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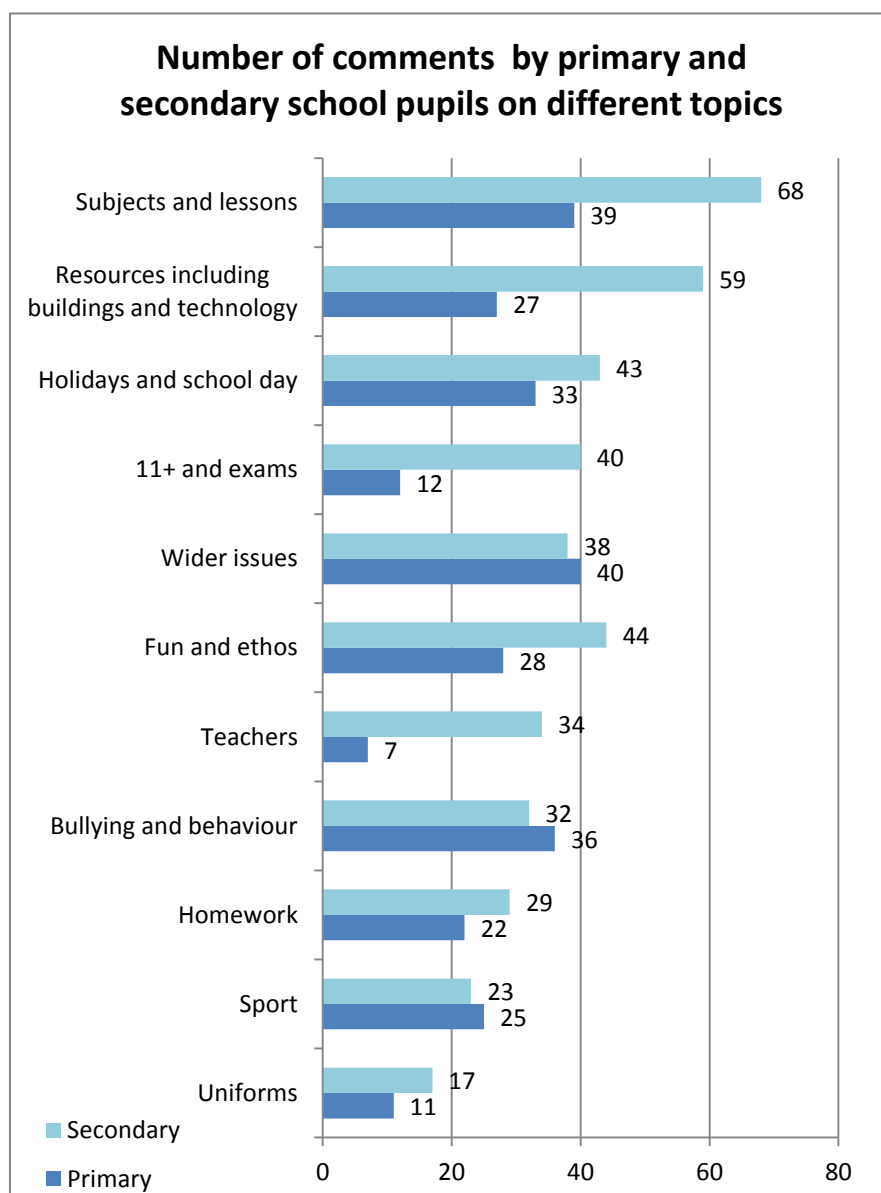
Summary

In 2013, over 1400 young people in Guernsey schools aged 10-15 completed an online health and lifestyle questionnaire, organised by the Education department in association with the home department and Health and Social services department. This was the latest in a long series of studies.

In recent surveys, a question has been asked, "If you were the Minister for Education in Guernsey, what changes would you like to make today?"

A similar question has been asked in the past: "If you were Chief Minister for a day, what would you do?", which has also been asked of a sample of parents and carers¹.

Answers were collected as freely typed text. These responses were classified, sorted and counted, with final counts as follows:



¹ Williams, R & States of Guernsey Education Department (2011). *Guernsey Parents' and Carers' Survey 2011*. Exeter: SHEU. ISBN 978 1 902445 42 3

Sport

Primary pupil comments (25 comments)

Sport was usually mentioned positively, and primary pupils who commented wanted more of it, in and out of school.

“ I would make there be more time for sport and do it more often ”

Secondary pupil comments (23 comments)

Again, nearly all the comments were for "more" – more facilities, more events, more emphasis in school.

“ More focus on sports in schools ”

Homework

Primary pupil comments (22)

Five primary pupils decided there should be no more homework while 14 would prefer less for themselves or others. One child advised *"Give children more homework so they are prepared for secondary school"*.

“ that home work was banned because learning's for school not at home ”

Secondary pupil comments (29)

It may come as no surprise to find that many secondary students wanted less of it (13) and several wanted it abolished (8). A couple of pupils were prepared to trade a longer day for the absence of homework, or so that all 'home' work could be completed while at school.

