the skills needed in later life such as work
Most jobs involve working as a team, delegating and learning how to take orders as well as give them. All very useful for the future
Working as part of a team is an essential skill, we learn from others, peer learning is inherent to changing attitudes.
They will very rarely be totally isolated in a future career and need to be able to communocate and work well with others
Yes I believe this is important as in most working environments you will need to work as a team in order to achieve a goal!
Team work shares skills
Because it prepares them for all characters in society and practices tolerance of all in our society. We are only as fast moving as our slowest upgrade the hill.
Important for all career paths
Some children need to step outside of their comfort zone, and may not realize their natural leadership, or the importance to work/discuss/learn from others, other than their teacher(s)
Pairs help them to analylise their work or project better
Life skill
Most work involves working in teams
Because in modern working life, those skills are very relevant
Shared learning and brain development
Everyone learns differently so working in small groups means that students can learn from eachother and work with their strengths and build on theor weaknesses
collaboration is important and necessary in most aspects of life, inside and outside of the classroom. It is important for children to work in pairs or groups in some subjects but not necessarily all as it may not be practical to include this in all subjects. The same principles apply regardless of the subjects matter itself.
It’s required in any working environment.
Depends on child
This teaches collaboration skill which is transferable to professional life after their education
Being able to work independently is important but being part of a team is also important in progressing social skills.
given them values, enrich their live's, learn to work with others

Working with others is a part of life, and it is satisfying to find one's place in a group.
Don't know
Peer learning is very effective. It encourages discussion and fun.
After school young people will be working with others. It's important that they learn to do this in senior cycle.
I think it is important to respect how each child works. Some children work well in teams some children work well on their own the educational system needs to acknowledge this. People learn in different ways.
Because in the real world they will have to work with lots of people in lots of different situations
To learn how to negotiate tricky individuals, to see others can have valuable inputs and teamwork works so it good to be able to work as part of a team
Life long skill, important in college, work, every aspect of life really.
This is a key skill within all organisations & private enterprise's. Children who can learn early to collaborate in a respectful & productive manner will excel
It is worthwhile in to work with others in some instances.
Will need this skill in adult life
Cooperation, collaboration is immensely important in any area with significant complexity or difficulty (intellectual or physical work alike)
Research has shown that collaborative and peer learning builds confidence and better relationships in teens.
In life and in work we need to be able to collaborate and communicate with others
This most closely represents real world working scenarios. It is important to learn the value of working hard with others as well as coping when others ar not as able or as motivated as you. Feedback on group performance shouldn't allow victims or villains, but rather a voice to your own contribution- whatever the size
Another skill for life they will need
Against because it's a life skill
Prepare students for future careers when working with others
Indepence us a great skill but the knowledge if a group and teamwork is invaluable
This is a natural reflection of life post secondary education and skills that should be encouraged
To connect with others and like minded creates confidence
It would help them be more comfortable speaking in a group and prepare them for third level and later in the workforce
Have to learn how to work with different types of people and understand different roles within group
Develops teamwork skills. I dont think its necessary in every subject
Workplace
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Learners learn better collectively
Working as part of a team is a life skill
Because each child would bring their own strengths and they have the support of a team
Teamwork is a critical skill and requires integration in second level education
Team work, problem solving
Teamwork happens in all walks of life
Teamwork is a hugely important life skill
Because it mimics the conditions of the workplace. They learn skills of diplomacy, accountability, turn taking, delegation, time keeping.
Hard to sway in such a broad way, some people excel on their own or with people they connect with. School does not always allow for this to happen in an organic way & these are under 18 and may not have the maturity or desire to be a team player & that’s ok. They will either get

there in time or excel on their own. I think it should be a balanced approach & teaching then HOW to actually work as a team & team building as opposed to just plonking those together the teacher who has them for a bare few hrs a week think works.
Help them prepare for working life
It's reality - working with others in the workplace
They might learn from their ports. It may be a more fun way to learn
To get through all problems where it be in daily life or employment or school to be part of a team makes the task less stressful and all ideas are brought to the table to resolve issues
Because this is life. However this needs to be run well... Too many group projects are poorly managed
They need to learn how to work with others.
As a young person it is important in sport and study and in most workplaces they will also require the ability to work with others
It encourages team work
It will help them to develop social skills, which is essential in their career development, personal development and social engagements.
Team work is important in life and work.
Would suit one of my son but may not work with my daughter unless ots a mixed team and not all girls
It is important for students to learn from an early age how to work with others and to improve their communication skills
It may not be necessary in all subjects, or may not be necessary at all times so I don't know. Some children work better on their own and some in groups so a good balance is required. It may not suit all subjects either.
For mixing and debating skills while also experiencing different personalities in that kind of atmosphere. Vocal children, problem solvers, organisers etc
Working with people is a critical skill for life beyond school
The vast majority of things in the workplace require you to be able to work with others
Important skill but should be limited time as can cause serious conflict
Collaboration important through life. Once balanced with the opportunity for individual work as both are important and have a time and place
They will have to at some point in their life .
To excel in the workplace you need to be able to work: communicate, compromise, negotiate, to understand strengths and weaknesses and enable self development.
I think while using your own initiative is important, it is also important to be able to work.with other, to get different opinions and see how other people might approach a similar situation.
Working and communicating with others is critical for future citizens in a global society.
Social skills
I have a mixed feeling on this. When I studied with others, usually it was a pain as most of the time the other students had different priorities than mine. that said, this happened 3-4 decades ago, in a different country. From what i have seen with my daughter's education, she loves when she is paired with children that are inquisitive and serious on the group objective, especially if the others know more than her. otherwise, she finds the experience very bad if the kids are disperse, small talkers, or do not care about the objective. so, if there is a teacher coordinating and putting kids together according to their shared interests, it could be fantastic. otherwise, you could demotivate good students if they feel they have to do all the work alone or, worst, in despite of the counter-work from the group.
More enjoyable for the students to work as a team
In work life, you have to work with others to get things done
Team working required for life. Phone & social media keeping children apart.

While no necessary for all subjects I believe its important children learn social skills and develop interpersonal skills to be able to work with people of all backgrounds and beliefs where they learn to have contructive dicsussions and not agree all the time but respect others stances and beliefs and ideas while still being able to challenge/question and put forth their thoughts/ideas and beliefs.
Its always important to have an objective view and hear other people's opinions
It's an important life skill
In life no one ever works alone. Many different view points and people exist in the world and it is important to learn how to work with someone who is different in views and experience than yourself and to be able to understand those differences and work well together.
Because this is how work is in many disciplines / professions we have to work in teams
Relevant to all areas of life
In work life they will need to be able to work collaboratively with others. Learning that early on will only benefit them.
Critical aspect of every day life.
Teamwork is good learning for college and work environment
Team work is vital in the real world, while we need to be able to work independently, Team work is also important as it teaches skills such as listening, communication and fair task allocation
seriously asking this again?
Kids should be able to work in teams and on their own. Working in teams will help the to collaborate ideas
Essential to have some experience of this for science subjects , to mimic a work environment
As previously stated - required for further education and/or employment to be able to work and adapt with othets
Because relationships are important on all levels.
need to learn how to work with others with ALL the issues that may bring
Again, being able to work and co-operate with others is a real-world skill.
More realistic
They will need thee skills as they further their education path, in the work place and even in social settings be it sports , interests etc
Will be useful when they eventually go to a workplace communication is very important
It is important to be able to work in teams and as an individual contributer. This will help prepare them for future working life.
connecting means understanding, it brings more strength and more scope into a problem solving situation
To develop social skills and team building skills as well as patience, boundaries, self worth and a sense of belonging
very few jobs will allow someone not to work with others...
Work in teams throughout life
Depending on their strengths, some are able to work independently
Work place is all about team work, also there is a lot of joy to be had from working with others
Collaboration is required as a basic skill in life and work
It develops their social skills and at an earlier age helps them to work with others and see how this works/doesnt work and how they can make it work. It instils how everyone can be a team player
Only if a student is comfortable working with others. Many students are not, and they shouldn't be forced to.
To creat opportunity for students to interact and learn social skills which they greatly lack due to the dependence on no face to face technology
I think it is good to work in teams for at least some subjects to improve their social skills.

For cooperation and collaboration
brainstorming and the exchange of ideas/information can only benefit, not only the group, but also the individual, and enrich his knowledge.
Because through out our lives we have to work with others in jobs and relationships
It is important to work in teams as that is what life after school is all about. It assists in knowledge share. BUT kids sometimes get teamed up with kids in school who have no interest in doing actual work and who they then carry through a project. The result (mark) is then shared by the team although. An individual can then receive a lower mark than expected and some a higher mark than deserved.
Working with others is a valuable everyday necessary skill, learning to adapt, query and accept others views and ways
Vitally important for all aspects of adult life
To set them up with skills for the workforce.
There is nothing wrong with working solo. One has to be able to think on their own two feet and enjoy their own company and achievements. Teamwork is just as important, in most jobs you will face teamwork, delegating, leading, co managing. It will give a student skills for the workplace and skills for joint project work in college. It will encourage sharing, social interaction, team bonding, joint brain storming and each will learn from each other and guide each other in a joint and shared direction
life skill
It's part of life. Working alone also needs to be included.
Team work is a necessary skill that will be required for their career
We need to work with people in our jobs and it's good to learn the benefits and challenges of this from an early age
this is required in all aspects of life and should be learnt early in life
Learning how to behave in school will directly relate to how a child behaves with others when leaving school... at home, college or work
Teamwork is applicable in all of life especially when working. It helps children to engage with others.
Transferrable skills for work and socialisation
Teamwork is very important. It gives students the opportunity to engage, it's essential for their self esteem and social skillso engage together.
I think it is important that they work in pairs, groups and teams but it may not be necessary in all subjects

