



# Report on the Post 16 Destinations Survey

## Introduction

Young people between the ages of 11 and 19 (inclusive) were invited to complete a survey on their attitudes towards education and work once they finish compulsory education.

The survey ran online between March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 and April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and 753 responses were received. The result headlines in the rest of this report are set out on the following pages:

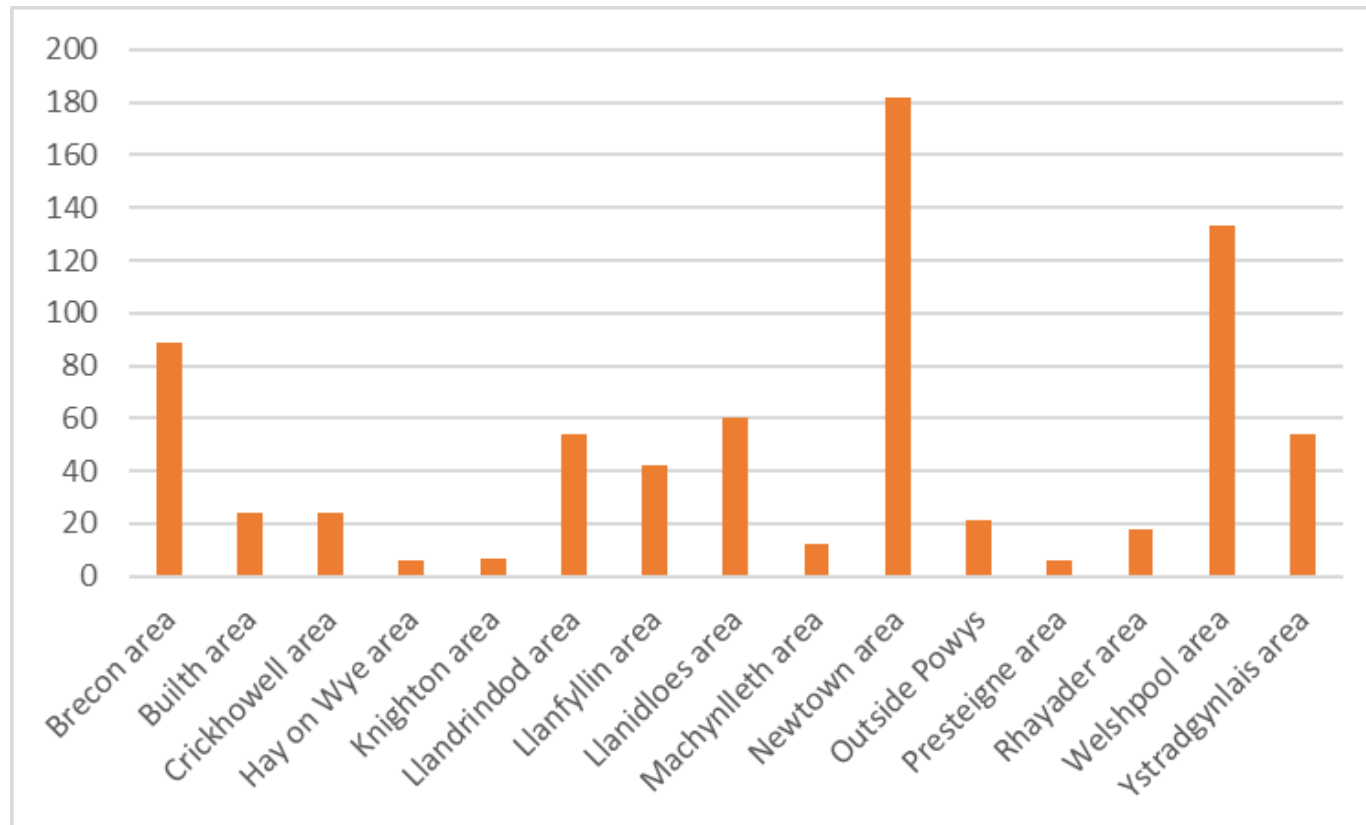
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# Results

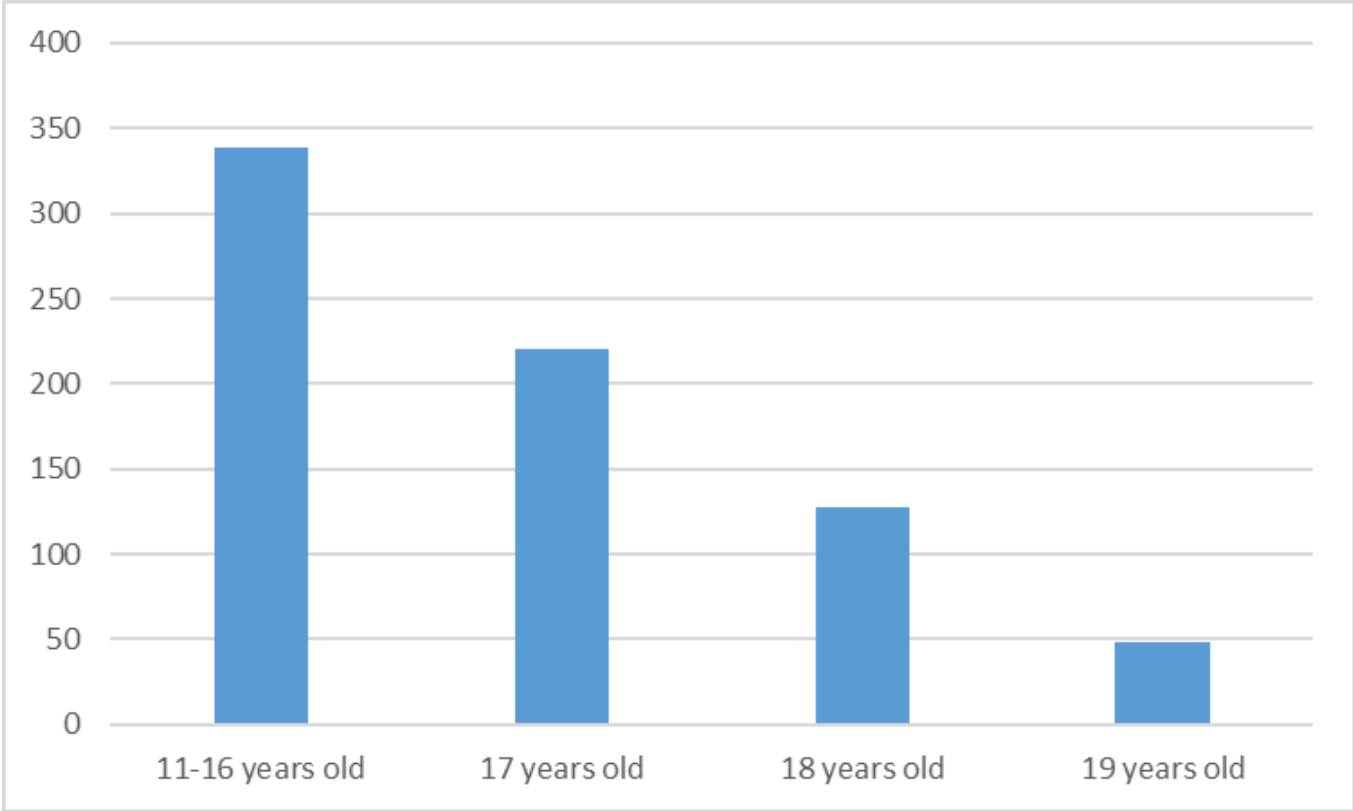
The headline results of the survey were as follows: (The full responses are attached at Appendix 1)

