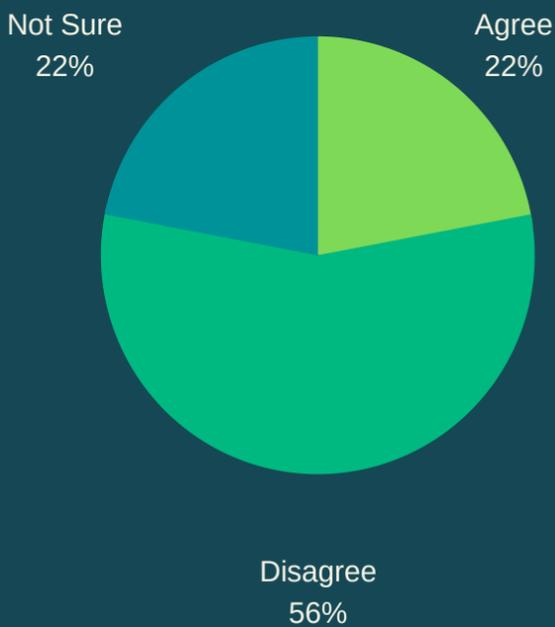
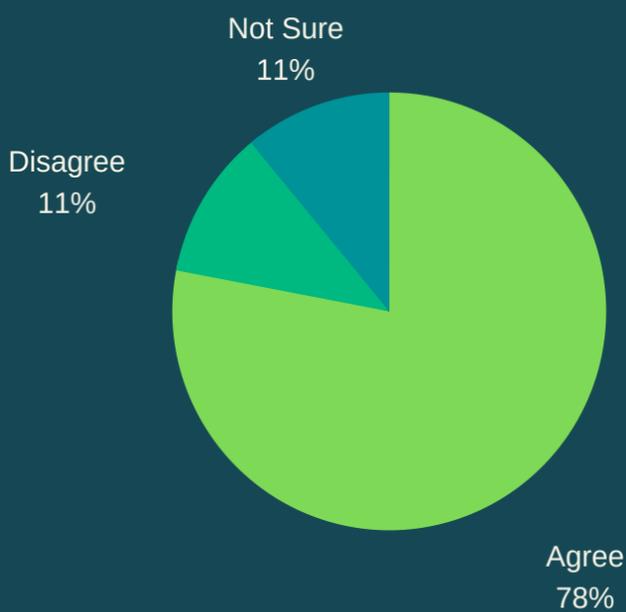


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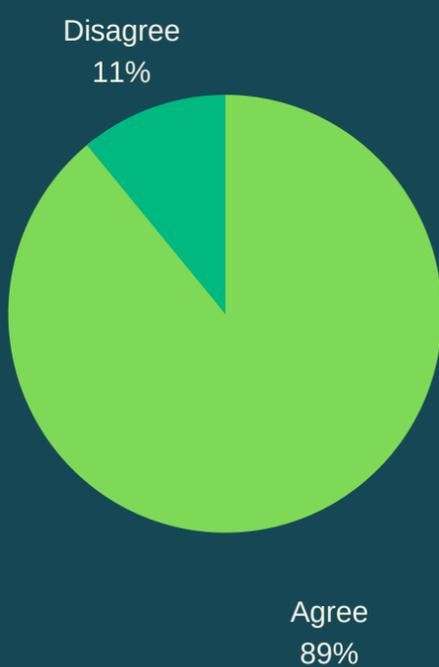


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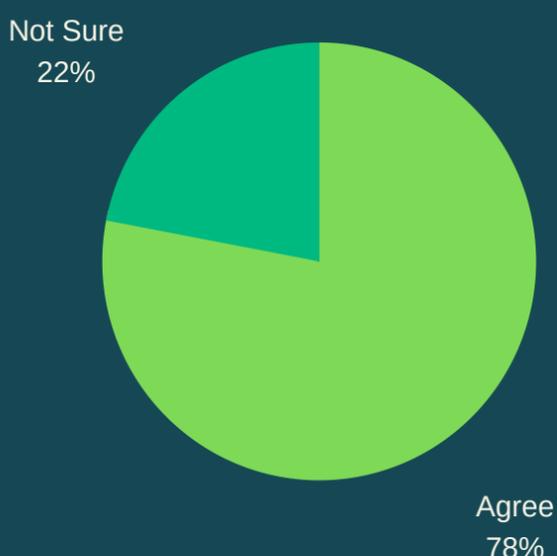