Third competency: Working with others **Do you think it is important for your child to work in pairs, groups, and teams in their study of all subjects?**
Why not?
It is important to learn to work independently and as a group
Only if its something the child is comfortable with. Many children do not like working closely with others and this should be respected whether neurodiverse or neurotypical.
Large groups wouldn't suit my child. Some children are stronger and take over
Teams can be complementary I know, but there are always a few students who work harder and obfuscate the development of other introverts or less developed. Social skills can be worked in different ways.
As it often does not work as one child completes all the work
Some children find group work intimidating especially stressful to those with dyslexia

Weaker students will drag the mark of hard working students down or they will end upWorking harder and doing more to compensate for weaker students.
Not all study needs to be group work - learning can happen in both a collaborative and self directed way
Its not always easy to work with others
Not everyone wants to work in a team environment. Our education system constantly treats everyone as if they are not individuals.
Not that important. It's a good skill to have but some people are better on their own.
Group work is important but not in all contexts. Individual effort is also needed.
although i understand working as a team can benefit children when entering the workforce,I believe that each child should be graded on their own merit as another group member couldend up hampering their efforts or 'riding' on their success.
While group work can be useful for some subjects I do not believe that children should be forced to engage in group work where they will be graded. This can work against high performing children who are self motivated
Teamwork is a good thing, but not appropriate for all learners (my autistic son works much better alone)
I am introvert and extrovert and so is my child - I am very worried that Minister for Education Norma Foley will push main focus on group work only and good bye for academic exams, homework practice and for the right to work on your own. High IQ functioning neurodivergent, e.g. dyslexic or dyspraxic or high-functioning / high IQ autistic person might drop out of education all together if you are forced into uncomfortable group work mainly. School bullying is going to increase without right of choice and options to work on your own and do the standard academic exams. Is my child's education destroyed?
One person usually ends up doing most of the work and it's organised chaos
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Group work does not suit every person not every subject. Work with the pupil's strengths and what suits the subject. Doing group work just for the sake of it, is not helpful or productive.
One should not force interaction for all subjects. Talking, collaborating and working together on subjects such as philosophy or Classical studies starts a very interesting dialogue and really benefits children particularly those on the spectrum who would not ordinarily engage or want to engage. But forcing engagement in groups in every subject will lead to comparisons and a loss of confidence for those on the spectrum.
This tends to be poorly planned out - many teachers cannot manage the nuances of group dynamics. We say it mimics the work environment - but it doesn't: in work there is hierarchy, maturity etc
I think it's an easy way out for teachers. EBL or group work can be done via extra curricular activities
Not all subjects require group work
Not all, we are not all cogs in the wheel, pair,group and solo learning apply for different purposes- teachers skills are to apply as needed
Sometimes ppl don't want to speak up in group situations
My child finds it difficult to work with others as she is Autistic.
Children learn at different rates and in different ways. Some are extrovert and thrive when working together, others are introvert and should not be penalised because they prefer to learn differently, not in pairs or groups. We should not force group work, because then we are assessing their social skills rather than their actual grasp of the subject.
Some children study and work better on their own so it should not always be groups, pairs etc. Especially in senior cycle with peer pressure and other peer issues that arise
No my autistic daughter struggles with the pressure of relying on others to participate and get their part of the work done. This weighs heavily on her rather than solo work.

There is a great deal for us to learn to be able to do on our own before we can work effectively and in an in depth way with others while each person is still deploying their strengths
She loves to work on her own
Not in all subjects, question is too vague.
This will discriminate against introverted children / those with ASD / possibly DLD
If this work goes towards overall exam scores I think it is unfair to children who are motivated as they will do all of the work. It may also bring the marks of those children down. Working in groups is fine as long as it does not count towards important exam scores .
it is important to learn to work together in groups but i think that it can be done in other subjects that are not examinable,sometimes the groups allocated may have students of different ranging abilities and not have an interest in topic and other students pull them along and it can be frustrating for interested students
Some students may work better and be more comfortable solo in certain subjects
Some children work better on their own, being forced into pairs or groups is not always the best. Having options is better.
Working in teams may cause undue stress for children with anxiety and additional needs if it involves group projects for exam purposes With the introduction of new format to curriculum eg junior cycle classes art project based excludes children being homeschooled
I dont agree with this statement in relation to all subject, each child has a different method of study/ learning so that may not always work in a group setting. In some subjects I think a group setting for discussion can be beneficial
Aspects of group work can be good on 'elements' of certain subjects - particularly learning team work and collaborating. However balancing teams and groups could be a full time job for teachers to ensure consistency and fairness (have disruptive, uninterested, diligent etc people on team)
Self directed learning individually also important
It's important to learn working in teams however not necessarily for all subjects, some should be on own initiatives and others in teams/groups
Not in all subjects. Teamwork is an important life skill over all.
A waste of time
Not in all subjects, maybe some. It's important for them to be able to work alone as well.
Often extra pressure / time resources
It is difficult to work in groups where the different students may have different levels of interest or engagement in the subject at hand.
i don't think it should be forced. I thing that sometimes working on your own is better and other times being in pairs or part of a team has its benefits
I believe they very much need to be able to work in pairs and groups and teams but they also need to be able to work on their own
It's important to be able to work on your own initiative
Children have different levels of ability. At that age, it is best to learn at one's own pace and not be either pulled along by or have to pull along someone else. Lab work is a possible exception, as long as the partnership is not fixed for too long and rotated frequently.
It really depends on the subject and individual children that working in pairs/groups enables to bring out the best.
I have found my children have been left doing the majority of the work

Fourth competency: Participating in society **Do you think it is important that your child will learn how to contribute to society through**

making informed choices, engaging with social issues, and contributing to sustainable futures in all subjects?
Why is that important?
To be a good member of society
its needed for life
For adulthood
N/a
Because they are a member of society!
For living a fulfilling life interaction with others is important
Information is power
In general its important, but it's something that evolves and not learned.
Being part of societies is important. Knowing that their world is not the only world. Learning of others and their views are important
Relationships, jobs
All past history reflects on current politics, kids must be aware that politics happens in the citizen level
To become a fully rounded person who will be successful in the world outside if education
If we don't work collectively towards a sustainable future then what hope do we have?
Political and life issues they should be award of what is going on and have a voice
The child will feel valued and part of their community when the
Been able to speak up for themselves informatively at this level will stand to them in later years
Sustainability helps the earth. If a person makes informed choices than they will be more likely to make better choices
This is part of critical thinking above - being discerning about information considering other perspectives
Because we are all apart of a system / school/ work/ family/ friends . It is important to know and understand of role in these systems and our actions and behaviours affect those interactions and systems . Butterfly effect
Answer is in the question
To prepare them for life as an adult.
For the future
Child should be able to source information from various arenas and then make decisions based off this.
It supports the understanding of the greater good
We all have to realise the part we play in our future
This is preparing them for future life and also when young people have these opportunities it gives them agency.
Active citizenship and eco awareness is a crucial issue in their future
I think by working in groups it will allow children to put forward their opinions, listen to others opinions, and work together to find common ground.
It's important when it comes to making further education choices, voting etc
If we are serious about equipping our children for society and adult life long education we need to prepare them to be value members of society.
My son loves to read newspapers and website about what is going on in the world. Of they participate in society they will feel their voices are heard
Absolutely agree.. we encourage volunteering . It is crucial for our communities, our mental health . To connect with others
It teaches them to find their own voice and opinion on social topics.
To be a contributing member of society

To help them in life
They are a memeber of society and it is important to have the opportunity to feel like a valued memeber of a community
It’s good for their long term mental health
My child will be able to contribute to the society and be helpful person.
Life skill
The question set feels incredibly misleading here
Because of knowledge acquired
Lifeskill
I don't exactly understand what is meant by this question informed choices, dependant upon who's doing the informing, engaging with social issues, yes if absolute freedom of expression and open free debate are promoted in the search of uncomfortable truths. Which gets to sustainable futures, which opinion is sustainable and for whom is a debatable topic in itself that should be openly debated.
Knowledge is key
Life can be dull without some serious debate on social issues.
Empathy, broader perspective, confidence
to contribute to their society in a meaningful way
Leads them to being a more rounded person.
We all learn to contribute (or not) to society at some point, a structured introduction to this can be a useful competency.
for life
Perhaps one of the most important competency. Student should have basic knowledge on how to get informed and how to check if the information provided is somewhat correct
Building the future
It’s preparing them for life, and going out into the world as independent individuals
For their voice to be heard.. for them to hear others .to make decision/ choices based on facts and experience of others
There is a need to hear all voices and mot necessarily the prevailing megaphones.
How this applies to the sciences and those languages, I don't know, but in general yes I believe it is important to consider societal impact and engagement.
After Covid I think we are all more than aware there's a greater need to develop socially and develop society in a way that is beneficial to all
Because that is engaging with life
It's a fundamental skill to have
Allows them to fully participate, receive constructive criticism and forget their own path
I’ve already covered this
Being able to understand how they can contribute to these can change the shape of today's actions
Their opinions ate valued and myter
It is essential we build accountable and collaborative citizens to move society forward to look after each other and build meaningful and purposeful lives.
Everyone ahould know how to and be given the opportunity to contribute and promote a sustainable future, young people are the adults of the future, and should be kept informed and want yo learn about social issues and society as a whole
To integrate and vote and help improve societal values
Yes it is very important especially with online content and fact checking information.
Generally people today are self consumed by what they do and how it affects them rather than thinking about others. It is also good to know and learn about people who are not as fortunate as yourself