## Section 1 – General introductory questions

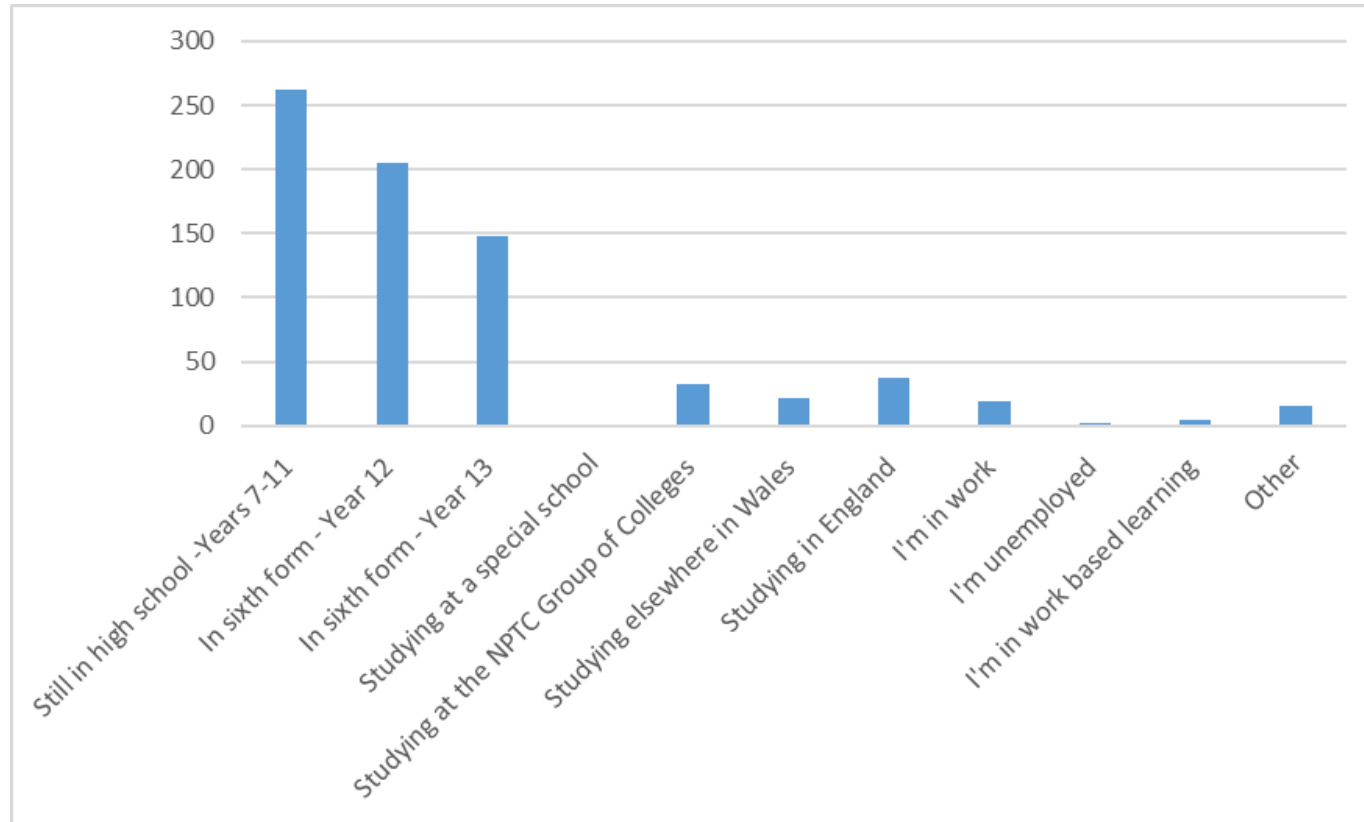
### Q1. First of all, what is your home postcode?



**Q2. How old are you?**



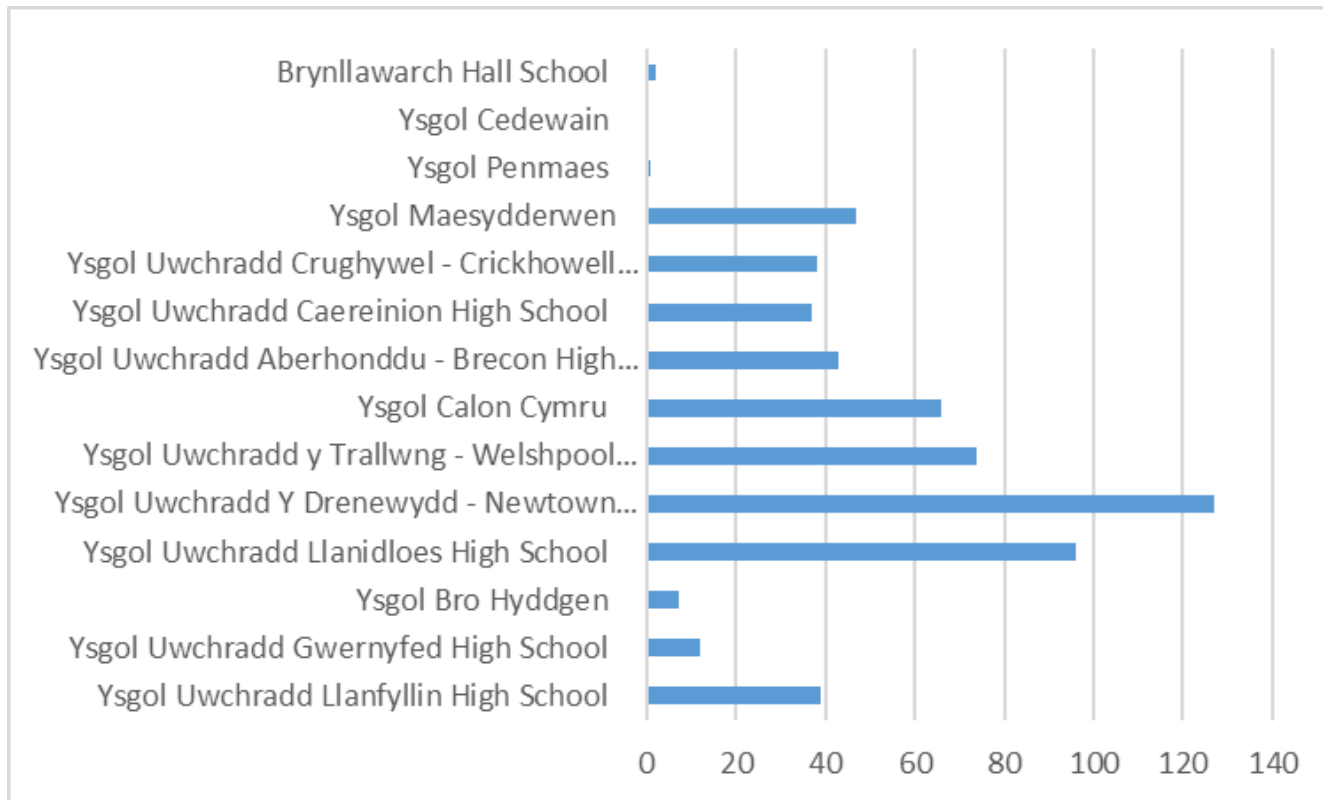
### Q3. Are you....?