“ less homework (honestly) ”

Holidays and school day

Primary pupil comments (33)

At this early stage of their school career, pupils were already thinking it was a bit much. Suggestions included longer holidays (2), later start times (1), shorter school days, shorter lessons, longer breaks, breaks between lessons and a shorter school week – either by having a longer weekend (1), Wednesdays off (1) or the idea of one bold youngster who thought that two days a week at school would suffice. There was a minority opinion seeking more time to finish work, and one who would swap a longer day for freedom from homework.

“ longer weekend because so many children are very busy and don't have time to relax ”

Secondary pupil comments (43)

The school day was often asked by secondary pupils to be shorter (15) while eight wanted it at least to start later. (One pupil wanted it to be longer and another for it to start earlier.) Many suggestions came for longer holidays (10), but there were also pleas for consistency between schools.

“ start school an hour later so we get the right amount of sleep ”

Teachers

Primary pupil comments (7)

Teachers attracted relatively little attention from primary school pupils.

“ To make sure that every teacher is interesting and fair with children ”

Secondary pupil comments (34)

There were general exhortations for teachers to be better (30) including some suggestions for monitoring and improvement. Three pupils mentioned distaste for favouritism.

“ See the teachers and choose whether they are respectable to teach in their appearance and with their attitude. Apart from that, it's all good! ”

Fun and ethos

Primary pupil comments (29)

It perhaps comes as no great surprise to discover that several primary pupils wanted school to be more fun (13); we enjoyed the cautious bid for "slightly more fun lessons".

Some wanted more trips and outdoor activities (4).

“ I'm not sure what other schools have but I would just make sure that all of the children are having a happy time and are learning a great variety ready for the future, and make lessons more funner for the teachers and especially the children ”

Secondary pupil comments (44)

Many secondary pupils also wanted school to be more fun (10) or at least interesting (7).

“ I would make sure everyone in the schools were part of something and not left out and make sure everyone is happy ”

Subjects and lessons

Primary pupil comments (39)

There were many rather vague suggestions to change things, as illustrated in the quote opposite.

Particular suggestions included the abolition of compulsory maths (5) and RE (4), while some subjects were recommended for greater share of the timetable (with D&T attracting 4 votes).

“ I would like to change a few subjects ”

Secondary pupil comments (68)

We had several comments asking for lessons to be more fun or more interesting, which we recorded in the previous category. Particular suggestions included making lessons more interactive (3), or more practical (3).

There were calls for the emphasis given to certain subjects to be at least reduced, if not removed from the timetable altogether. These subjects included English (1), Science (2), Maths (1), French (4), German (4), Art (2), Drama (1), Music (1), ICT (2) and Religious Studies (4).

Suggestions for inclusion and/or greater emphasis included: core subjects (3), PSHE (8, including self-harm (2) and sex education (2)), art (2).

“ *there will be no maths* ”

Bullying and behaviour

Primary pupil comments (36)

Bullying was a common concern (31), with other behavioural and discipline problems attracting only a few comments (5).

“ *Watch carefully what goes on in the playground and if there is the need to tell someone off, I would tell off the right people!* ”

Secondary pupil comments (32)

Similarly, many secondary pupils called for bullying to end or at least to be tackled better (25), perhaps by punishing the perpetrators more severely (2).

“ *do more for bullying, make all schools take bullying very seriously* ”

Uniforms

Primary pupil comments (11)

Six primary pupils had had enough of school uniforms.

“ *No school uniform, that people could wear whatever they wanted to school* ”

Secondary pupil comments (17)

Ten secondary pupils called for an end to school uniforms while nearly as many (8) wanted greater flexibility in some way (e.g. nail polish, more mufti days).

“ *No School Uniform* ”

Resources including buildings and technology

Primary pupil comments (27)

Primary pupils often wanted better schools: either asking for generally more money (3) or better resources (6) especially ICT (9). Provision for food attracted 5 comments.

“ I would make the bank give about £75 monthly to the school and it wouldn't have to pay back the bank.” ”

Secondary pupil comments (59)

Eight secondary pupils wanted a completely new school while four wanted a bigger one. There were several general calls for better funding and resourcing of schools, with food (8), IT (7) and WiFi (3) attracting particular attention.

“ every child get given their own laptop or ipad mini to use at school instead of using paper because it will help the environment ”

11+ and exams

Primary pupil comments (12)

Exams attracted 12 comments, of which 10 were critical of the 11-plus, either in principle or aspects of its operation.

“ Stop tutoring for the 11plus though ”

Secondary pupil comments (40)

5 secondary pupils wanted the 11+ abolished while another 2 sought change. The stress of exams in general and GCSEs in particular was mentioned by 8 pupils, while several just wanted some stability in the system.