It will give them an awareness of the importance of their own contribution to their own future
Everyone should feel able to contribute to society and their community.
Of our children don't learn how to care for others then it will create a horrible future
In order to become a self-actualised, to become confident and content individuals.
There are an increasing amount of social problems, environmental issues and wars for this generation to battle with
Yes as this is needed more than ever now for the future of our children
Being involved gives control and real options, self esteem is raised
Absolutely in this world future generations will not be choosing to work for cigarette companies but solar panel companies. Our vocations, minds and world must become more sustainable if everyone is to eat, drink and thrive. All 8 billion if us.
Why are you asking is this important. Is this not so obvious.
Children need to learn 'outside of the box', and realize that they are the future, so their opinions and thoughts are important and valid.
Makes them a more rounded person+helps them work in a team in place of employment
Life skill
Beinh an active member of society is healthy for the individual and society
To turn them into well rounded young adults
They are our future
Students are citizens and will need to engage in their community amd contribute in a meaningful way
we could all benefit from more people contributing to society in a more enlightened manner, through better leadership which is sadly lacking accross the world.
We live in organised societies, so knowing how to contribute to these societies is crucial
There is an assumption that people can see through propaganda and nonsense, more people are needed to make thoughtful contributions and help others not to be manipulated.
To have a free choice without a nanny state and government manipulation.
In terms of sustainability children should have what they are hopefully taught at home reinforced at school
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They will be able to contribute their quotas to advancing the society
It is needed for our survival.
All of the above help to form a rounded person, understanding others, empathy, sympathy and being confident and proud of themselves.
give a sense of belong to someting
Life skill
They are entering a world where their decisions around social issues, sustainability will make a huge difference
Working together is very important for society. Being part of a community is important for mental health.
Because they need to good citizens and aware of different issues and how they can contribute to their community
A child should be aware of politics, basics of voting and learn about real life social skills not just wider discussions on sexual identities,race etc
While it's important the current system makes it almost impossible too many vested interests and corruption
Give without receiving to better society
Crucial for the betterment of society

Participating promotes a sense of self worth in working for the common good. Being an independent decision maker who makes informed decisions will enable them to be effective functioning adults
A Lifelong skill that will be used.
Basic skill for life
Society today is setup such that it is increasingly difficult to figure out truth / reality from agendas. It is important to learn how to credibly represent one's views, values and interests, while respecting a wide range of other perspectives..
So we have a well balanced society that contributes to ensure the greater good for all
Most children leave school not understanding the tax system, working, employment law, healthcare, access to help either for social protection or health or education. Different paths should be offered, but practical advice on banking, taxation, healthcare, social care, rights and responsibilities including voting and giving back to the community in a long term and meaning full way. How to fill in forms, register for ROS, apply for CAO or PLC/Apprenticeships, apply for a loan or mortgage, how to handle major life events etc
It will make the world we live in a better place.
Being aware of social issue will help them become more well rounded adults
Because the future of humanity depends on raising the next generation as people who contribute to society in positive ways.
Again preparing students for life after secondary school
I woukd like my chikd to think and make inforned decisions. Not raah silly ones. Young children need guudanve and knowledge
Children need to be encouraged to learn and create empathy for others
Society can be negative
It's important for the future of our society
Develop social conscience and understand social issues
They need to understand how their actions etc impacf on the world around them
We need our teenagers to develop holistically to be functioning members of society.
Volunteering / social awareness / equity
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We need broad engagement of all education levels in society
They will be part of working society in the very near future
It's important for every child to be aware of social issues
It is important that we all view ourselves as part of society and contributing in it to allow personal ownership for the function of our society.
Inclusion / equity
They need to be confident, to stand up for their rights, respect others and their environment.
Again I do not like the choice of wording here "ALL". Much more detail required here, it is far too vaguely worded !!
It will help them in their career and also in dealing with different personalities in a working environment
To engage with society
Life today is full of a lot misinformation and interpretations and to be a critical thinking person is critical to making the best informed choices
Future of our society
As long as all sides of social issues are presented and a view of empowerment not disillusionment is presented
Will help improve life for the community
For sustainable future, and you need to participate if you want your views to make an impact for

These soft skills are key to success in their career, personal life and social life. If we can develop these skill in young age, they will sustainably contribute to the economic and social development of the nation.
A well functioning society depends on effective participation from citizens.
History and current affairs and civics subjects should be encouraged. Social media and phones are eroding their interest in the world and huge impact on their concentration
prepare them for life and apply theory learned to practice
Life skills - so important. If they don't get exposure to this at home, it's important to have it in school and in as many subjects as it makes sense to.
It's a life skill
We live in a connected world
Active citizenship is key for the success of all societies
Improve lives of everyone
This can impact on wellbeing and awareness of the world around us. Understanding past decisions and implications should be used to help form future choices
Focus on real life issues and how to make a difference is important
They are the future adults
Not sure if this should be subject focussed. As an individual subject or culture within the ethos of the school is more important. They are an integral and important part of a system of which they are custodians for future generations. Also it might create purpose and meaning in what and how they contribute v 'entitled individuals who are for the taking
I believe knowledge and good listening skills help Shape who we are and therefore help us to be better people and better members of our communities.
Be part of a community and broader society to be informed on the status quo and issues and how future citizens could be aware and potentially influence them.
Social consciousness
To be able to function in life
more than never, people are being bombarded by unscrupulous people trying to sway public opinion in favor of their views, and usually those views are very detrimental of our democracy and society. kids need to think for themselves, being able to protect themselves from questionable information sources, and to engage in protecting minority rights. also, they need to know what is more important among several subjects. For example, in my view, it is much more important to solve social inequality (LGBT+ included) than to strongly impose pronouns on people who still do not properly understand its importance
Good skills to develop
It will encourage higher awareness of issues in society and get them to engage now and in the future
It needs to be done correctly children's opinions and views not always welcomed by some educators if the educators opinion questioned
not sure how 'informed choices, engaging in social issues & contributing ... etc' relates to the 6 subjects
As a species we need interaction and that includes how we affect others through our decisions that can have large and small impacts to the environment, our community, the wider community and our laws and morals.
I think it will lead to a more resilient and thoughtful person who can go about making greater changes for themselves and others
sense of achievement and reward is greatest when contributing to society. Their sense of value is increased and anxiety is decreased when achievements are not individualistic
Because it ensures that they become rounded adults
Our young people need to feel agency and responsibility for these issues. They affect everyone.

Its so important to teach children the value of society, co-operating with others, consideration for others and not just focus on the individual. I think that this concept should be taught from primary school age.
Also relevant to all areas of life
We all share and live in this society together. It is important that the children are aware about I'd going on and how if effects them and more importantly how to contribute and bring about change.
Very important for moving on with life and social awareness is something that was traditionally ignored. Finance should also be taught in a social / informal way. How to split money with groups, etc..
The future rests on people having these discussions and engaging in new ways of doing things
We need kids to be more involved and informed. Their generation are difficult to engage
children need to learn how to make informed choices and how to contribute to society, like everything else these are life skills that need to be learned, if they can be learned as in context with subjects in school they are likely to remember some of them to take with them throughout their lives
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I think it is important in todays world for kids to learn how to contribute to society and engage with social issues as it will make them more involved
Essential that kids are reflective about what they're learning
As previously stated - these skills allow individuals to have their own opinions and be able to back them u along with negotiating with others with differing opinions
I think it is important that everyone learns that they need to contribute to the society and community in which we all live - both in terms of expressing opinions on what is planned/happening, get active in terms of contribution through actions not just words, and keep everyone accountable.
Because they are the society and they should realise that their opinions matter
starting point for adult life
Our planet and society are in a precarious position. Both will need engaged and socially conscious young people to co-operate and drive sustainable solutions in order to survive.
Common sense
The global society is in need or real life applicable solutions
So they engage with their environment and local communities
I think volunteering should be part of the education process. Learning what is going on their own local communities. Sustainability is fundamentally at local level learning how they can contribute to their community in a positive way
Will make them more aware of the outside whole around them
understanding society and connecting helps to provide a safer space and gives us more opportunities
This is essentially the ultimate goal for my children to be a member of civil society & make sensible choices
for the democracy
It provides a sense of belonging and purpose
No matter what forum, communication is needed for social interactions,
Being comfortable interacting with society leads to better mental health in an individual.
Helps to embed the learning and value of the subjects outside the classroom
This is a big life skill for when they finish school.
Tone a productive member of society
Important for parents to model this by example.

They are the future, future policy/law makers, careers. They will take responsibility of our country and planet from us and need to be ready.
It will help them to become well-rounded, thoughtful adults.
As a citizen
It is important to form a informed opinion and to be able to talk about you're opinion while listening to others opinions too and learning you might not always agree and you must agree too disagree respectfully
Children are very "switched off" at the moment. Their main source of outside information come from tik-tok. They are not aware what is going on in the world. It will be good to make them aware of society, world problems, social issues through their school work.
This will be important for their entire lives in order to better our world.
Working together towards a good & greater community & world in which we all live is a great vision while taking into account others and their views could help us all live together happily
we should all be working towards improving our world for the better for all of us, and if we all have the same ethos then it makes it that bit easier
Kids need to be interested and able to function properly in society in order to work with others & help improve their lives and futurein order to
Social skills
A broad spectrum if subjects helps develop q social conscience
Because it will build on the foundations for life. It's massively important. It's your everyday.
helps develop personal & social skills, supports general relationship building & wellbeing for all including society & environment
Climate change and social barrierd need addressing. I find these questions to be strange at the subject level. This is not where they should be rather overarching cross subject would be more appropriate.
It's the essence of being able to contribute as a citizen on any topic
It's important to educate children on social issues and why they need a social conscience
It depends on how good woke teachers are at keeping their opinions and ideologies to themselves.
future roles of a child requires him/her to step into roles that require society interactions with CORRECTLY informed choices
Kids are now behind screens. My son does LCVP. It has been fundamental in opening his eyes to college and work.. life outside gaming etc
Fundamental skill, helps them give back to society and appreciate their own situation
these are important elements to real life living and I want my children to be healthy participants in a healthy society