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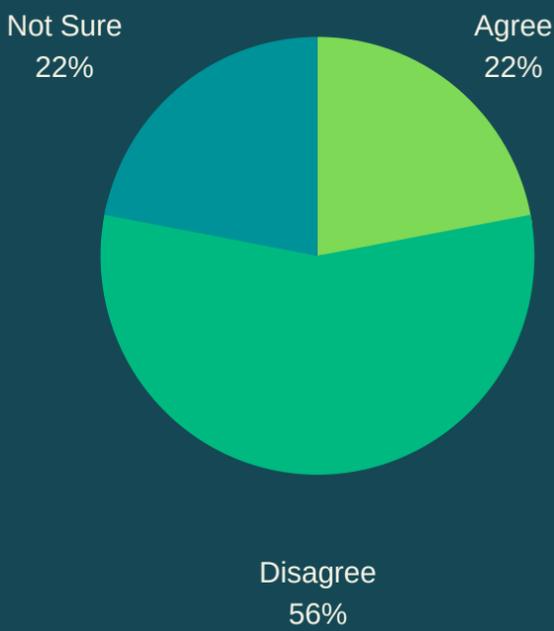
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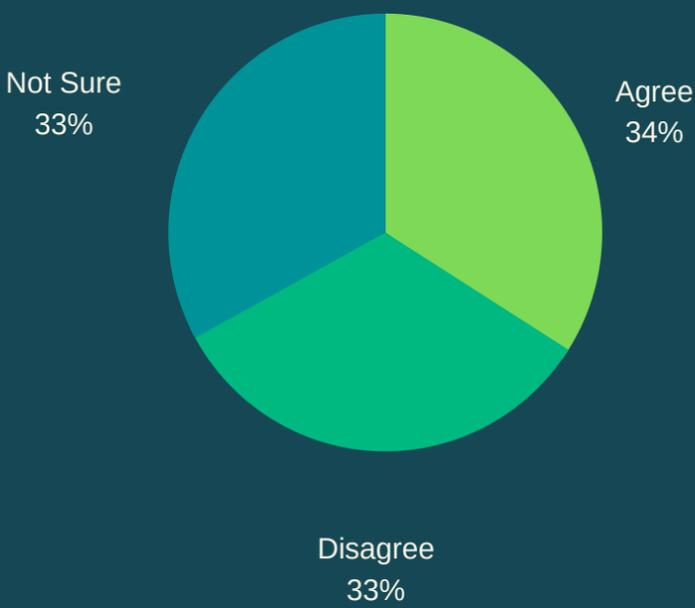
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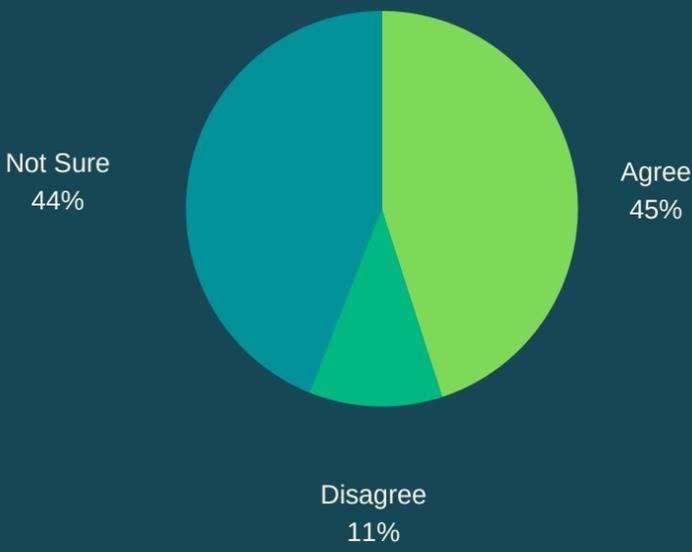
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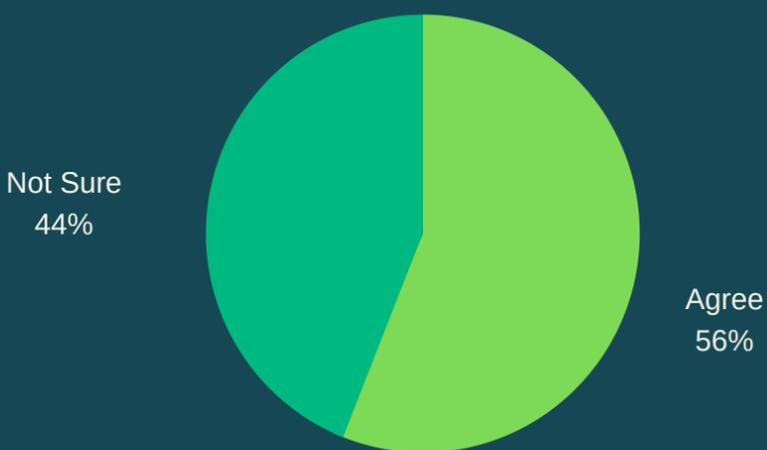


"IF I WENT TO UNIVERSITY, I WOULD LIKE TO STAY CLOSE TO HOME"



"I WOULD GET A GOOD JOB IF I WENT TO UNIVERSITY"

*Notable comments were that not all jobs require a degree and although university can help you get a good job it is not the only way to be successful



"I ENJOY MY MENTORING SESSIONS WITH MY UNIVERSITYGO! AMBASSADOR"

*Notable comments from students on this question were that (1) they enjoyed the mentoring sessions but weren't sure what they should be talking about and would like more structure to them. (2) The sessions aren't frequent enough. (3) They would like to learn more about what it's like to be a university student from their ambassador. (4) They would like more notice from their school when the sessions will be – some are only told 10 minutes before.