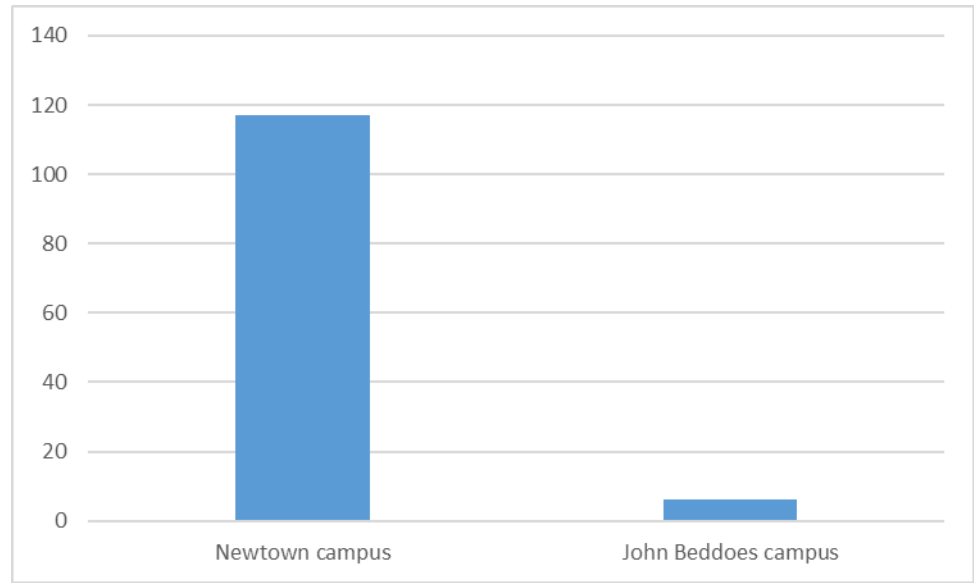
Other responses included:

- Public school;
- University;
- Distance learning.

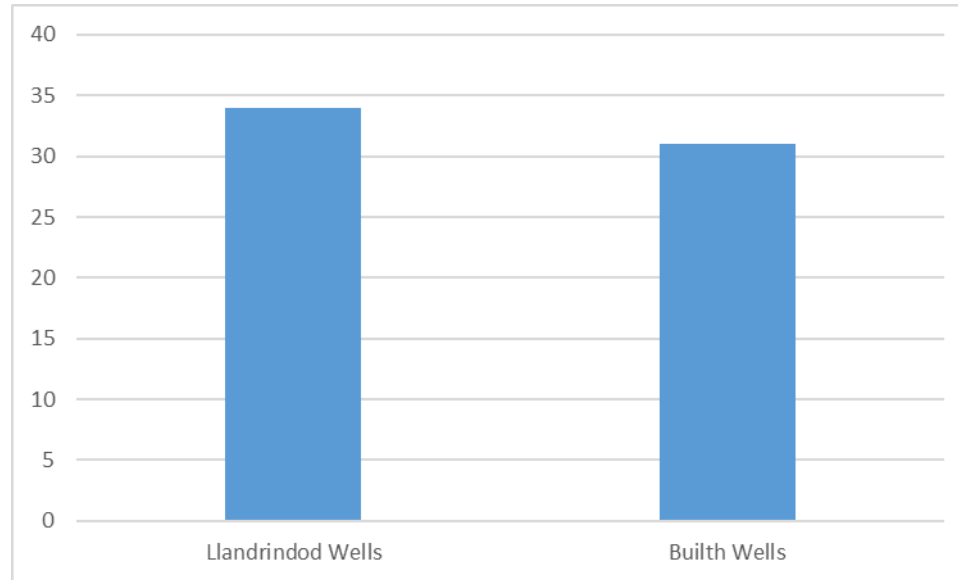
**Q4. If you're attending a Powys High School or Special School, which one is it?**



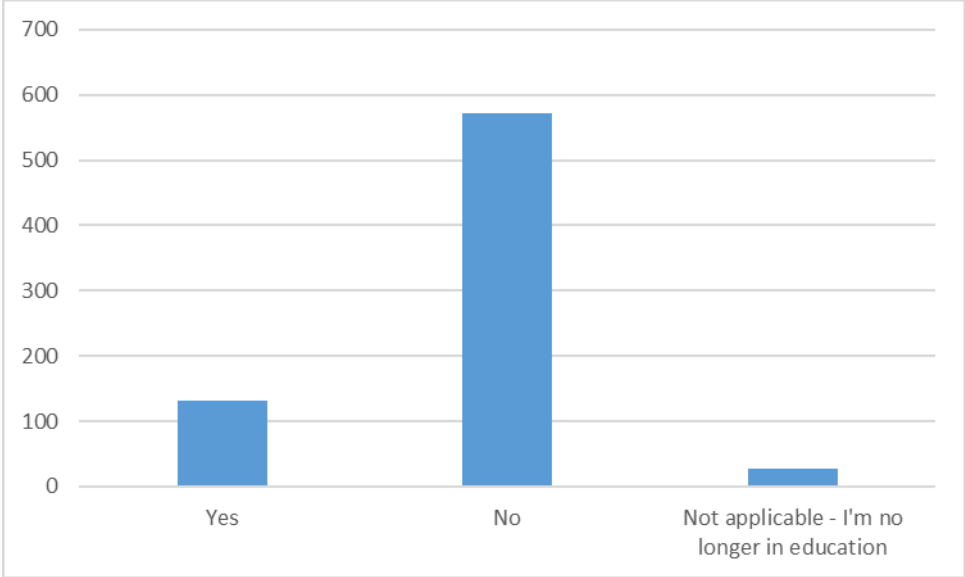
**Q5. If you chose Newtown High School, which campus do you attend?**