Fourth competency: Participating in society **Do you think it is important that your child will learn how to contribute to society through making informed choices, engaging with social issues, and contributing to sustainable futures in all subjects?**
Why not?
I am fed up of the word sustainable. There is no climate crisis that exists beyond models that have been woefully incorrect thus far.
This might be too political in a secondary school and not suit everyone, might be controversial and a reason for bullying
I think too much focus on issues like global warming creates unnecessary anxieties and protesting or walk outs in school should not be encouraged. School should be about education and promoting positive mental health by accomplishing and achieving success in their school work

It seems as if the government and education system want everyone to think the same. Debating has been effectively stopped in our society.
See previous answer. I cannot say this is appropriate for all subjects. It should be balanced to have regard to age and maturity but is likely appropriate to many subjects
Again, this is an unfair pressure on some learners (like my autistic son)
Children need to focus on being Children and enjoy their years - with so much doom and gloom in the world its almost impossible for them not to notice what's going on but it shouldn't be a main focus. Teaching life skills would be more useful
What is important to society is a very subjective thing. Who will decide what is important? The government of the day? Corporations? Others with a loud voice or more money?
I am wary of enforced ideology and groupthink which would be encouraged by this type of approach. Please do not create generations of social activists to the neglect of outstanding creativity and individual excellence and beauty
I don't think it is relevant to all subjects
Over the course of growing up and with our guidance as parents our child will learn how to do this- this is not remotely possible for a teacher or school
That can be taught at home
That's our job as parents not the schools. My children go to school to be educated not brainwashed by what the government and NGOs say.
Yes they need these skills but not across all subjects.
Again this is an important life skill that is adaptable to all subjects but does not need to be taught within every subject - it would make more sense to have a cohesive learning environment where these skills transfer between all subjects.
I believe it is important for them to learn how to contribute to society through making informed choices, engaging with social issues and contributing to sustainable futures but not in all subjects

Fifth competency: Communicating **Do you think it is important for your child to learn how to express ideas and share opinions through conversation and active listening?**
Why is this important?
To be confident
people need to be able to be communicate
Confidence building
Ability to get on with all sorts
It will be necessary when they get a job and when they become parents!!
To get the point across
You have to be able to communicate
Like skill
That's life
Might be necessary for some jobs. And everyone should be able to stick up for themselves and others especially in our society, where the most vulnerable are neglected.
Everyone has the right to be heard
Work, life
Knowledge is useless if you can't express, advocate and convince
To be able to communicate successfully with peers and colleagues on a personal and professional basis

As a teacher I know active listening must be taught. Most people are just waiting for their opportunity to speak. Collaboration requires active development of listening skills
To have a voice
A basic life skill that many lack. Good communications skills lead to success and social inclusion regardless of circumstances
Again talking and listening to other prospective will be a huge bonus to learn going forward
It's great to be heard and if you can express your emotions and thoughts effectively
Most / all jobs require communication siills
Again understanding and listening to others views especially if they are different than yours is very important to broaden your perspective and be resectful of others views and beliefs
Personality traits, enforcing ideas
To prepare them for working life
Because it's an essential skill
Hear the opinions of others and not be shy to share tgeir own opinion.
Communication is also a key future skill
Healthy communication...vital for relationships, employment, hobbies, your own personal development
Education shouldn’t be all about learning and regurgitating information on a page. Many people learn visually or by doing and this way is more inclusive and interesting for all.
Our young people struggle in this area due ti social media
It is important so that they can offer opinions, and listen to others opinions
Everyone could do with improving their communication skills
Teenagers need to communicate effectively.
This will be required for the work force
Everyone has an opinion and ideas which are useful in society and collectively can make vital changes in society
We all have a part to play innthis .. to value our ideas & opinions . And yo listen to others even though we may not agree at times . We all have a voice . To give & receive constructive criticism
To communicate better with others and to find common interests not only physically but also verbally.
Some children are better verbally than written
Being able to speak up, adobo are for themselves or others or simply share their opinions is an important skill
Good for all aspects of their lives long term, relationships, mental health, work and pleasure
It makes for my child to participate in conversations confidently.
Needed for life
Essential life skill
Because open free debate is the most effective way of arriving at the conclusion closest to the truth, throughout history societies that silence opposition and debate don't achieve progress, they have always devolved into authoritarian dictatorship situations where everyone lies about everything all the time and people die. Children should be taught to calmly debate on either side of any debate, the more controversial the better, teach them to argue in opposition to things they believe
It’s a n important life skill
Everyone has a voice , which is valuable to the individual to be able to express themselves openly
For society as a whole, it is fundamental that opinions are expressed compassionately and with care and attention.
Confidence, competence in global setting

You're dealing with teenagers who do not want to stand out from the crowd. How to encourage free thinking and free speech is what they need to learn. Philosophy is a subject they should be learning. Theology is another.
to enable them to use their voice and also be able to hear and be heard
It helps them to challenge ideas and theories and not just accept things as they are.
The ability to express ideas and share opinion is a useful competency
I don't think it's important. Some people are poor communicator and excellent at their work. Actually the best communication is -often- trying to hide is poor skill-sets with lot of blathers
Communication is important in every walk of life
Helps them as future adults
Learn from one another . Build confidence. Learn to embrace and evaluate
Being part of a team is important for community development.
This is needed in every aspect of life, it's a core skill and far too many young people fear talking, asking questions, and presenting, as they're so comfortable behind a screen!
Within companies it is expected for employees to be able to present to colleagues and piers. It's essential that our children develop more presentation skills from an early age.
Use after education
Building blocks of key socio traits
To get their point across confidentiality. Improve social skills and build confidence
Brain development, social development and harnesses effective communication skills
Gift of listening is crucial
Every person little contributions makes a huge difference and what is best than listening what they need to say
They need to developer these skills to contribute and they have great opinions
We learn from each other and depend on each other. The more respectful and efficient communication is, the better for all
It is important for everyone to have their say on issues that affect them. That is not always the case today
To discuss analyse and participate with others
Listening skills are very important to the functioning of a more tolerant society
Learning through engagement will be more effective than rote Learning from a book.
Children being allowed to express their opinions and ideas lead to them being self aware,capable to challenge the normal if they see ways in which things can be done more efficiently
workplace
Effective communication is vital in all aspects of life
So important to develop good communication skills particularly active listening
If they can't convey their ideas then they won't succeed
Active listening is hugely important in order to learn and develop, being effectively able to communicate in a variety of modes is essential to be heard, to feel valued.
Students cannot learn and apply knowledge without these skills
It’s important as you are always learn something new from other people.
Sharing information and collaboration enhances all life skills
The way in which we communicate is changing. No longer just the Essay or the Editorial but the podcast too. We must equip our children to meet this change with ease.
Again screen time is draining this skill set.
Children today spend too much time typing/texting and have forgotten how to communicate.
Again makes them more able to work as a member of a team
We all need good communication skills
Another key life skill
Essential life skill

Ideas and creativity are so important, and it is essential to be able to communicate your ideas
For confidence
Advocacy
Clear communication is key and we all need more education in this area
How could it not be beneficial for a child to learn how to express ideas and share opinions through conversation and active listening - once it is done respectfully.
The single skill that all employers are looking for - AI is replacing humans in many areas, communication cannot be replaced
See above. Also, to listen us to learn, even to discover what / why people are of certain opinions
No compulsory group work please.
They communicate in social settings and do.not require spurious communication methodologies in class
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They will be equipped with a very important life skill necessary for all areas of life and relationships
Essential to be an effective communicator to be able to build and maintain relationships.
A good line of communication is key to development
Communication is the key to interpersonal relationships and any communication. This is also key to engaging in deep discussions and debates to have intellectual stimulating exchanges.
need to use it everyday all the time
Because listening to others' viewpoints and ideas enables one to make up one's own mind, and cultivates an attitude of tolerance.
Important for workplace
Life skills
2 very important skills to have in later life.
Communicating is how we work best together within society. Intrapersonal skills are also extremely important for our mental health.
Because that is a life skill both in work life and personal life
Learning to communicate effectively is of utmost importance in all aspects of life.
These are key skills in everyday life and should be taught and practised well along with NLP and emotional intelligence!
Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak.
Life long skill that will be useful in every aspect of life
Communication will be central to all learning and listening an even more difficult skill to master, worth valuing both
The manner in which an idea, concept, proposal or plan is conveyed is every bit as vital as the message which is conveyed. Communication & the styles of communication used are key to success.
Essential to be able to communicate in all aspects of life.
Will need this to participate in all aspects of life
Communication is the most human need. Lack of, or low level or low quality communication leads to deterioration of the fabric of society, communities, relationships an all level. Today we can see more and more clearly, how dangerous it can be when communication breaks down on a wide scale.
To build confidence, self esteem and expressive language.
So they are engaged and through this will gain greater understanding of topics
We have 2 ears and 1 mouth. We should be listening more than we are talking. Sometimes the people with the least knowledge are the most confident to speak, and their views can influence

others in a negative way. Giving the person with something worthwhile to share a voice will have a long term positive impact.
My child finds it difficult to express herself due to being autistic. This will help her in the future.
Invaluable in life
Because these are essential life skills
Promote confidence in being able to share opinions and listen and respect others' points of view
We don't know everything so by having the ability to lusten to others and take information on board is needed.
This will encourage them to learn listening skills and to understand others view point
To build confidence and resilience
It is so important to learn how form an opinion and to articulate it and be heard
Need to learn how to listen to other's opinions and develop their own voice
Helps them to gain confidence
Yes, where possible unfortunately in my daughter's learning she hasn't felt comfortable to express herself freely.
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Information sharing is essential
Opinions need to be voiced
To improve their confidence for when they're adults
They are already learning this through family life
This is crucial for personal development and gaining confidence through participation
Life skill
Autonomy
Effective Communication is a lot f skill
Highly important however they are reluctant to speak in front of peers unless extremely confident
Students need ti engage with the curriculum content, to make decisions, learn about themselves and challenge their opinions, express their beliefs in a confident respectful way.
Essential for all areas of life but again school need to not force it. Different people, neurodiverse teenagers especially will struggle here so it needs to be a very involved /participated in style of approach.
Help in college and career
They should be able to express their opinion and speak up for themselves.
Communication is the road to success in all aspects of life
All opinions should be respected and open for discussion and allowed to be explored and above all this shows respect for other people’s opinions and values
It's the foundation of most societies!
Effective communication allows the benefits of other areas of learning to be presented
Again, an important life skill
It's anessential life tool
I do not think verbal communication should be examined, it would be very difficult to fairly assess should an element of the exam.
Communication is essential in all the aspects of the life. It will lower the possibility of engaging in conflicts in their life.
Communication is important in all aspects of life and work.
These are vital life time skills that should be a priority in school in order to prepare students for their careers.
to be able to communicate in the world of work and life and able to mix with people - not just responsibility of school - this is learned through extra curricular activities as well