FOCUS GROUP COMMENTS

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING PART OF UNIVERSITYGO?

"I like that we get to socialise"

"Meeting new people from different schools but with similar backgrounds and understand what it's like being in care"

"We get to take part in fun activities"

"We get to see different universities and campuses – Warwick Uni and Coventry Uni are really different and now we've seen both so we know not all universities are the same"

"Really enjoyed the sports trip to Cov Uni and the dance session"

DO YOU THINK TAKING PART ON UNIGO HAS HELPED YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IN YOUR FUTURE?

"I had an idea on what I wanted to do anyway but it's made us think about new things that we hadn't thought about before"

"It's definitely given us confidence to meet new people and talk to them which will help me in a job or at university"

"I already knew I wanted to do forensic science before UniversityGo so it hasn't changed my mind on what I want to do in the future but it's been cool to see new things"

"I'd like there to be more things that relate to what I want to do as a job but I've enjoyed looking at other areas that you could go into"

"I've liked talking to students who are already at university to see what it's like"

HOW MUCH DID YOU KNOW ABOUT UNIVERSITY BEFORE JOINING UNIVERSITYGO?

"Not much at all"

"I knew what a university was before UniversityGo! but I didn't realise there were loads of different things you could do there. Even just sport courses there are loads of different ones"

"I'd come to see a play at Warwick Arts Centre but I'd not seen anything else of the campus so it was helpful and interesting to see all the cool stuff they have compared to schools"

"I've learnt there are so many different things you can do at university and it's really different from school"

FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE ON UNIGO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OTHER STUDENTS JOINING THE PROGRAMME WOULD WANT OR COULD BENEFIT FROM?

"It gives you a lot more confidence"

"At the start of UniversityGo! we didn't want to talk to anyone who we didn't know but now we feel confident to talk to new people from all different schools"

"It gives you loads of information on what you can do with your future"

"There are so many different opportunities"

"They could benefit from all the trips we go on because they're free to do which we wouldn't be able to do otherwise. When I'm at school we have to pay for trips and they don't offer a lot of stuff that I'm interested in but UniversityGo! does lots of different things"

THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED OVER THE LAST 6 MONTHS, WHAT DO YOU THINK WE CAN DO THAT WILL BE MOST HELPFUL TO YOU THIS NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR?

"More stuff to do with mental health. Some of us have really struggled through lockdown so if we could talk more openly about how we feel and our wellbeing that would be more important than academic sessions at the moment"

"We would still like to go on campus if we can and see new facilities but for the start focus on mental health"

"It's hard to know what we will need until we are back at school but it might be helpful to talk to students who are at university like we do in the mentoring."

FOCUS GROUP COMMENTS CONTINUED

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OR TRIPS YOU WOULD FIND HELPFUL?

"We did a dance session before and that was really good so I'd like to do something like that again"

"Basketball and other sports we don't really do at school"

"Something fun like Alton Towers for those that come on all the trips"

"We want to reconnect and spend time together because we haven't seen everyone on UniversityGo! in so long"

"Talking to students from university about their experience"

WHAT DID YOU FIND THE HARDEST ABOUT STUDYING FROM HOME?

"Having lots of siblings at home it is really difficult to focus"

"Not having a teacher there to ask questions on certain things that we didn't understand"

"Distraction and other things going on in the house"

"I did most of my work in my room which was a bit weird. It was good to have my own space but I got bored of sitting in my room all the time."

"It was hard to focus as we only had one table"

"Sometimes I got too much work from school and other times they wouldn't give me any so it wasn't the same each week"

"I didn't have any support from school, I didn't get any help from teachers so it was really hard to do work"

WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE YOUR MAIN SOURCES OF SUPPORT?

"Friends"

"Staying connected with support helper"

"My foster family have been really helpful and supported me"

"Having access to a laptop/tablet as I wouldn't have been able to do any of my school work if I didn't have that"

"CAHMS / Relate / Virtual School Mentors"

"Social workers haven't been very helpful, I've barely heard from mine"

"Having a break from school work to just relax"

"I had a lot of support from school, my teachers rang me to check I was doing the work and I understood it"

*(*This was very varied across students, some students did not have any communication with schools)*

I had Zoom calls with my class which was good as we could all talk about work and what we needed help with"

IF YOU THINK BACK TO WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT TO START A NEW SCHOOL YEAR LAST SEPTEMBER, ARE YOUR WORRIES DIFFERENT THIS YEAR COMPARED TO LAST?

"I don't feel very different, I wasn't worried last year and I don't feel as worried this year"

"They're a little bit different with what's happened through lockdown"

"I'm starting a new school so I feel more positive this year about going back to school as I've wanted to move for ages"

"I'm worried I will be really behind on work as I didn't get any help at home"

"My worries are a bit different because last year we didn't miss out on half a year of school whereas this year we are going back after having so much time off so I've forgotten what it's like to be taught in a classroom"