“ To change for the plans of eleven plus and cancel it because young people struggle a lot ”

Wider issues

Primary pupil comments (39)

A wide range of other issues were touched upon by primary school pupils, from parks to dyslexia and from snow to school catchments.

“ HAVE MORE RESBONSIBILITY AND RISK. YOU NEVER LEARN WITHOUT RISK! ”

Secondary pupil comments (41)

More themes could be discerned among the secondary responses. Buses attracted 8 comments, followed by future opportunities (5), current opportunities for young people (4) and the environment (3).

“ Let people do more of what they want to do and what they enjoy ”

And finally...

Primary pupil comments (12)

Finally, 12 primary pupils were moved to say that Guernsey education could hardly be improved...

“ Nothing because i think it is GREAT!!! ”

All Primary responses

Sport and activities

1. A wider range of sports offered to younger children during primary school years
2. more variety of sports
3. more games lessons
4. more sport days/fun days'
5. I would make there be more time for sport and do it more often
6. make more games in school
7. more p.e
8. give out more p.e
9. More swimming and everyday skill to be learnt in school
10. P.E. taken more seriously,
11. more sports for fitness
12. More physical lessons
13. more pe lessons in schools
14. That there are more lessons on sports to get people to exercise.
15. I would like for us to bring in our own footballs, and we can have our football goals put back up.
16. New sports equipment for all schools,
17. to make every school have swimming lessons in the sea
18. more outdoors activities
19. teach a lot of netball
20. more sporting events between schools
21. do more sport
22. i would include much sports and fun events
23. football lessons
24. I would like to change what we are doing in pe e.g. more types of sport less gymnastics
25. no banning game

Homework

1. No homework
2. no homework
3. that home work was banned because learning's for school not at home
4. no homework
5. homework
6. Not as much homework as it is stressful and children have lots of activities after school
7. Less homework
8. less homework for kids from year 3 to 6
9. maybe only homework two or three times a week
10. children can get more homework if they want
11. amount of homework
12. less homework
13. less homework!

14. LESS HOMEWORK
15. Give students less homework to relieve stress and give them the day off
16. Give people less homework
17. You don't have as much homework to do
18. not as much homework , it's boring
19. have less homework
20. for little children to get not too much homework
21. less homework
22. Give children more homework so they are prepared for secondary school

Holidays and school Day

1. the hours of school and the education
2. I would change the time of school
3. longer holidays!
4. longer holidays
5. there would be school 4 times a week
6. 2 day a week of school
7. i would make Wednesday a day off school so children can have a break in the middle of the week.
8. longer weekend because so many children are very busy and don't have time to relax
9. no school on Fridays
10. Less school
11. school would finish at 2:00
12. i would make school last longer
13. Bigger playtimes and less lesson time
14. longer break times
15. breaks between lessons
16. more break time
17. longer breaks
18. lunch time longer than 20 minutes
19. Longer break times from 15 minutes to 20 minutes
20. longer breaks shorter hours at school
21. Less school time
22. school is only 4 hours long
23. i would shorten lesson times
24. school was shorter
25. shorten school days
26. that school starts later than 8 30
27. leave school early
28. make school finish at 3
29. school ends at 4,o,clock
30. I would put on an extra hour of school a day but take away homework
31. More time to finish our work
32. no assemblies
33. I would change tests and exams to be checked with teachers

Teachers

1. To make sure that every teacher is interesting and fair with children.
2. get teachers to watch people more closely for signs of abuse
3. For children to be able to tell the teachers they don't like the way they are teaching them
4. Teachers should find all of the information before someone is told off for something
5. more helpers for teachers
6. TEACHERS HAVE TO PASS WITH A HIGHER STANDARD
7. make sure ALL teachers are good

Subjects and lessons

1. no maths
2. less maths
3. no maths
4. get rid of maths
5. No Maths
6. no literacy
7. Make younger children learn more languages
8. I would make art a more usual subject
9. For schools to have more maths and literacy
10. The parents decide if their child should learn R.E
11. Make R.e optional
12. to not teach as much R.E. in school
13. re because some people aren't religious
14. more games lessons
15. more mfl e.g Russian Swedish
16. More lessons like Languages and Wood work
17. a bit more about different languages
18. to make schools do more art/d and t lessons
19. MORE DT LESSONS
20. more dt,ict
21. more art and d and t as well as maths and literacy
22. More I.C.T and English, long session of art
23. better life lessons like cooking and cleaning
24. easy lessons if you want them
25. better lessons
26. do more subjects
27. more creative lessons
28. have more activities to do during school times like drama or acting or something to keep the children active and happy as they grow up but make it educational too so they know how life goes
29. Have groups such as street dance coming into school instead of at night when parents have to take you there because they might not be able to or its too far away.
30. make it more interesting so more of them listen
31. That children should chose a subject that they want to do at least once a week
32. I would like to change a few subjects
33. some new lessons go on in school