Life skills - should be encouraged to express ideas no matter what their opinions may be - it would teach and encourage them to be open minded.
They need to learn when to voice and when to listen
It's an essential skill
Being able to articulate yourself well and know how to get your ideas across clearly to others is extremely important
Key skill
This is not easy and is best learned at a young age
Some children need to be better developed in this area, others have it naturally and this is an advantage
Everyone needs this skill.
It’s what distinguishes us as humans
Listening to others opinions helps broaden our minds. Also having the confidence to voice our opinions helps us feel part of a community and helps us feel our self worth.
Communication is a life skill that everyone needs to develop
To be more efficient and well
one of the issues of our world is that people don't listen to others' opinion unless it is to agree with them. Also, communicating clearly makes a huge difference to solve issues, in personal, professional, and social scenarios.
Good learning for them
This is a key skill in life
to be able to communicate is a life skill
We want all to have a voice so that we aren't ruled by those that speak loudest as we can miss out on vital and valuable contributions of those often too timid or shy to express themselves
This is of the utmost importance imo, these are skills that can only be beneficial for my child in that they know they can express an opinion and also listen to others and learn from them,
For their self esteem and self worth
Another life skill that is very important to mature to a happy well balanced individual.
I think that this gives children confidence to engage and to contribute in all subjects.
As per Q.10 and Q.13
Again effective communication is a life skill the earlier it can be thought and included in there day to day the better.
This is extremely important, but teachers must role model this behaviour aswell.
Absolutely as this is a life skill that should be applied to our daily lives. I also feel this will enable students who may struggle to express themselves on paper to have a voice
Effective in all areas
active listening is one of the most important like skills any of us can learn, in an age of high technology use, active listening skills have been lost, tone of voice and how any subject is discussed can dictate how information is interpreted and also how information is used
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I think kids nowadays are more open to conversations and expressing their ideas, but they need to learn to listen
So that they are used to doing this when they enter the world and in the workplace
As previously stated - these skills allow individuals to have their own opinions and be able to back them u along with negotiating with others with differing opinions
clear communication to all levels of their community, school friends and teachers, family & adults friends will in the future then develop into communication to a broader sphere of people - in the workplace etc.
This teaches them how to make their views heard
starting point for adult life

The best idea in the world is of no use to anyone if it can't be communicated effectively!
Expressed opinions
Voicing the en ideas and collaboration
So they can have their own input
They will learn other peoples views and learn to agree or disagree through debate
Presenting ideas to a class will give confidence and they will get use to public speaking
it contributes to our connection with each other and an understanding. for a more peaceful world and more peaceful problemsolving
Yet another important life skill. Which takes time & practice to develop. This doesn't come naturally to all children. I see it in my children's friends who struggle to make eye contact, engage in conversations and are socially awkward. I think developing this skill at an early age is essential.
impoertant to clearly express yourself, unless chat GTP takes over... then computer skills will replace the comunicztion
It develops confidence and self esteem
E BFF retinue has an Opinion, debating opinions made leas to changing their opinions
To be a well rounded person one has to know how to get their ideas across.
Again communication is a basic life skill and mandatory in age of AI
This is a hugely important life skill - communication skills and being able to express opinions and respect others opinions.
Listening is as important as the conversation and know when to listen is a very good skill to form. To be a silent leader is a great skill to form at an early age.
To communicate effectively
To allow then to share information and ideas and to listen to others ideas as well as understand the needs and supports they and other need.
Life skill
Being able to express ideas and share opinions through conversation and active listening opens a two-way channel of communication than benefits both sender and receiver.
Again it's a life skill and you learn to give your opinion and respect other people's opinions and speak about respectfully
I think it goes without saying - that is life, sharing ideas and opinions. They should also learn that their opinions aren't always well received and they should respect other's opinions.
This is an important skill for their whole life.
Although many seem very confident in sharing their opinions I would possibly think that perhaps we need to communicate it better and not to hurt others with different opinions. It is valuable to know when to listen & when to speak
many ideas and possible problem solving methods have no doubt been missed over the years by the fact that the person was not able to share their thoughts and skills with others
being able to communicate is crucial in all aspects of life both personal and in a professional environment. It is vital to be able to listen and speak, converse with self belief and confidence
To participate and contribute actively in a work environment
Because nowadays kids are losing key communication skills, a vital aspect for adulthood
Builds confidence
Tobe a better member of society
100% important for confidence, but also for helping others. Again a life long skill.
helps develop inter-personal & social skills, supports general relationship building & wellbeing, aids efficacy in personal & professional relationships
In order to tease out nuance and clarify misunderstanding. Again hard to see that this is at subject level should rather we over arching educational value.
Good communication skills are vital for any aspect of life

Again these are vital skills for use in all aspects of life
Again, as long as there is no "woke" aspect to it, or other nonsense, that is fine. The devil is in the detail!
nothing can be achieved without active listening and comprehension to express his/her own ideas/opinions and to contribute to society
A lot of children with underlying learning difficulties such as dyslexia find this hard. It could only benefit them if encouraged through school.
conversing ideas and active listening makes the communication effective which is important for the child to grow as individual.
They require these skills when they go into the work place and also in college
Functional working skill
It is what makes us human and how we can possibly co-exist with peaceful resolution to conflict

Fifth competency: Communicating **Do you think it is important for your child to learn how to express ideas and share opinions through conversation and active listening?**
Why not?
Neurodiverse children may not be able to do this

Sixth competency: Cultivating wellbeing **Do you think it is important for your child to reflect on topics in all subjects by connecting them to their own lives and their everyday life choices?**
Why is that important?
for the individual and the society
Applicability
It makes the subject real and relevant
To make better choices for future projects
This makes it more possible to open and realistic and easier to learn
Promotes engagement
Choice is so important.
Life skill
It's just too important to rely that parents will handle it with the correct approach and depth
To see the importance of these subjects in every day life
The mental health of those of us dragged through archaic education institutions where mental health and well-being wasn't a priority is in the toilet. This generation deserve better
Of course we all connect more we we can emphasise and compare
So they can see and realise its relevance to their lives
To use your own experiences makes learning easier
If a subject can be related to what their lives then it makes it more relatable and therefore more understandable
Wellbeing content gets watered down becomes cliched and the teens consider it a joke a lot of the time
Context , learning about well being and all the other topics are easy to comprehend when they are Relative to your own experience
Answer in question

To make what they are learning more relevant as they will be able to refer to the example in their everyday life.
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Because schooling is only one part of their life and they should be able to relate to the real world outside of a conformed lesson
Yes .... It's important that subjects are not removed from everyday life, that we can see their value in how we progress to our futures
Without well being it doesn't matter how much you know because you won't be able to perform to the best of your ability.
Minding our well-being and mebtal health is a life long commitment
If it relates to their every day life they are more likely to stay studying that subject
Mental health is a major concern for parents and their children. We need to meanfuling teach our children to be resilient and prepared for life.
Everyone needs life skills and if they cannot associate what they elarn with their lives there is little point in covering areas which will not matter in the future
Connection is the key to understanding. Making it real for our children
If they see it as relevant they get more out of it
This is important so they are able to develop their sense of self and how they fit in the world as their own individual
Yes it makes the learning more meaningful and more likely to be retained.
Important fact of everyday life
If a child is not happy in their environment they will find it difficult to contribute to class time. So if they are comfortable in their own environment it will make this easier
It enables them to feel at one with others, that their feelings are as important as the next person.
Seeing how something works practically is important.
To ensure they are as happy as they can be
Because everything is connected.
Reflecting on life and choices is a life skill
Society would be better is we were all feeling our best.
If it makes sense on a basic personal level it will be more relevant to the childs learning
Gives them the tools to get through real life situations
Learning and understanding
Showing relevance to the current world.
Preferably notin an academic way, but in a pragmatic way that can be applied in real life.
More resources and increase in tutors is required to promote wellbeing ealier on in their learning experience
Understanding of how the subjects apply to them
Connecting back to themselves and where they fit in with the world, feeling part of it all and understanding their uniqueness
It makes subjects more memorable when personal stories can be attached to them and remembered
It allows the child to make that personal connection with the subject and how they can utilise that new skill in the future
I've covered this
They need to understand that they need to value themselves and others .
Ot sure
Yes, the ability to relate any subject to real life and understand our relationship to it on a practical level makes good sense
Learning is reflected constantly in life and making the lessons leant personal can assist people in understand them more.