**Q6. If you chose Ysgol Calon Cymru, which campus do you attend?**

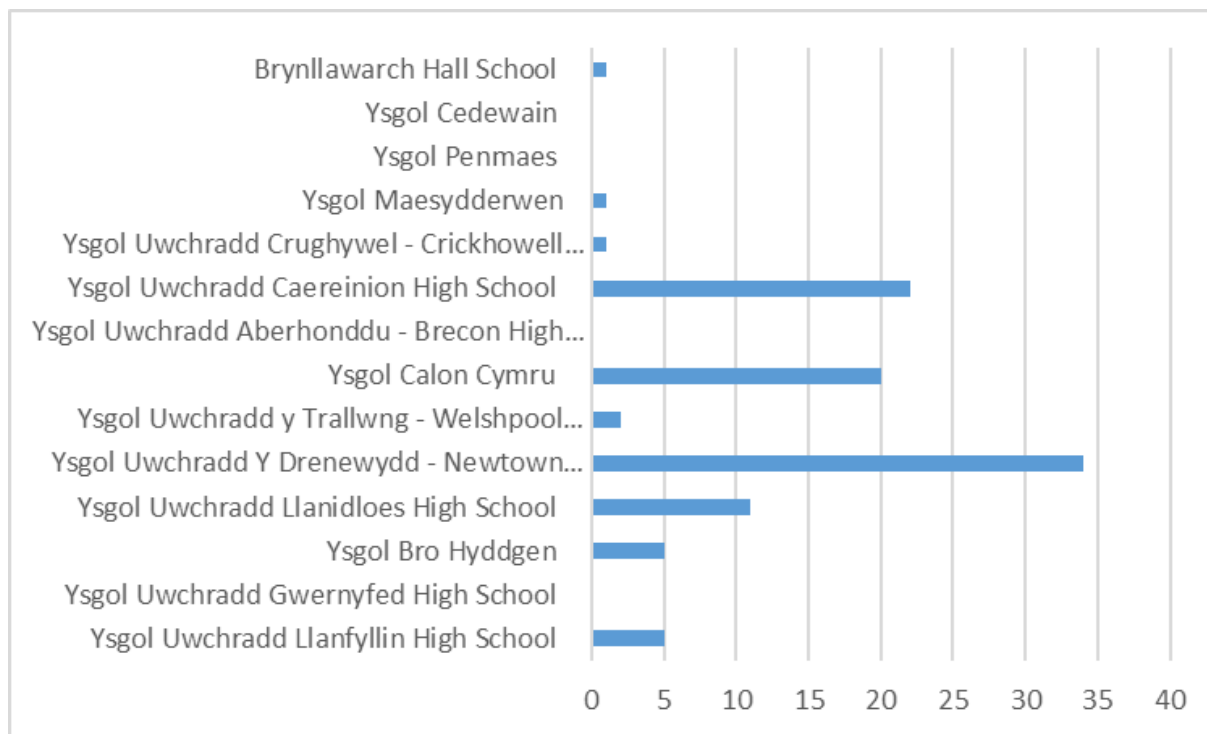


**Q7. Do you study through the medium of Welsh?**





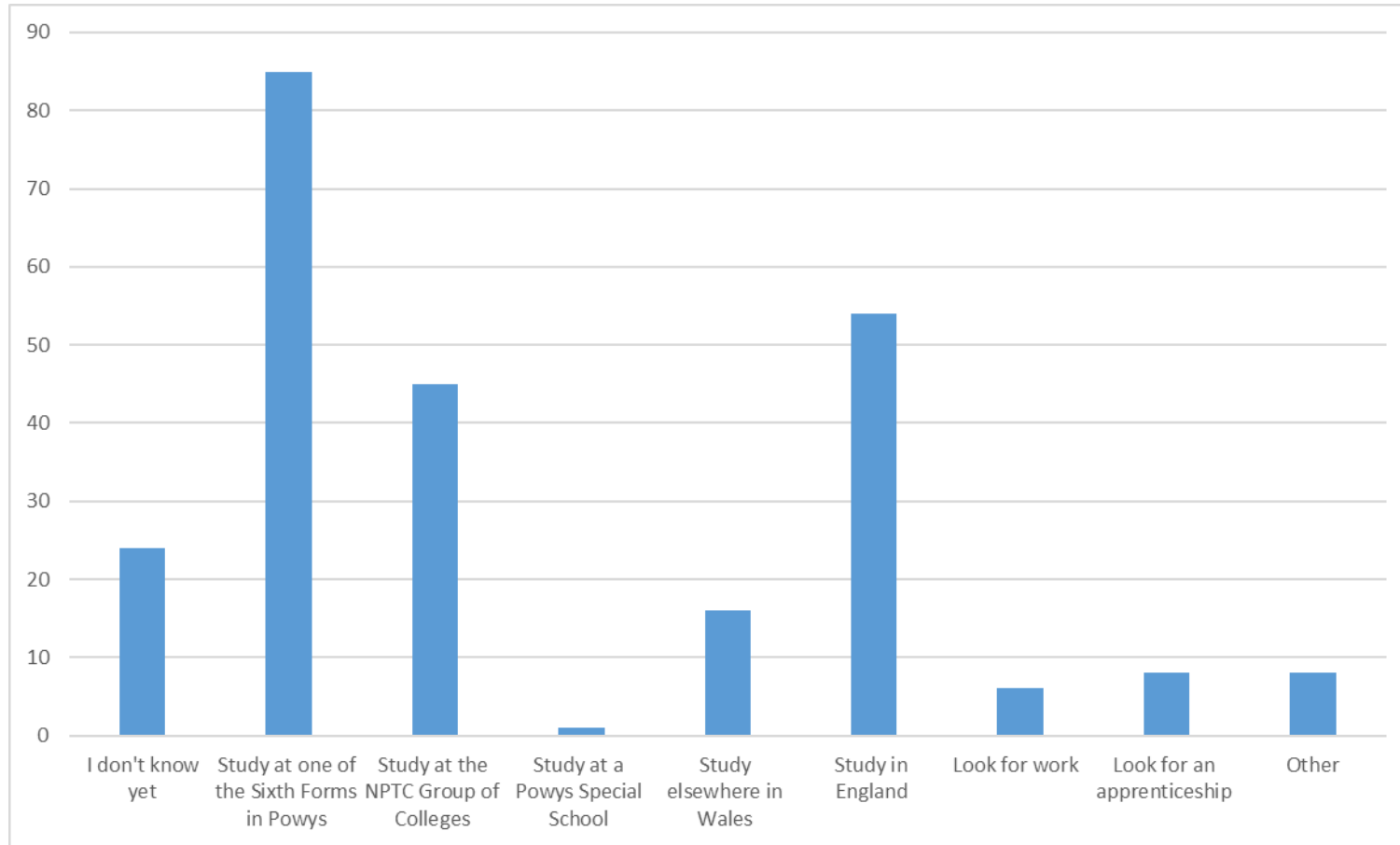
Of those who reported that they are studying through the medium of Welsh, they also responded that they were studying at the following Powys schools:



This data relating to studying through the medium of Welsh should be treated with caution. I believe that some respondents have misunderstood this question, and have talked about receiving lessons in Welsh, rather than through the medium of Welsh. Newtown High School has the highest number of students reporting that they are studying through the medium of Welsh when I understand that no learners study through the medium of Welsh in Newtown High School.

**Section 2 – Questions for High School Pupils – Years 7-11**

**Q8. Thinking forward to when you finish Year 11, what do you think you will choose to do?**



### **Q9. What are the reasons for your choice?**

The majority of the responses were on the following themes (in decreasing order of incidence/mention):

For all of the respondents, the top themes were:

- Because of the subjects the student wishes to pursue;
- To access the highest education standard possible;
- Because it is close to home.

However, when split between the different options for further education destinations, the reasons show variation:

Students wishing to access a Powys sixth form:

- Because it is close to home;
- Because of the subjects the student wishes to pursue;
- To access the highest education standard possible;
- It will be good preparation for University.

Students wishing to access the NPTC Group of Colleges:

- Because of the subjects the student wishes to pursue;
- Because it is close to home.

Students wishing to study outside of Powys (e.g at Shrewsbury Sixth Form College);

- Because of the subjects the student wishes to pursue;
- To access the highest education standard possible;
- To access better facilities;
- Have a negative view of education provision in Powys;
- To access all of their facilities on one campus.