34. maybe take some lessons outside
35. more activities
36. different lessons like being taught about the ocean
37. I would let the children choose the lessons depending if they took part or not
38. have some lessons outside
39. More lively activities

Bullying and behaviour

1. make bullying stop
2. school bullying stop
3. stop bullying where ever it happens
4. people not be mean to others
5. For bullying would be dealt with as soon as someone had seen it even if they were threatened not to tell anyone, no bullies allowed
6. To Stop Bullying
7. to make sure that bullying was kept under control and that it stopped
8. no bullying in schools
9. bulling is not allowed
10. stop bullying
11. Eliminating nasty people to schools where they are taught to be nice
12. I would change the way the teachers deal with bullying
13. Make the teachers really take into consideration about some of the nasty and mean bullying that is going on in some schools
14. to make all of the schools not to bully
15. nobody was getting picked on
16. punish bullies properly
17. Make bullying disappear
18. Make bullying go extinct
19. no bullying in school or out of school
20. to have a complaint system for children and so the bullies actually get told off
21. stop bullying completely
22. Watch carefully what goes on in the playground and if there is the need to tell someone off, I would tell off the right people!
23. stop bullying in schools
24. Change classes so disruptive people are in different class to sensible
25. schools to take bullying seriously, punish bullies properly
26. I Would Make Bullying Stop Completely Not Just For A Few Weeks!
27. i would stop people being bullied
28. Bully to stop and children stop storming out of class
29. end bullying all together
30. I would like people to stop bullying other people and leave them just the way they are because they are ok
31. More serious about school bullies

32. For some schools to take bullying more seriously, schools to take bullying seriously
33. i would change more security and get control of bullies
34. More strict rules
35. keep the school more safer
36. make everybody go to school if they have no reason not to

Uniforms

1. no school uniform
2. No school uniform, that people could wear whatever they wanted to school
3. No school uniform
4. have no uniform and have lockers
5. less rules and no uniform
6. That you would wear NO uniform!
7. new uniform
8. make it that one a friday you could wear mufti,
9. Children could wear whatever they want for the rest of the week
10. smarter school uniform
11. mufti

Resources including buildings and technology

1. I would like to put more apparatus in the school
2. better equipment in all areas of learning
3. I would like more money put into schools so that more equipment could be bought to give children a better education
4. School budget raised
5. I would make the bank give about £75 monthly to the school and it wouldn't have to pay back the bank.
6. Bigger school grounds
7. i would improve school grounds
8. i would add a bigger swimming pool
9. improve some of the facilities in the schools, better class equipment
10. i would paint some of the walls
11. Bigger swimming pool
12. to get more laptops and ipads for the school
13. give children i pads
14. See more technology in school such as more ipads ipods
15. online safety and making it stand out!!!!
16. ipads
17. everyone uses ipads to research and gets to play on them at break
18. All schools have i pads!
19. to have more i.c.t resources in some of the primary schools

20. I would like to change Maths lessons so there is more work on laptops and computers because it makes Maths more interesting to complete work on the computer/laptop
21. I would change work on laptops to work on ipads
22. to get more laptops that work or install an new system for school work
23. i would make cooked lunches available in all schools
24. have a refectory built in schools that don't already have one
25. i would get a vending machine for each school
26. make sure everyone has nice warm food
27. school hot lunches would come in your school fund instead of children having to bring in an extra five pounds for lunch

Fun and Ethos

1. more chances for outdoor activities
2. go on more school trips
3. more trips
4. more school trips
5. make it more fun and interesting
6. more fun
7. slightly more fun lessons,
8. more fun
9. funner lessons
10. fun lessons
11. all fun lessons
12. make the school more fun
13. more fun work
14. more fun activities
15. school should be a place where you can have fun and want to come back that's what I would like to do
16. to make school shorter and more fun lessons
17. no science
18. Everyone is banned from being moody
19. once a week one child gets to decide what to do, to make sure everyone feels special
20. more social work
21. educate the children by giving more trips and having a lesson in the trip at the same time
22. Make sure that there are plenty of activities for all schools to do
23. I would make sure everyone was happy and provide happiness for them and make sure they have good fun at school with friendly teachers and make sure they look forward to school
24. make people feel really good
25. I'm not sure what other schools have but I would just make sure that all of the children are having a happy time and are learning a great variety ready for the future, and make lessons more funner for the teachers and especially the children

26. that everyone gets a very good education
27. So everybody got a fair chance of experiencing activities with school
28. more clubs after school

11+ and exams

1. The school you go to gets judged by your school levels, less hard 11 + questions
2. 11+ stopped
3. once a week, children should spend time relaxing and not stressing about exams.
4. I wouldn't organise all of the exams in the same because it is very stressing to revise everyday for 5 subjects, the 11 plus
5. No 11+
6. i would change the 11+
7. Stop tutoring for the 11plus though
8. I would have no 11+
9. i would change the 11+ back to how it used to be because it seem to be better
10. children in year 6 are prepared for secondary school
11. no 11+
12. ban the 11+