To have calm time and good mental health
It reinforces the learning when it is connected to every day life.
Recognising cause and effect in their own choices & actions is important
To bring subjects to life.
If they can link a subject back to their own lives it makes it more interesting
We learn through reflection, what went right, what went wrong, my role and what would I do differently are key questions that adults should ask in order to continue to develop as people.
I can’t see the link as clearly with this one
I think this is important as then they are putting them into practice in real life challenges.
Fosters links to real life
Yes because everything is interconnected and when we identify this, it helps us solve problems faster, in unison and cheaper.
It makes it relevant and easy to learn.
Because it will make the subject relevant/come alive for them.
Makes them realise the connection between subjects+everyday
Life skill
Your health is your wealth
I don't know
Be their own person
It makes subjects relevant and real and therefore more memorable
It makes every concept more relatable and relevant
Assumption parents do this. Not all do either neglect, lack of time, don't feel.it is their role. But need fine balance not to focus on issues too much
Learn by doing and sitting next to Nellie are a means by which we can all learn
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This is extremely important as this affects all others areas of their lives.
So they have deeper understanding, connections in concepts and schema.
I don't know
If the subject matter is relevant and obviously useful and of interest to the student then they are much more likely to become passionate about it. Having information that is not interesting, boring in fact, irrelevant and not useful for personal growth or self development regurgitated just because it has always been done results in students switching off and losing interest in the subject.
make them relevant
Makes subjects more relevant
Meaningful learning
It's always important to connect current learning to our own lives and everyday choices.
Empathy is when we can understand what is going on within ourselves and it is also going on with and others. Will work better together in community when we can be sensitive to her own needs and those of others. For me to respect our own needs and those of others.
Because the world is so diverse that is good for them to see how many things are connected even they might not seem to be at first.
I believe learning resilience, meditation etc is good. But I don't think it's the schools place to teach my child about sexual identities
Tangible learning instead of it all being aloof
That's how they can relate & make the subject relevant
Important to keep them well and thriving
If a subject can relate to an area of interest in a persons life it will make the learner will have greater attachment to the subject. A healthy interest in all parts of life & in the wellbeing of other people is key to a persons own wellbeing

It is Important to be able to create a good balance between learning and personal time. Work/ life.
Important to link subjects to real life
History and the direction of very unbalanced human advancement brought as to a place, where stress, technology, negative behaviours can easily overwhelm a person. Managing the storm of negative influences requires awareness and ways to lift our head above the waves and care for ourselves properly.
If not, what the purpose of learning about it
It will help her learn as it will be more relevant
Well-being before anything else
This makes the subject relevant and embeds learning in the real world.
Links subjects to everyday life and meaning
Buikding relatiinshios, understanding someone elses point of view. While being able to communicate yours is unique
It relates to how they transfer and adapt their learnings to every day life
They may not have perspective and reasoning
Subjects need to be relatable to everyday situations to make concepts easier to understand
Important for them to see the bigger picture
The curriculum should be relevant in connection to today's society. As a parent of an ASD child skills and knowledge should be transferable. Reflection is a key part of learning.It helps the learner to improve and build on their learning
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wellbeing is important
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If they can somehow connect a subject to their lives then all the better for learning
I think it is very benificial to apply subjects to the lived experiece and in so doing reveal the relevance of the subject.
Life skills
It will make them easier to understand
Student need to feel connected to their subjects, the subject serves a purpose, it's useful. Sometimes students say.. I'll never use this again.. what's the point? Why do I. Need to learn about…
Help them learn & retain when it's relateable
Help them to be an all round person who participates in society
Maintain good mental health
Making it real life and not learning for the sake of learning will always have a better outcome
Sometimes things only realise their importance later in life
Strange question
Very important to reflect on choices they make or are about to make
I think it's important to help their understanding of whatever subject they choose
It's part of understanding a subject
That's the place where they are going to apply knowledge. It will help them to develop a strong character. We need strong citizens in all aspects for the betterment of the entire world.
Learning is most effective when connected to real life.
It is an important life skill.
I don't know - might not make sense in all subjects ?
To apply what they've learned to home life, keeps their brain thinking and reminds them what they learned that day
Schools can not become places that only focus on exam results
It is empowering for them

Easier to engage with topics if connections made
Linking dry facts and learning with everyday examples improves interest levels
It makes it more real
Promoting mental as well as physical aspects of health - a holistic approach in terms of diet, exercise, addictions etc
I think experience is one of the greatest learning tools we have. We can learn something from both good and bad experience and sharing this might help others.
Providing students with non bias, high quality information in a safe environment may be the only place difficult topics are discussed.
happiness and likelihood of achieving potential
one of the most motivating things for anyone is to be able to apply what they have learned in their lives, or at least relate it with their daily experience.
To be able to express their feelings
Important for people to recognise their own needs
I think more choices in topics rather than pidgeonholing to topics assumed to interest the age group
makes a topic relevant & more interesting
Even in small details we can apply learning from a variety subjects to everyday life, the wider our persecptive and knowledge the more understanding and empathy we can have and make wiser better decisions
I do to a certain extent but wouldn't want to them to be over thinking about everything
as for above
Because it becomes relevant
For children to understand they have agency in their own wellbeing, decisions and attitudes. The choices they make have consequences.
I think this will be more applicable to some subjects than others but there would be certain aspects of all topics which could have relevance to childrens everyday lifes. Again certain topics will have more relevance to certain kids.
See above
It is so important in the world we live in today. That we openly speak about our mental health and minding our well being. I think this so important and should be thought throughout all levels of school.
Yes, well being, adaptability and resilience should be an integral component of all learning.
Reflection is very important and so many of the choices made in for example the world of science have an impact on day to day life
it is very important for everyone to be able to reflect on any information we receive, sometimes it is during reflection period that we gain more understanding of information received
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I think it is important to put your knowledge in to practice in our everyday life
To make a well rounded person
Giving real life comparisons makes it easier for them to grasp and retain the information
starting point for adult life
Learnings tend to stick when you can see how they apply in real life.
It makes sense to connect with everyone
Personal well-being is more valuable than a degree
To give a real world context
Yes I find my children compartmentalise their subjects. They don’t seethe connection between language, maths, science, history or geography.
Makes things more revalent to them
to keep in balance and mind ourselves in order to be of more benefit to ourselves and others

Well yes because when a topic is relatable its far easier to learn. And taking time to truly reflect upon learning creates a far richer learning experience.
37% of Irish population is overweight, 15 % suffers from insomia and 12% suffers from deppresion.. thats why.. Ireland has the highest rate of mental health ilnesses and overweight rates in Europe..
It makes the subjects more relevant and relatable.
Learn better
What we teach our children in early life is what will stay with them forever. It is setting the foundation for anything that follows after that.
It's important to a point
Cause and effect. They need to take responsibility for theirs and others actions. Developing a good moral code for themselves and society of which they are a part.
Improves learning and understanding
Partiality
Not sure how ALL subjects can connect to everyday life choices. There should be a blance between "life choices" and what they learn at school.
This makes them realize how they can use their knowledge/learning in their futures.
It is easier to learn & remember by association. At least that is my view
it shows the benefits of learning the subjects and the real impact that the skills have on life
To be mentally and physically healthy a person needs to learn how to keep a balanced mind and body
To help the learning process, when what you learn can be applied to your own life
Applied learning helps kids to understand concepts and ideas more easily and help them understand why they must learn certain content
To make the school experience more rounded
Yes because it makes it all better the more real and relatable.
helps develop inter-personal & social skills, supports general relationship building & wellbeing, aids efficacy in personal & professional relationships
Again, these are not subject values but rather over arching educational values.
It brings the relevancy of each subject to a more meaningful form
This helps them relate to the subject
very subjective. Can't say
Reduced stress. Treaches children how to take control of their own lives. Very important
when all subjects, I dont mean Arabic, Ancient Greek and Latin, But connecting Biology, Physics and Chemistry in their everyday life choices makes them to take more informed decisions and also develop their interest in these subjects.
Makes the subject relevant
To achieve more than rote learning

Sixth competency: Cultivating wellbeing **Do you think it is important for your child to reflect on topics in all subjects by connecting them to their own lives and their everyday life choices?**
Why not?
Wellbeing being bandied about as if it's the silver bullet. It's not. And forcing it on schools, to the detriment of other subjects is a ridiculous notion. Everyone is sick of listening to wellbeing. All lip service.
Because we must learn about things that have no connection to our own lives, learning about other people around the world whose language and culture may be completely incompatible with your own, learning about terrible things in history just so that you know what they are, I

suppose so that you don't make the same mistakes. Although it seems inevitable that the same ignorance will happen again and again.
Not too much, kids are sometimes too self absorbed with themselves and what they see in social media it can affect them negatively
Not all topics are directly applicable to children with limited life experience. That does not mean they do not benefit from them
This is not always possible, depending on the subject
This should be personal choice, yoga and medication don't work for everybody.
This could lead to indoctrination.
Once again the enforcing of relevance to the self and choices- I'm sorry but this encourages egocentrism and a consumer mentality. Classics are worth appreciating as something of beauty, instructive and brilliant. Not everything is a Choice for Me. Balance between individual and wider group and history has to be part of a rounded education
Sometimes what you learn and enjoy learning has no relevance to your every day life. Seeking meaning where there is none can be unhealthy. Compartmentalising some learning as 'I need this for the exam' can be therapeutic. Akin to escapism: no relevance to daily life
It would be relevant to all subjects at all, especially as most of their own life choices will have no relevance to the subject they may be studying
It's a sufficient challenge to learn amy kind of basic grounding and first principles in any of these subjects - achieve something like this across the short years of secondary school and that alone will be an excellent achievement
Yes I believe they should be respectful and open to other's opinions but more importantly be aware of their immediate choices on matters that effect them everyday
I don't see the link between well-being and reflecting on subject taught in school
Because some subjects do g apply to their everyday lives
Not all subjects will obviously have a clear line between the student's lives and what they are learning; maybe later in life they may reflect that there are some parallels but not when a student.
Some subjects are just subjects to pack out a leaving cert result. Again, "life choices" is something best left to the parents.