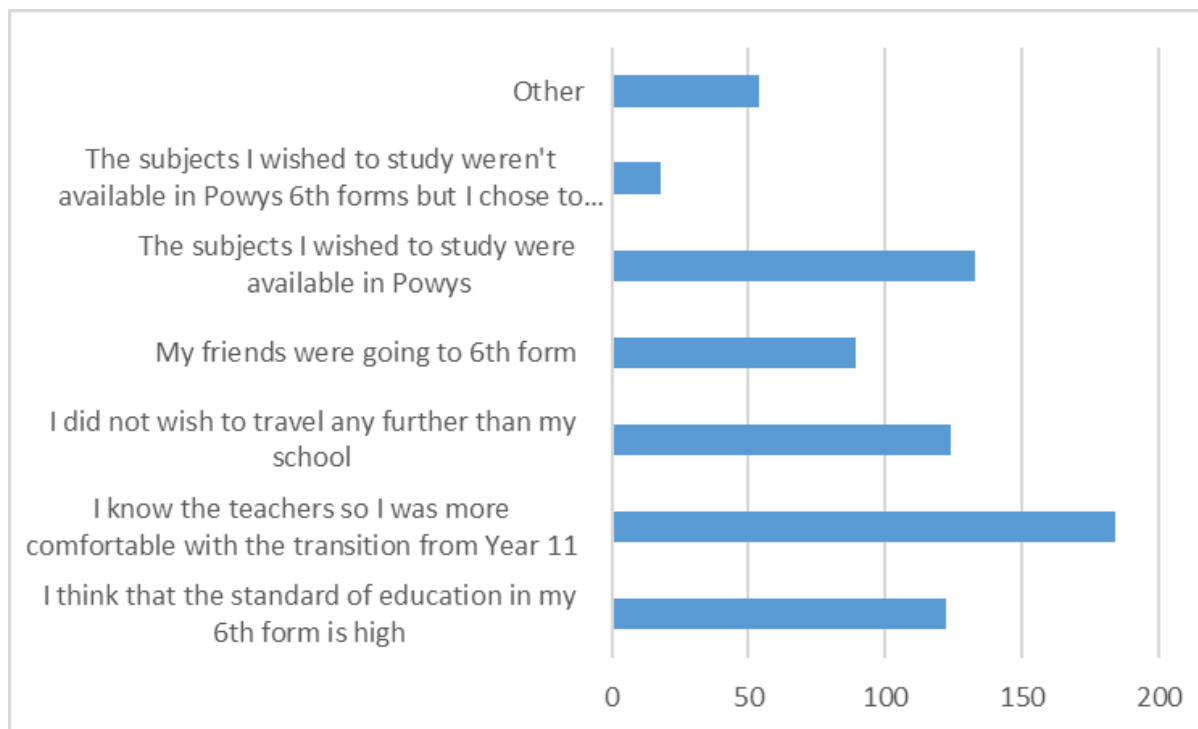
### Section 3 – Questions for Powys Sixth Formers

#### Q10. What subject(s) are you studying?

Agriculture	8
Applied Science	1
Arabic	1
Art	36
Biology	108
Business Studies	57
Chemistry	62
Design and Technology	16
Drama	9
English	41
English Literature	31
Forensics	1
French	10
Further Maths	15
Geography	96
Guitar	1
Health and Social Care	28
Health Science	1
History	93
ICT	35
Law	12
Maths	88
Media Studies	20

Music	8
PE	32
Personal Fitness	1
Philosophy and Ethics	1
Photography	13
Physics	47
Politics	7
Presentation and Public Speaking	1
Product Design	7
Psychology	49
Public Services	2
Religious Education	10
Resistant materials	1
Sociology	5
Spanish	2
Sport	7
Textiles	5
Tourism	13
Welsh	20
Welsh Bacc.	147

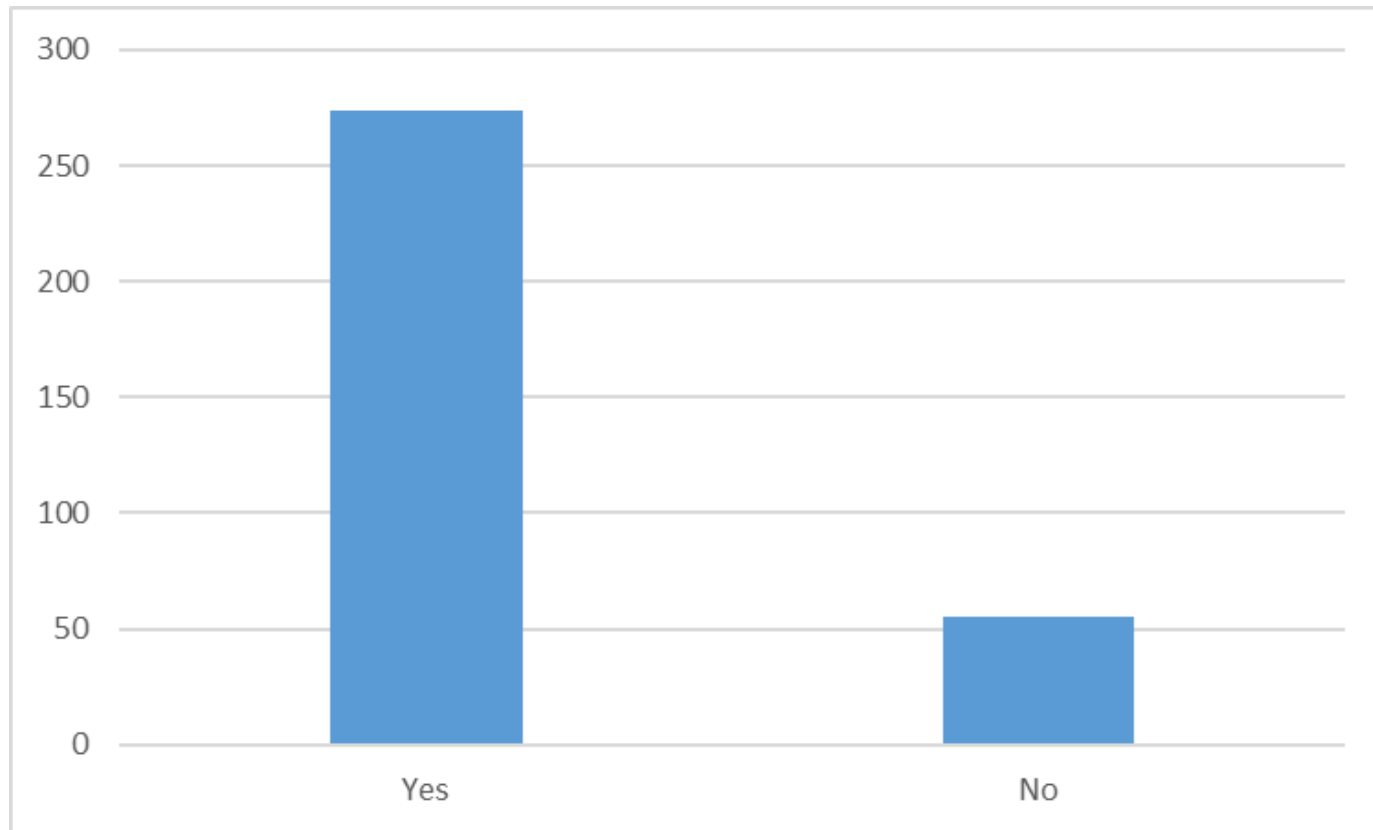
**Q11. Thinking back to when you made the decision to go to Sixth Form, what were your reasons for choosing this? Please choose the statements which you think reflect your thoughts at the time.**