Wider issues

1. make more places for children to go
2. I would get lots of people to work for me and the world will be a nicer place
3. i would help children to be a part and find things out for themselves
4. i would change not much because how our education is now is alright to be honest
5. when it snows you get the day of all the time
6. helping children with problems they may have at school
7. have a dyslexia test every year at school
8. When it snows all the schools are off
9. I would change fighting and make more world peace!
10. No vandalism crimes or wars
11. change some schools to schools for children with disabilities
12. I'd make sure that every child was individually talked to on how to improve in their certain skill level,
13. the school you go to gets judged by your school levels
14. to add a theme park to Guernsey
15. put some friend surveys in the school
16. make smaller classes
17. The school size,
18. The fact that children should express who they are
19. adults have to go to school

20. Have more activities to do and more fun places for families to go to
21. To make sure everyone was definitely where they are learning
22. The Schools got to meet each other more
23. make schools join together more in social activities
24. That everyone gets an even chance to be what they want
25. people should be more careful in and outside of schools
26. the schools
27. that whatever happens in this school, every child would get their opinion heard
28. I would talk to the children the make my decision on what the pupils said
29. clean up and help people in schools
30. HAVE MORE RESBONSIBILITY AND RISK. YOU NEVER LEARN WITHOUT RISK!
31. More interactions with nature
32. i would make sure that everyone has a fair time at school
33. i WOULD CHANGE THE BUSES BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO BIG IN MANY FORMS.
34. no more war, a water park and a theme park
35. let my friends go to the secondary school that they would like to go to
36. To see if some people are closer to a different school then there catchment area
37. The kids going to the school that is the closest to them
38. to let children go to what ever school they want
39. give students a bit more freedom to do things for themselves

And finally....

1. Nothing because i think it is GREAT!!!
2. I'm pretty happy how things are going at school
3. There is nothing they can do.
4. nothing it is perfect
5. I am fine with the way it is.
6. I'm happy with the way it is.
7. I wouldn't make any changes i like the school as it is.
8. I would change nothing
9. nothing cause it is great at the moment
10. It is perfect
11. I think that i would leave it as it is
12. none i love Guernsey the way it is
13. having more schools like vauvert, I wouldn't change anything

All Secondary responses

Sport

1. more sports facilities
2. more sports facilities
3. More sporting events
4. More emphasis on sports and more sport trips off island.
5. more sports sides to be brought over
6. More emphasise on physical education
7. more sports fixtures in schools
8. More focus on sports in schools
9. more sports fixtures in schools,
10. I would make elizabeth college play rugby
11. school outside activities (friday night sports games etc
12. More PE in school, more inter school competitions
13. Have swimming lessons at least once a week.
14. optional P.E. lessons
15. your own P.E. Kit (not the same as everyone else
16. choices for p.e
17. More activities within school, yoga/similar exercises available for PE choices
18. More sport
19. more non-sporting opportunities for students who are bad at sports
20. open all swimming pools again as it is important to learn to swim on an island, .
21. more money for sport, drama and science
22. more variety in clubs other than sports or music
23. and also add more time for sports training

Homework

1. NO HOMEWORK
2. NO HOMEWORK
3. NO HOMEWORK
4. get rid of homework
5. no homework
6. no homework
7. no homework
8. No homework
9. less homework (honestly)
10. less homework
11. less homework
12. less Homework
13. Less
14. Homework
15. Less homework
16. Get less homework
17. Not as much homework
18. I would enforce all prep is done in school
19. Less homework

20. not as much homework
21. Less homework!!!
22. less homework and
23. less info to remember in exams
24. less homework and
25. Make school time longer in exchange for no homework
26. no homework just revision
27. only apply homework when tests are near and in the three main lessons; English ,Maths, Science
28. A stricter homework timetable near exams so that we could focus on revising and not homework as well.
29. I would reduce the amount of homework around the time when exams are on., make less homework as we work hard at school

Holidays and school Day

1. Make school days longer so we have more time to learn
2. shorter days
3. make school start later and finish later
4. shorter school time
5. School days shorter
6. shorter days
7. make school shorter
8. shorter school days
9. Make school days shorter
10. Have a shorter school day
11. less hours in school
12. less hours of school
13. I would make the school day shorter for the Colleges
14. lessons would be shorter.
15. shorter days
16. less school
17. shorter days in school/
18. or start earlier so we can finish earlier
19. school starts a bit later (9am) but finishes at about (4pm)
20. if they changed the school time from 10am to 4pm
21. School times
22. start school an hour later
23. start school later
24. start school later
25. Longer School holidays
26. I would increase the number of weeks of summer holidays for non-private schools
27. more summer holidays
28. start school an hour later so we get the right amount of sleep
29. how many holidays the school gets
30. The time school starts and ends
31. I would change the time to come into school by
32. i would change hours of lessons