Seventh competency: Managing learning and self: **Do you think it is important that your child will learn how to manage their learning through setting personal goals that are based on understanding themselves and others?**
Why is that important?
Self management is an important skill
Self motivation
Self motivation is essential
Unless you understand your own self better you cannot serve your community properly
Easier to find motivation when you have a goal
Having a goal is important and to achieve it is also important
It's part of wellbeing, isn't it?
So they can set personal goals for themselves rather than always competing with others
Otherwise effort will seem pointless
Knowing when to ask for help reflecting on were they went wrong
To live a fulfilling life and learn to cope with the ups and downs of life
Knowing your own limitations in a subject is vital You are not going to be good at everything

It helps them work at their own pace which could help decrease stress levels
Self motivation is important to future success
Choice theory - when an individual chooses a goal or learning path for themselves they are more committed and engaged
Part of life, nit to compare yourself to others
To prepare them for 3rd level education when no one is chasing you checking if homework is done
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Allow each child to persue their own goal and not have to conform to expectations of govetnment and society. Allow them to thrive in their areas of innate strength.
At this age they are only starting to manage this so I would have concerns about the weighting of the skill in assessment
Personal development, self esteem etc
This is part of well being in my opinion. Learning independence and learning for the want of learning not because they have to!
Self directed learning And motivation is important in working life and university
It's more likely they will set achievable goals
Being independent is a very important life skill.
Need to be able to manage there own activities and outcomes
Personal goals are crucial to have something to aim for when they are studying and knowing what direction to take
Making it realistic.. small steps lead to more steps
As everyone learns differently
This is a skill that can be applied to every aspect of their lives and should be taught at every opportunity
They will need this skill going forward for all further education and self development in their lives. Nb for their mental health also as not being able to do this can lead to a lot of guilt and anxiety and anger and frustration for young people and yet they can't keep relying on teachers and parents for it
My child will learn time management, become self conscious.
Essential.life skills
A life skill - set goals - achieve them or if not, learn from mistakes and evaluate what could be done differently
It is critical to manage time , set goals etc. This will then lead on to them being more efficient
I think setting personal goals can very much depend on the student, I don't know about this one.
Take care of self, lacking more and. Pre
Again, schools do not treat students as individuals.
To encourage autonomy over their education and throughout life
Teaches them to push themselves and challenge themselves. Rewarding and character building.
Learning to set goals taking into account their ability and others abilities is a useful life skill
Important to be independent and able to manage all aspects of day to day workings
Helps them get through exams, and help them with life after they leave school
Engagement with people . Learn understand grow developing
Facilitating confidence building and nurturing positive self esteem.
A bit ambivalent about this as I saw how repetitive it was for my daughter to do the learning logs and reflections in Junior Cycle. She didn't enjoy it at all thus it was counterproductive.
A 1 hour visit from a random visitor to help children acquire all important study skills is not sufficient, more should be done, much more
Use in the workplace and life skills
Especially important for those with dyslexia or dyspraxia.

To allow them to structure a personalised plan of realistic achievable goals within their own ability
Everyone learning capacity is different and everyone knows themselves what is best way for them to learn.give them the freedom to share their thoughts and be flexible with the kids and abilities
Goals are so helpful in life amd we all need a goal to work towards
This is essential for everyone in any subject that is relevant
when i understand my own needs I can pick up on what goalsi need to work towards to get what i want
To have good organisational and executive functioning skills
Setting goals and managing achievements are an important coping mechanism and I think help avoid children feeling overwhelmed
Yes setting their own personal goals will keep them on track of there learning
Going in to University you get the biggest shock to learn that noone is going to walking after you to see if you turn up to class,or if you do your homework. Coming from a very strict learning process to perhaps a more self driven one is really daunting and would benefit being taught earlier
Self awareness is a vital life skill
Goal setting is key to success
To become self-directed, the skills of starting projects and work are required for life and work. When someone takes personal responsibility for their learning they become more invested.
I believe this is important as this helps with them learning something new about them or others and puts their learning into practice.
Settong own target under guidance gives ownership
Because it's more focused and effective. Rote learning assists no one.
Important life skill.
Realize their self worth and potential and accept that they can strive to high goals.
They are more likely to reach goals set by themselves
Self sufficient
This is vital for advanced learning
Lifelong learning
I dont know
To increase learning capabilities
Every student is different so growing up with an open respect for all abilities is good for the future of society
Is is a life skill
Life lesson
Goals are good stepping stones at your own space and motivation.
Too much wellbeing in schools now and my children abhor it. It is ok to be ok. Wellbeing begins with the premise that there is something wrong with us and is a cop.out
Too much wellbeing in schools now and my children abhor it. It is ok to be ok. Wellbeing begins with the premise that there is something wrong with us and is a cop.out
It helps develop a whole child with well-rounded skills
Until you understand yourself, your interests and find subject matter that speaks to you, you are lost and cannot see a future for yourself. This is critical to setting and achieving goals.
everybody need to learn to manage their workload and their live so they can achieve a healthy work/live balance
This is a crucial life skill. Awareness of self and learning capacity and styles should help to reach further in various subjects.
Important for university

Skill for life
Goal setting and self awareness are important skills for improved mental health
Society benefits when all individuals within the society understand what they can bring to the table. How to communiSociety benefits when all individuals within the society understand what they can bring to the table; work well together; share ideas.
Because that is a skill they will have for life
Children should have their learning style assessed after junior cert so they learn more about how they work best not just goal setting. There should also be proper career guidance assessments done and proper coaching given equally to all
The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.
Helps to make them into life long learners
This is a useful lifeskill, but I do think appreciation of a subject with no goal or target, just appreciation, is worthwhile and should be valued in education
Without a goal in mind & structure, timeline put in place it makes an achievement less likely. Knowing & understanding their own capabilities prevents overreaching when setting learning & personal goals
Great tool to keep focused throughout life.
Independent learning and understanding one's and others learning styles important to progression in life
This is part of growing up. One cannot hope to become a flourishing, productive human being without navigating him/herself and his/her proress in the world.
Personal goals are extremely important in order to feel a sense of achievement.
They should be empowered to want to learn for themselves
Smart goals allow students to set the pace they are comfortable with. They still need guidance on content and pacing themselves to cover the course content
This is a life long skill.
Help the to be independent and self motivated adults
This is a skill they will need in the workplace and in life in general.
Development of individual for life after secondary school
It us vital that a child can take all perspectives into place and be capable of knowing theirs
Yes as this will aid them in their adult life giving them the ability to tackle anything presented to them
Self control and empowerment
Gives them a sense of achievement when they reach their goals
Will help them be prepared for adult life & making decisions
This skill will be a skill that they take into the future,from school,to college and the work place. They will recognise skills that their peers have& different skills that they pocess that they can learn from one another.they have
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Learners need to be self motivated
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Self awareness is an important skill to learn
It should already be part of the most aspects of any subject - its hardly new
This approach enable personal investment and value in gaining knowledge
They are not taught how to prepare for goal setting etc
It gives them a sense of ownership. Helps to promote agency.
More detail would be helpful in these questions, otherwise these are very vague questions
This will help them to be independent
Question again is too vague. It’s difficult to answer as it’s too open!
To develop fully as a person

Everyone has their own bar to set and achieving what is believable and attainable to their level is important
Skills for the lifespan.
H lp in discerning interest
Important to have goals to work towards. Keeps a persons focus
It will make them independent of their learning and prepare them for college
Setting up goals will help them to draw their own path for the future.
Managing learning by oneself is essential for life-long learning.
It is important so students have the skills to manage their work and progress
to be organised and less stress
Not every child learns things in the same way. With a dyslexic daughter she learns things differently to others, studied differently and it should be encouraged that not everyone learns at the same pace. If each child understands what is effective for them, from understanding themselves it has to help them and their own personal goals.
They may set the goals too high and be so disappointed and give up
Most are adults leaving senior cycle, they need to be able to function as adults
Self motivation is a skill that we all need to succeed
Study skills, workload
It is important to understand the purpose of learning and what you should know at the end of a given period so that you can take accountability for this
Setting and achieving goals encourages active participation
Control and participation in their own destiny is motivational towards learning
Everyone should have goals in life, as a team player, and as an individual. If you don't have personal goals how can you contribute to society.
The child should harness the right skills for time management, commitment and accomplishment.
At this stage students may need to have goals set for them.
To organise time and prepare well. To not become stressed before exams
in my country, kids are not encouraged to developed themselves by themselves, they are just told to memorize facts and answer them in an exam. By personalizing their studies, kids will learn to take their own decisions, delve into subjects guided by their own interests or needs. this is also prepare them better for their professional and adult lives.
Help them to keep up to date with their learning
Thus is important…but students need strong guidance in how to kearn
good to set goals for themselves to achieve
They can't rely on others all the time like teachers and parents so children while needed guidance and some assistance need to develop these skills to take responsibility and build their self worth/esteem and character
Settings goals is a great way to keep yourself motivated and interested in learning and becoming a better person. It also leads to making better choices for yourself and others
It's will help in the work environment
When they go into the world this will be a skill they use every day.
I think its important a child gains the skills to self learn and to know where and how to learn / study without relying entirely on teacher/teacher notes. I think this is very important before progressing to third level.
See above
Because they need to make decisions about your life path and career- this is easier to do when you are more self aware about what drives and energizes you, and where your strengths and weaknesses are.