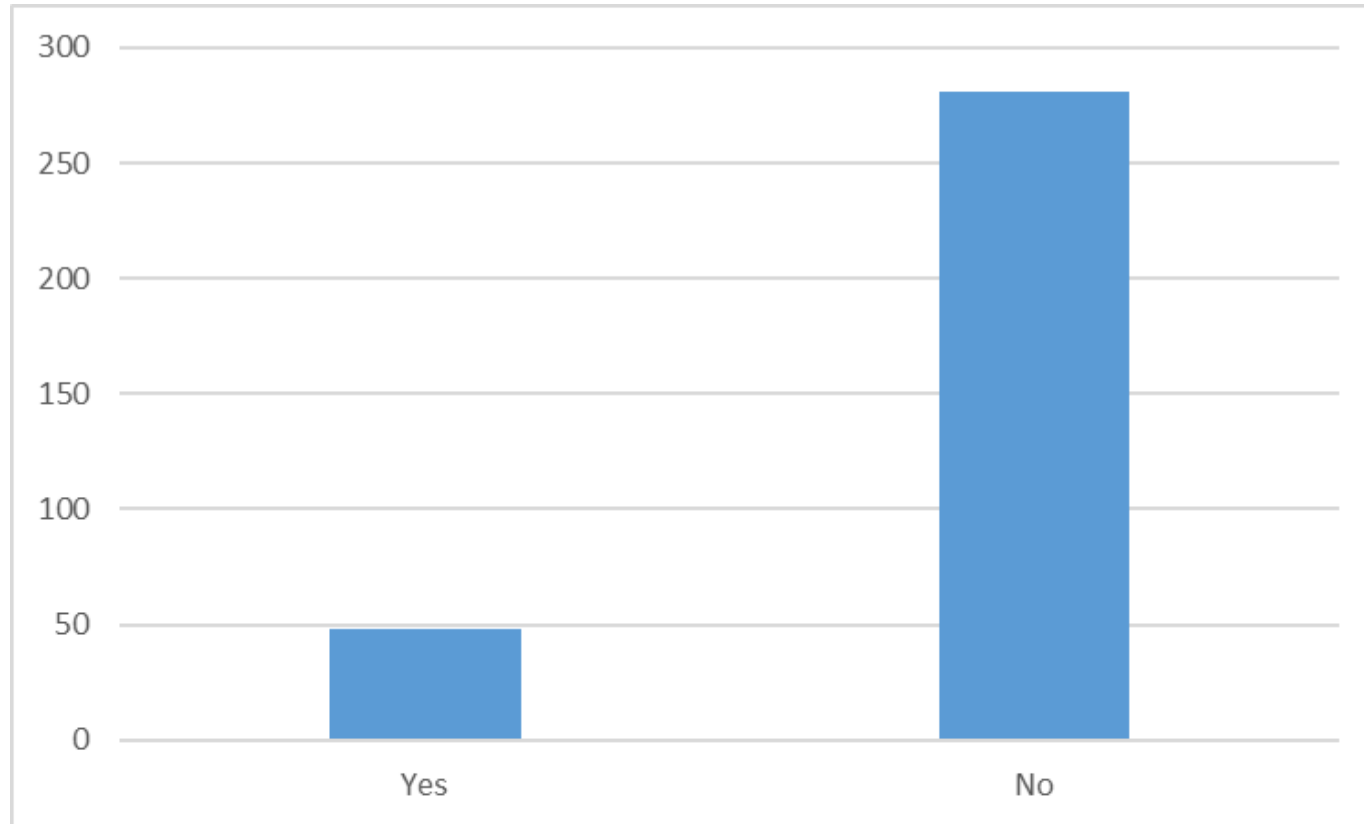
Other responses included:

- It is a good preparation for University;
- Referencing a lack of subject choice.

**Q12. Generally, are you happy with the choice you made?**



**Q13. Do you travel to any other schools / colleges to study any subjects?**



**Q14. If yes, what are your views on this?**

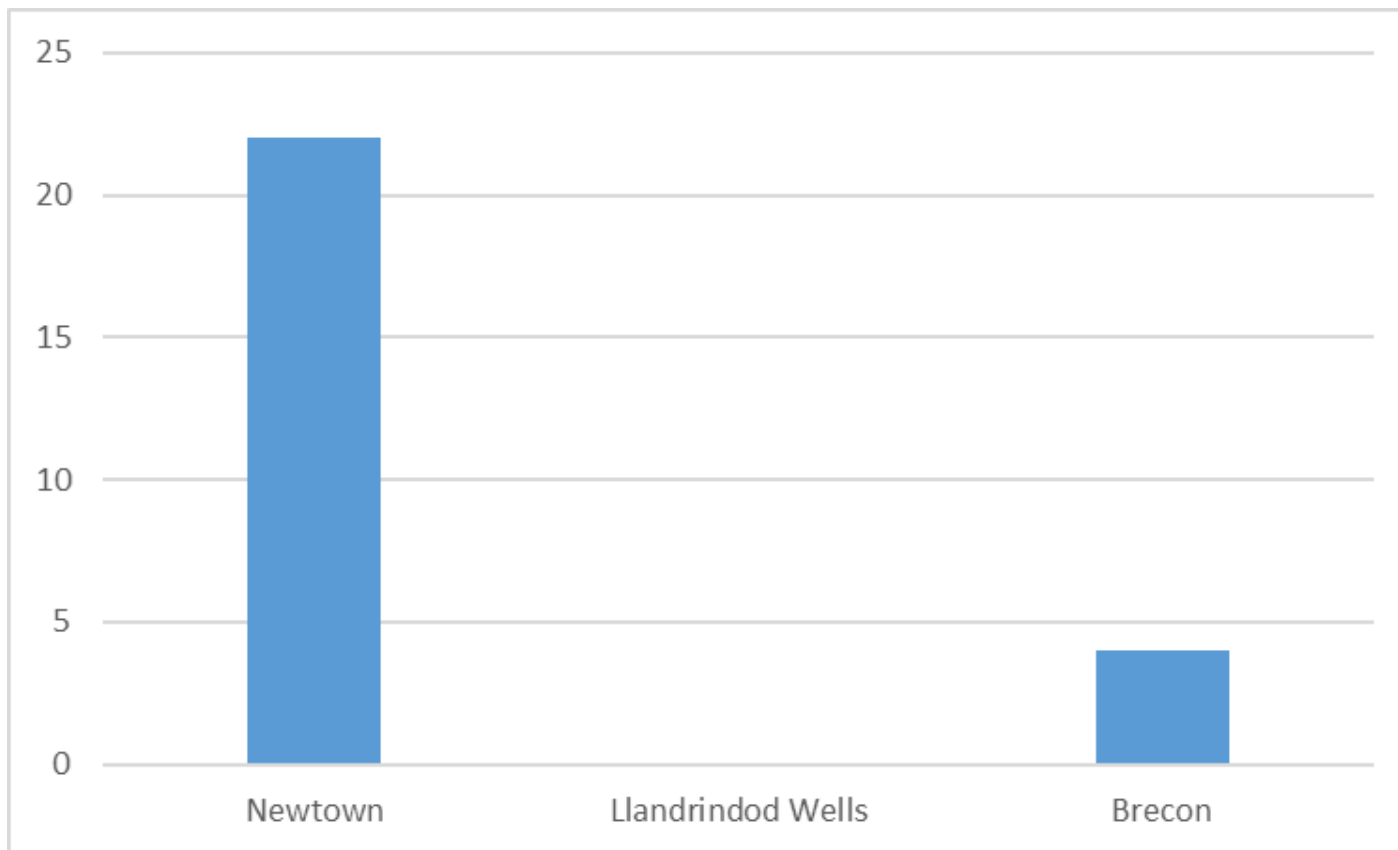
The majority of the responses were on the following themes (in decreasing order of incidence/mention):

- The intra-day travel wastes time;
- Intra-day travel is fine;
- Students would prefer the subjects to be available on 1 site;
- Concern about the cost of buses;
- General dislike for intra-day travel;
- Intra-day travel means students can miss lessons;
- Intra-day travel is tiring.