33. I would change the times that we are in school.
34. i would change lesson times
35. Increase holiday time
36. Longer School holidays
37. longer break
38. To have school finish in June
39. a bit more holiday
40. a break day on wednesday where we study and don't have to come to school.
41. More half terms
42. give all schools the same holidays and school days.
43. 3 day weekends on alternate weeks

Teachers

1. Check the teachers (prejudiced teachers)
2. longer house license
3. sack some teachers
4. get better teachers
5. Teachers not to tell students to shut up, teachers have to be nice to the good pupils and tell the loud ones off instead of the whole class
6. teachers are NOT allowed to have the same pupil go to a competition or something to represent our school
7. everyone to be nice and teachers can't have favourites
8. I would get inspectors to go and sit in to every teachers classroom for a lesson each.
9. More stable teaching posts.
10. Hire some teachers that actually try to make lessons interesting.
11. better teachers
12. fire some bad teachers
13. get better teachers and pay more attention to how students feel about certain aspects of schools
14. fire some of the meaner teachers who really should not be allowed to work with children in the first place as they are cruel and extremely harsh
15. See the teachers and choose whether they are respectable to teach in their appearance and with their attitude. Apart from that, it's all good!
16. employ more and better teachers
17. More teaching assistants
18. nothing much but i would do a survey on the teachers and how well they teach and what they could improve on.
19. Assess The teachers more often and make some changes to the curriculum
20. Assess the teachers
21. Teachers should not be biased. They should listen to all students views and help each child equally
22. get rid of nasty teachers and only have positive teachers that encourage students to want to learn instead of putting them down

23. teachers should not be grumpy
24. Check the teachers to see if they are actually good teachers and if the students are learning something from them. get rid of horrible teachers
25. Better teacher
26. get better teachers who make pupils feel comfortable in lesson, not tense
27. less talking from teachers
28. Freindlier teachers
29. Teachers all as good as the others
30. Interview teacher's properly and know a lot about them so you only hire the best
31. Make sure teachers are teaching the proper subjects
32. Create more drop in visitors that check the teachers to make sure they are doing the right job, some teachers should have to have refresher courses more often
33. Make lessons more interesting and get teachers to build a better bond with the students
34. No rules in class, being able to talk in lesson and answer back to teachers.

Subjects and lessons

1. there will be no maths
2. Scrap English as a subject
3. make art optional
4. and destroy art
5. Scrap ART
6. Scrap Music and
7. Scrap Drama.
8. dont do as many languages
9. Have the only language as english
10. no german
11. no german
12. no german
13. no german
14. no French
15. no French
16. No french
17. Less French lessons
18. Remove french as compulsory in the grammar school.
19. I would ban Latin.
20. no science
21. no science
22. Make ict not a subject.
23. Drop the rule of taking Religious Studies, I would either make r.s a whole gcse or drop it completely
24. get rid of religious studies
25. get rid of religious as a GCSE
26. Stop the American part of History being replaced with British history in the future,
27. more art lessons
28. Increase ICT lessons

29. more focus on learning foreign languages
30. Better focus on core subjects.
31. better focus on the main/core subjects.
32. More education about the environment
33. We need more sex education classes in year 8 we really need to know
34. Let students have more access to information on sexual education the cause and effects.
35. Education on depression. Weight and stuff that that
36. to set up a website where there are many emails addresses you can talk to if you had some troubles (family issues, friends, life) and a male talker and female. and self harm awareness
37. I'd approach problems like depression and self harm and help children to know more about these disorders.
38. would sort out and make sure that self confidence should be more targeted in lessons and depression should b dealt with more care
39. more lessons on body issues self harm
40. more drama not just one lesson a week
41. cookery lessons
42. cookery lessons
43. money management lessons
44. money management lessons
45. Psychology in all school
46. more options for GCSEs
47. I would give students a wider variety of subjects to choose from for GCSE's and A-Levels
48. more practical lessons
49. Make education relevent e.g instead ol algebra... First aid
50. MORE lessons in ks3 to do with everyday life eg. catering and job skills
51. more hands on and less textbook work
52. more involving lessons, More activities to help learn
53. make us have more group work in lessons and
54. more varied in-school activities
55. making lessons more interactive for students so they don't get bored
56. Make a lot of subjects such as Maths, English, Science more interesting.
57. Make ICT really, really fun
58. I would have the students go on more trips outside of schools
59. study leave for year 10's
60. improve pastoral care at my school
61. I would let students chose how long they want to spend in a class they like/dislike but nothing under 30 mins
62. Put people in sets for all lessons
63. more sets from year 7 and do the curriculum a year earlier

64. extend school time with no home work
65. teach children rhymes to make them remember things
66. more group work
67. Different curriculum for exceptionally gifted/talented students
68. For teachers to mark all work regularly so that I (and they) know how I am doing