Yes as no one else can teach them how to learn, it is down to each person to recognise how they learn best
No sure how this would work. They need direction.
We all have our own ways of learning, sometimes it is when we are are older we realise how this best suits us, exploring this subject when you are younger allows children to be better able to manage themselves, their time and also consideration for others
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I think it is important to set your personal goals and know how to manage your studying process
To be self aware and self driven around different learning styles
As previously stated - these skills allow individuals to have their own opinions and be able to back them u along with negotiating with others with differing opinions
Learning to strucutre their study time and set realistic goals for their abilities
If they meet goals and deadlines it will motivated them to do more and achieve great things
starting point for adult life
Leveraging strengths and also understanding where there is a need to improve oneself are key in managing work and personal challenges and knowing when & where to seek and/or offer support.
Important life skill
Because they won't always have help
Goal setting and deadlines are important but need time management.
Good to express ideas and listen to others giving theirs
its ok to be different and to have different perspective, it helps with problem solving in unusual situations
For a child to understand their own learning style & develop their own sense of self they need to be self aware and also supported in their learning and particularly any learning challenges they might have. All children deserve to flourish in a supportive learning environment.
I want my child to be resilient in life, knowing that she has a great opprtunity to be able to educate herself for free, in a safe enviroment with the best teachers. I want her to also understant that she is very privelege to be able to do it, while recognizing the stark contrast where children in other parts of the world endure hardships such as poverty and conflict, often stemming from actions of more affluent nations.
Learn m ore about themselves
Given their own goals and aiming to achieve it better them
Again this is an valuable life skill
It is always good to have personal goals. something to aspire too. But they need to be achievable and not setting one self up for a fall always.
To be an effective learner
Very higher order and possibly too many demands on the curriculum to provide the time to do this.
Crating life long skills through small achievable goals, and developing resilience when thing don't go to plan.
Not sure
Being able to manage their learning through setting personal goals based on understanding themselves and others can encourage self learning and self development, in a healthier way.
To be able to set goals gives your determination and a drive
There are no personal goals being set in school at the moment. Kids are pushed to perform on the sport field, but when it come to the classroom they are left to their own devices. Kids in a class with lower performers will only perform as well as the best low performer, kids in a class with achievers might push to achieve too. Unfortunately I have a child in a class with low performers who things they are brilliant as they perform the best in the class without studying -

best only being average. There are many battles at home to get said child to study and achieve to their ability, not other's abilities. Unfortunately the teachers do not reiterate this at school. Kids should be pushed (encourage) academically too, not just on the sport field. Bring back academic prizes/certificates.
Because this is how they should operate for their future lives too.
This helps children to be aware of what they have to do, not leaving it all to the last minute and then feeling overwhelmed and negative
leads to life skills that are often lacking in adults in the real world, so that often when a person starts their working life they don't have the skills to manage all aspects of their life together
Having a plan, setting goals will help to motivate my child and help them to recognise their achievements
Everyone needs to be self aware, to figure out their strengths and weaknesses and then set realistic achievable goals that will improve their mental health when the goals are achieved
It will teach empathy
Because we meet people in our every day through all paths and walks of life. We have to learn to be happy with ourselves in order to form happy and healthy relationship with others. Same applies to work colleagues or college friends. Tutors etc.Everyday skills, practical and common sense which can come naturally to some people but not too all. Setting goals is always good as it's a purpose and something to aim for, something to achieve. A purpose.
aids efficacy in personal & professional relationships
Self Discipline is a necessary trait for success in any area of their life
Understanding themselves helps to recognise how they can learn to their full potential
child needs to know their own strengths and weaknesses in order to proceed their life goals.
It is lacking for my son. A late diagnosis of dyslexia. There is no one to explain it all to him in school. He's too embarrassed to be taken out of class or to have it done privately. Needs to be integrated into curriculum time without embarrassing children
self management is important for them as that will enable them to bring out their best and understand/accept the limitations without frustrated or disappointed.
They will need this skill later in life
Important skill for further education
So that they can experience achievement and self-worth without having to measure up to someone else's idea of success unless they also believe in the same and hold the same values

Seventh competency: Managing learning and self: **Do you think it is important that your child will learn how to manage their learning through setting personal goals that are based on understanding themselves and others?**
Why not?
I don't really understand what it is. Manage their learning? Like CPD point?
Feel this is more a third level or apprenticeship level competency
Most pupils at this age will not do this effectively. They need adults to direct them. This should not be their responsibility and teachers should not waste time on this.
Children need boundaries, self learning can be harmful at that age as a lot if children look to their friends for guidance and make lack the confidence to speak up
I think it is better for the child to have clear goals set for them, to give them the best chance to succeed.
They need to know what to learn first… the junior cycle gives a list of learning outcomes that are open to interpretation…teachers all over Ireland are teaching different things as they have to interpret what exactly is included in the LO. The LC is a high stakes exam, if the teacher doesn't

know how deep to go into on the LO, that will seriously affect their confidence as a teacher and the students will not feel confident as a result… everyone needs to know what has to be learned…this leads to better wellbeing for the student and the teacher.
It depends on the age group. This should be over arching objective and not at the course level.
What sort of BS is this - understanding themselves and others? What have others got to do with setting goals? Cop on please!

Assessment

In the redeveloped leaving certificate, there will be changes to the way students are assessed. In most subjects 60% of the assessment will be in the form of a written assessment. The other 40% will be assessed in the form of an additional assessment component (AAC). The AAC could take the form of research, practicals, a project, an experiment, or oral and aural exams. This will be assessed by the State Examination Commission (SEC).

I want my child to be assessed at regular intervals throughout the 2 year cycle.
So continuous pressure? Who will correct these assessments?
Possibly, to highlight areas of strength to encourage those routes.
Yes, but it should be based on classwork, homework, projects (given in a timely manner), practical work. And all subjects assessments should not be done at the same time. Sometimes the Junior Cycle CBAs have all fallen at the same time, and it is stressful for children. I feel the following questions should be put to students (or past students) of the subjects. I myself only did one of those subjects, and as far as I remember, all the marks were for the exam. It is difficult for me to say whether the questions below apply to all the subjects or none of them. I'm not even sure if they are trick questions. I mean what kind of experiment work could be done in say, Arabic. They are not very appropriate questions if you ask me. Maybe the science subjects only should have been asked together, and the languages in another survey.
Yes with meaningful results that contribute to their end results.
I think you need to be very careful not to overload them with pressure and also to make sure it is fairy done. For eg recently the JC CBAs have ended up with students having double the pressure on them to do such high standards in the CBAs across the year and then loads of exam stress also. Secondly children with devoted well educated parents are at a huge advantage for any project work that is taken home. This pushes the relative standards and pressures up higher.
Puts additional and constant stress on students
While I would welcome some % of assessment throughout the 2 year cycle it is imperative that is assessed in a manner that maintains integrity. With the changes to the JC whereby there is project work it is well know that much of this is conducted outside of the classroom with the input of parents etc. This undermines the integrity of the assessment and would increase the gap between students who can get assistance from within the home and those who do not come from backgrounds where the same parental assistance could be provided.
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Yes if done properly, not the way classroom based assessment is currently marked, using the achieves expected potential method.
In theory this would be super. Especially for children with learning difficulties or on the spectrum. However, this would require there to be no bias from teachers in assessing the students and the teachers ability in remaining non biased and objective would be key in this working. But all in all taking the stress, which is absolutely shocking, 0ut of the current LC practice would be very positive. Classical studies and Drama should also be added to the new curriculum

I’m worried about this. Sounds nice in theory, but we do not have a teaching population equipped to roll this out. We must be careful that we do not lose the credibility of the current Leaving Cert. All project work is open to cheating, and teacher ineptitude
class based assessments
My daughter was lucky enough to go leaving cert in 2021 where the teachers gave the predicted grades. The confidence this gave my anxious child to just go and earn the grade already given was phenomenal! My child works very hard, but hard work doesn't necessarily translate to good grades or exam performance. My child exceeded expectations in 1 subject,but grades were accurate in everything else. There was no stress and there would have been. The confidence from knowing you got a good grade was great!
Continual assessment is a great way for a child to learn rather than in one ecam
They already are assessed continuously bu their teachers.
Anxiety is already an issue for my children. It is perhaps best, but I would also need to understand how that is managed and if a child has a bad relationship with a teacher, for example, how that may affect things.

When should the oral examinations and practical examinations take place?
They should not do Arabic, ancient Greek or Latin.. better off doing a language like Spanish that might be more useful
Practical and oral exams take too much time away from learning and are another unnecessary stress on students, teachers and schools. It's only paying lip service to an idea that should be explored in ty and leave leaving cery alone
In term, teenagers need their breaks as much adults do.
Outside of Mock examinations, major school exams. At a time when they can be well prepared and focus, not bunched in between other important school projects or exams
Please do not overload the students with loss more pressures and exams. They’re all exams at the end of the day! Maybe have the practicals etc done on some material at end of 5th year. Separate them out.
Not sure
Not necessary. Some student can't bare oral exams. Why forcing them? That's not well thought
Our school does not offer Arabic Greek or Latin .. these subjects could be integrated into a curriculum for stude us to gain insight
Not all children are comfortable with oral presentations and I therefore do not agree with them. Too much pressure - some children/adults are more assertive than others naturally but I do not think this requires to be taught.
5th year
I would have liked a final question where the option was give to provide additional input if so desired. I found many of the questions in this survey repetitive (which I understand they needed to be in some cases but not to the extent they were. Like many of the changes and 'learning outcomes' articulated by the department it is all very vague and difficult to actually measure so I have a level of sympathy for teachers. Similarly it is unrealistic to have the same 'levels' for all students because unfortunately there has always been and will always be students of different abilities. The system which was in place with ordinary and higher level in all subjects was more equitable that what has replaced it at Junior Cert level. One size does not fit all and change for the sake of change is not always improvement.
Teachers should be paid to correct oraks etc, and they should take place outside of term time so teachers aren’t missing school for it
Never
Whenever space is actually given
I'm not sure

2 children with communication difficulties3. How are homeschool children going to be assessed. 4. Options should be provided as to whether children want exam only or 49% assessment 60% exam this would provide the opportunity to a child who is very academic but would get overwhelmed with assessment to shone and also give the children who may find the examination process challenging an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge es being put under pressure for additional aural oral exams eg dyspraxia autism anxiety 3.Maybe children would be given option to either do 60%exam 40%other assessments or 100% exam This needs to ve reviewed from the perspective of homeschooling and how will children complete the non exam components
Not cure
n oral exams, this is an ancient way to assess knowledge
in term and spread out across the last year
During term time at the same timeline for all students.
Within ranges - apply for whatever one you are missing. Don't have each section as something which can't be repeated unless covering the whole year again. Let them have as many cracks at it as they like.