Bullying and behaviour

1. Have a stricter policy for bullies
2. ban bullying for good
3. No bullying.
4. For bullying to be sorted out throughout all schools and for everyone to be treated fairly
5. More serious consequences for bullies
6. More exciting lesson plans in subjects such as maths
7. stricter policies on bullying
8. less bullying
9. Stop bulling and
10. pupils to be able to see their progress.
11. stop bullying
12. Non bullying programmes are improved
13. make bullying more noticed
14. to keep the bullying down
15. no bullying or get put in jail
16. do more for bullying, make all schools take bullying very seriously
17. Employ someone who is easy to talk to and actually has a decent solution to stop bullying without doing things you don't want to do.
18. to make more schools care about bullying
19. People to take bullying more seriously
20. to stop bullying
21. TO STOP BULLYING FOR GOOD!
22. No bullying policy
23. take bullying more seriously
24. no bullying policy in all of the schools and children must respect the rules and try not to break them.
25. taking bullying seriously
26. Harder stance of bullying and punish those responsible.
27. Expel children that do not behave and maintain bad behaviour because they're a disruption to others and don't change when given the chance
28. make sure everyone feels welcome and enjoys school life.
29. also no exclusions because it doesnt help the children learn when they are off school because of being bad.
30. let school have a counsellor if they need to talk to someone!
31. afterschool detentions should be made in to 2 lunchtimes

- Pupils who are quieter to be given more opportunities, make children better behaved

Uniforms

- no uniform
- No uniform
- no uniform
- dont wear school uniform for school
- Not to wear a uniform,
- No School Uniform
- no uniform
- To have no uniforms, take away uniforms
- NO uniform
- i would make it so you would not where a uniform
- allowed to where nail varnish and earing hoops
- I would allow girls to wear nail varnish and jewellery
- Nails allowed to be painted
- that schools had a summer uniform instead of blazers and shirts
- More laid back uniform
- Relax the uniform rules and allow the students to be unique.
- more mufti days.

Resources including buildings and technology

- bigger school
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- Give more funding to Ladies' College
- new school
- building new schools
- rebuild la mare
- rebuild school
- A new school
- Build a new school
- Knock down the school and build a new one
- I would re-build all the schools, especially LaMare
- I would rebuild Ladies' College
- Rebuild my school
- make school fees lower
- smaller classes make the school look better
- to actually use our swimming pool,
- better facilities
- stop cutting costs for schools
- improve school facilities,stop cutting costs
- free wifi
- internet to be free to use at schools all the time
- better internet for the schools .
- Mobile Phones are allowed in school

- every child get given their own laptop or ipad mini to use at school instead of using paper because it will help the environment
- bring new computers into the school
- Let students use computers more for lessons
- i would give everyone a ipad mini so they can do work more easier
- give every student an iPad
- every student will do work and file things on their iPad.
- let people bring in there electronics and put there books on it
- To stop using online platforms
- Better buildings
- Breakfast club
- better canteen
- better canteen facilities
- Making canteen food cheaper
- improved canteen facilities
- make sure everyone eats healthy and has a healthy lifestyle
- healthier food available
- better places to go at break and lunch lower the price
- Healthy options for school meals
- Better buildings.
- I would like there to be a 6th Form at the school I attend now, so that I dont have to leave
- i would make all schools state paid and free to join
- Make elizabeth college a mixed school
- Pupils from beechwood have the chance to get a scholarship to Elizabeth College
- a different college students can go too if they did not pass the 11 plus
- try to increase the education budget
- Increase the budget for the schools
- Better equipment for all departments
- possibly let people drop out of useless lessons earlier.
- I would also provide better equipment
- Give more money to the education, so they can get better equipment and facilities
- More money for resources so we can have more things to use to make life better in school, and/or improve parts of the school
- More money for resources, e.g. so everyone can have a science textbook
- more money going into schools for: textbooks etc.
- Different learning techniques be available, make sure that there was enough money to but text book etc

Fun and Ethos

- Create a more relaxed environment in the schools
- make school happy for children

3. make students feel more welcome when the day begins
4. more school trips
5. Make it so that pupils who want to push themselves can if they wish.
6. lessons more fun
7. make school more fun for kids
8. make school fun and safer
9. lessons more fun
10. More fun lessons
11. make lessons fun
12. Make lessons more fun.
13. more fun at school
14. make school fun,
15. Make some lessons more fun like maths
16. funner lessons eg outside
17. Let students have more fun in school
18. Make school more fun and not so boring and annoying
19. More engaging lessons
20. give us more interesting ways to learn
21. make lessons more interesting
22. make lessons more interesting
23. more out of school activities for all ages e.g skate park or water park or a fun fair
24. more fun, more field trips,
25. Make lessons MUCH more fun
26. Everyone gets a free cake everyday
27. i wouldnt change anything, the education is fine as it is.
28. I would make more activities and ways of improving confidence for shy students, so they'll be more happy.
29. less pressure
30. the way we learn. I would make things a lot more practical to keep the pupils interested
31. More activities for teenagers, more stuff to do
32. more independent learning but group projects
33. More trip off the island for experience and effect for learning
34. Have more activities
35. I would make sure that children get at least three school trips a year (One per term)
36. I would make sure everyone in the schools were part of something and not left out and make sure everyone is happy
37. Give everyone an equal chance to bring someone from a different school, so that people with friendship problems have a chance to have fun.
38. Make sure people with problems such as anxiety issues, depression or any other illnesses that affect performance at school were treated appropriately. I feel they are ignored
39. Make school more of a free environment during breaktimes so giving the schools wifi and

40. possibly having more activities for the students to take part in during breaktimes
41. Make sure there's lots of support for kids, for issues like self harm, depression and things like that, encourage people to try harder and value the skills and education they are blessed with!
42. A lot of teenagers are secretly unhappy, I think I would change things to bring a more positive look on life.
43. I would make there be more adults for young people to talk to, not teachers or parents, just people who you can call or go to when you're sad.
44. stop the dividing of all the secondary schools, as they are all divided and they all whine about each other.

11+ and exams

1. I Would abolish the 11+
2. get rid of the 11+
3. Scrap the 11+ plus.
4. get rid of the 11+ and find a new way of selecting pupils
5. I would like to completely scrap the 11 +, and
6. To change for the plans of eleven plus and cancel it because young people struggle alot
7. change the format/layout of the 11+ and
8. Make 11+ compulsory for ALL schools,
9. Continue on with the original 11+ (including maths and english tests) / Change some tests and lessons
10. i would like to improve the 11+ to improve the choices made for childrens education
11. and stop exams forever for everyone
12. Remove GCSE's and encourage Btec's
13. Be independent about GCSEs if they choose to go with O-Levels in the future and bring the old 11+ back! The last year that did them only got 3 papers! I had about 7 or 8!
14. as well as GCSEs.
15. Better GCSE tests with a better marking scheme
16. Stop all the GCSE
17. sort out what we are going to do to the GCSE's.
18. Keep modular GCSEs
19. That Year 10's would have more say in the subjects they studied for GCSE
20. More GCSE options for all students on the island
21. Introduce more GCSE's and
22. stop changing the system all the time and stop messing the puipils about
23. i would not change the gscs from what they are as they are always changing and it just gets to confusing to keep up with
24. Grading would be based on performance throughout the year.
25. changes to the exam system
26. Keep all exams as units

27. change the exam system and put less pressure on students, instead of change exam systems all the time and swapping between modules etc
28. no end of term exams
29. Less pressure on students with exams etc, as it can be quite difficult to cope with at times.
30. Less exams so that there is not too much pressure for the students who don't work well in exams
31. Put less pressure on students for exams and let us make more decisions about our education, .
32. not as many exams. have them maybe at an easier level.
33. Put less stress on children, what with exams at the age of twelve and thirteen.
34. Don't put stress on children for end of year exams; save it for GCSEs etc
35. Scrap Exams, base things on schoolwork
36. scrap exams
37. changes to exams and their format
38. give students more information about the GCSE options they can take and
39. offer them a lot more information about what to do after you finish secondary school
40. Streamline children more so that they can make the best of their capabilities

Wider issues

1. let paying college students bus fares free
2. better bus service
3. School buses for the colleges (Ladies' College, Elizabeth College)
4. have a better bus service
5. the bus and the road closures to be less frequent
6. bus routes
7. change the bus routes
8. not a lot but get paid at school
9. more trips and visits to different places
10. More places for young people to go
11. And build a place for teenagers to go.
12. More things for teenagers to do
13. build new places for teenagers in Guernsey, as there is a limited amount of activities
14. making guernsey cleaner
15. Ban smoking
16. enforce more environmentally friendly rules and make Guernsey greener
17. Get everyone bins for their houses and recycling boxes so there aren't bags on the side of the road.
18. More opportunities for young people
19. I would have more involvement with students and allow them to take things like assemblies
20. people to treat special needs children the same
21. pushing in the canteen line
22. more interaction with other schools.
23. More awareness about future life.
24. More job variety choices
25. Aim to inspire the youth population in school
26. Make sure that everyone has a huge choice of paths to follow after leaving school, and supply grants for those who can't afford university fees but wish to go.
27. Make sure I encourage people to leave the island instead of making them feel that the only like they will have is on this tiny island
28. Make education more practical and give students a more realistic view of the world
29. i would make it a more adult environment
30. provide some more help to other students that don't speak English
31. let children leave school early
32. no discrimination against left handed people
33. make decisions faster!
34. to make sure that all children are happy at school and to make children feel like things get done if ever there was a problem
35. people who really want to learn not in classrooms with people who don't want to learn
36. students get paid to go to school
37. bigger lockers
38. make guernsey a more interesting place
39. Make it easier for people with learning disabilities to be able to complete education easier
40. make guernsey a better place and
41. Let people do more of what they want to do and what they enjoy.