**Section 3 – Questions for students of the NPTC Group of Colleges**

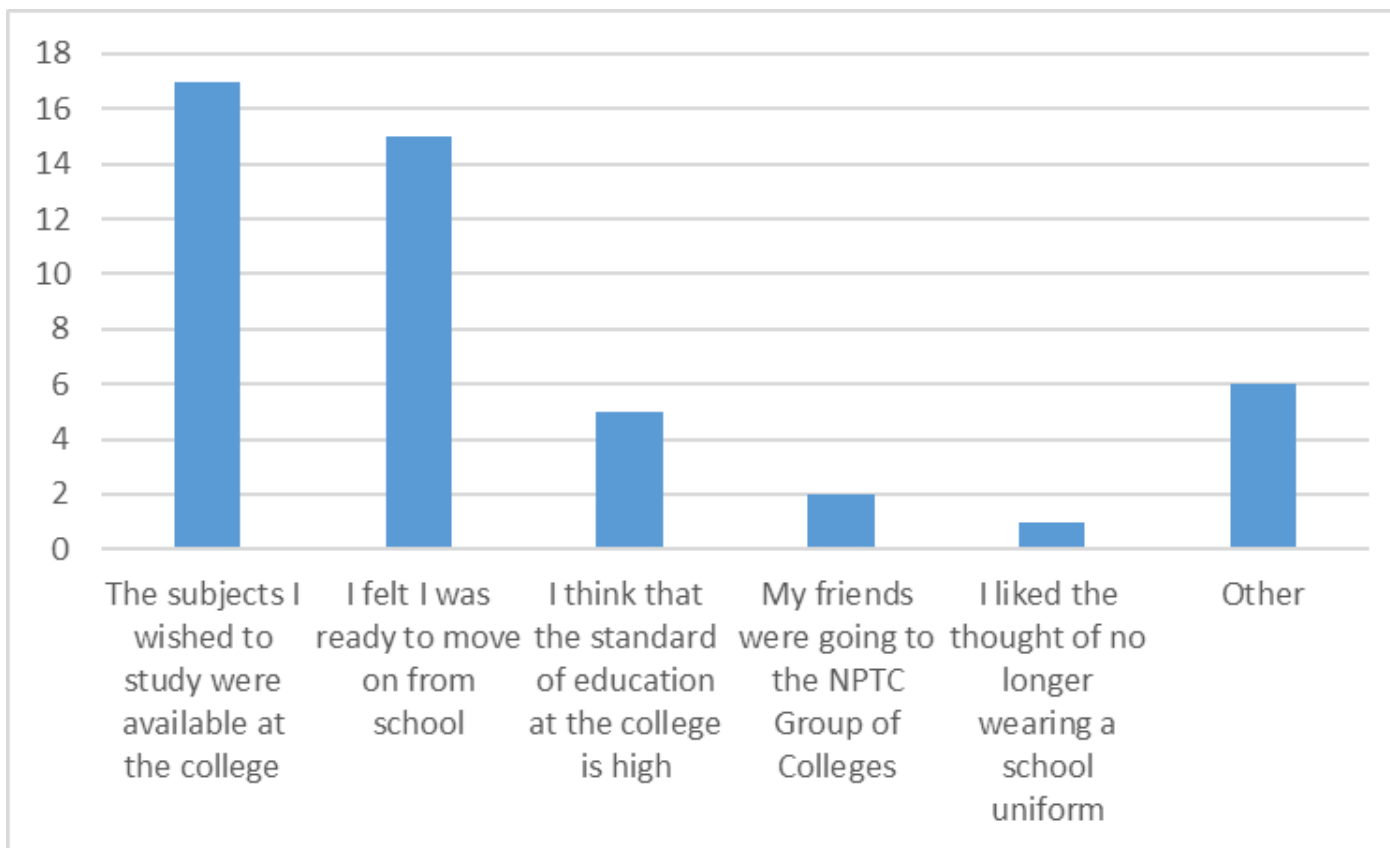
**Q15. Which campus do you attend?**



**Q16. What subject(s) are you studying?**

Barbering	7
Business	3
Carpentry	2
Engineering	1
Hairdressing	1
Health and Social Care	13
Media production	1
Motor vehicle maintenance	1
Plumbing	1
Public services	4

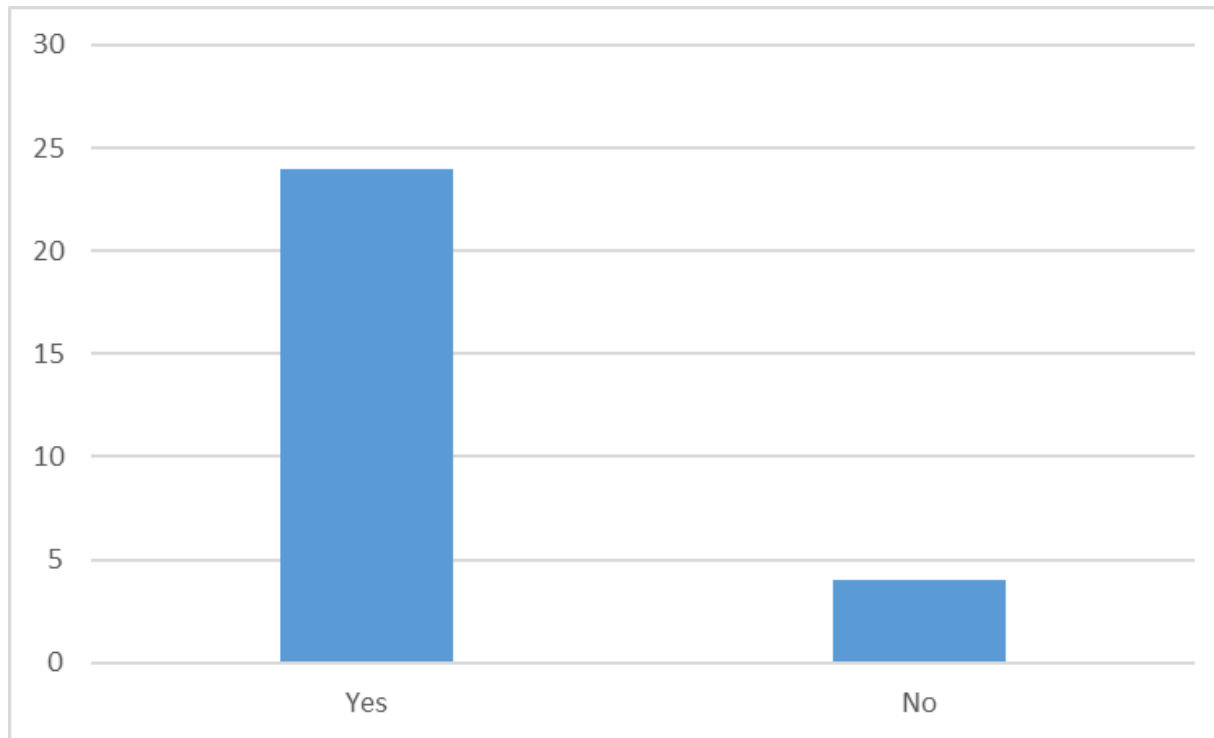
**Q17. Thinking back to when you made the decision to go to the NPTC Group of Colleges, what were your reasons for choosing this? Please choose the statements which you think reflect your thoughts at the time.**



Other responses included:

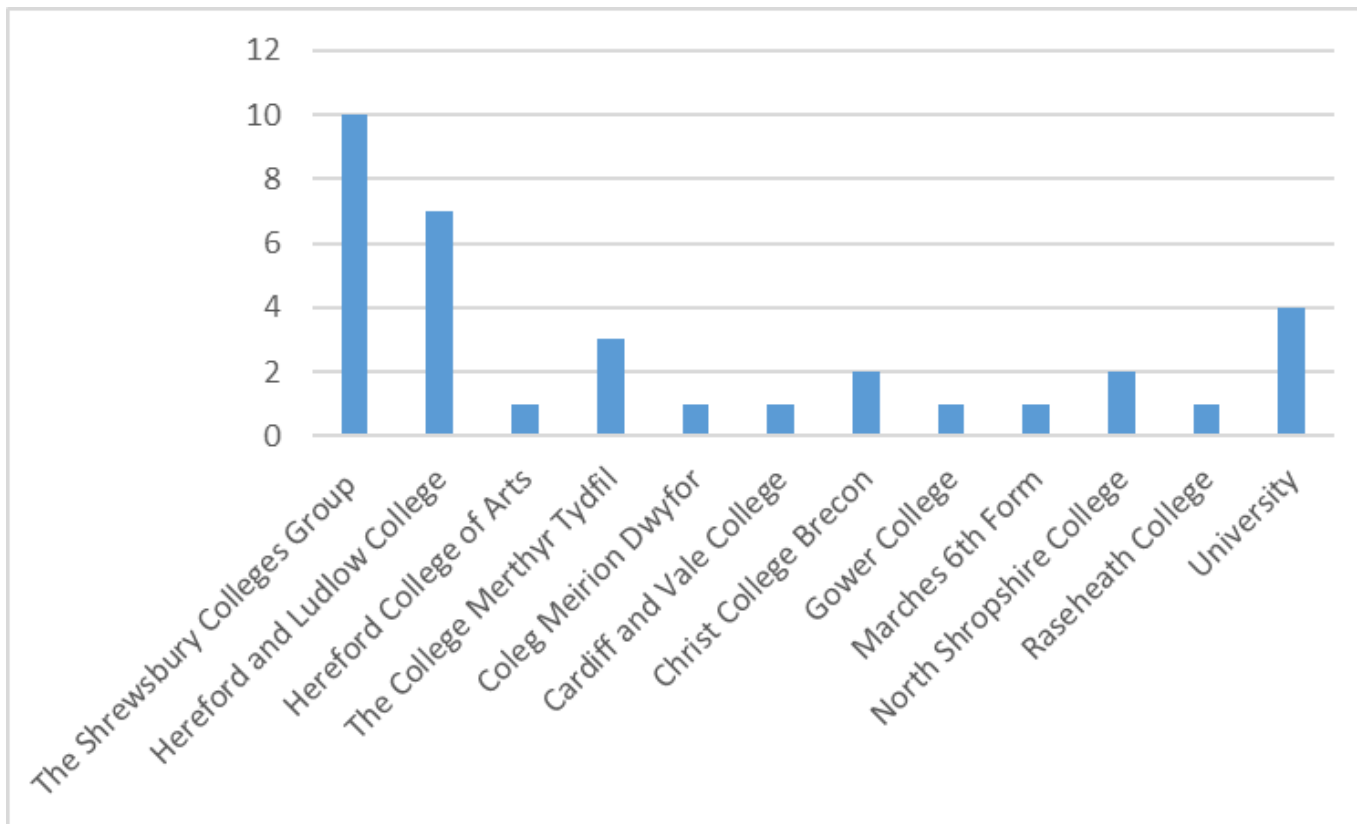
- It was the best option for me
- My school wouldn't allow me to do resits.

**Q18. Generally, are you happy with the choice you made?**

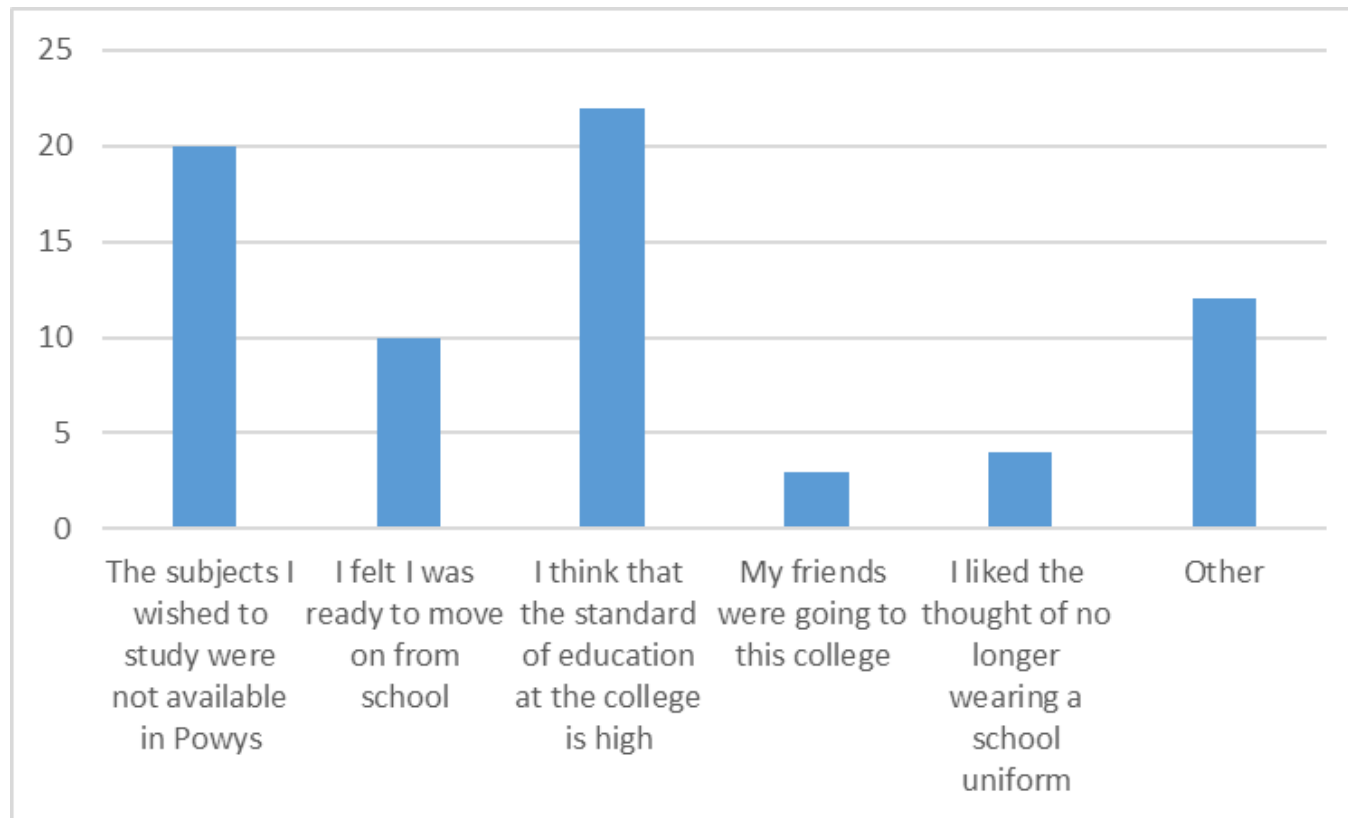


**Section 5. FE Students studying outside Powys**

**Q19. Where are you studying?**



**Q20. Thinking back to when you made the decision to study outside Powys what were your reasons for choosing this? Please choose the statements which you think reflect your thoughts at the time.**

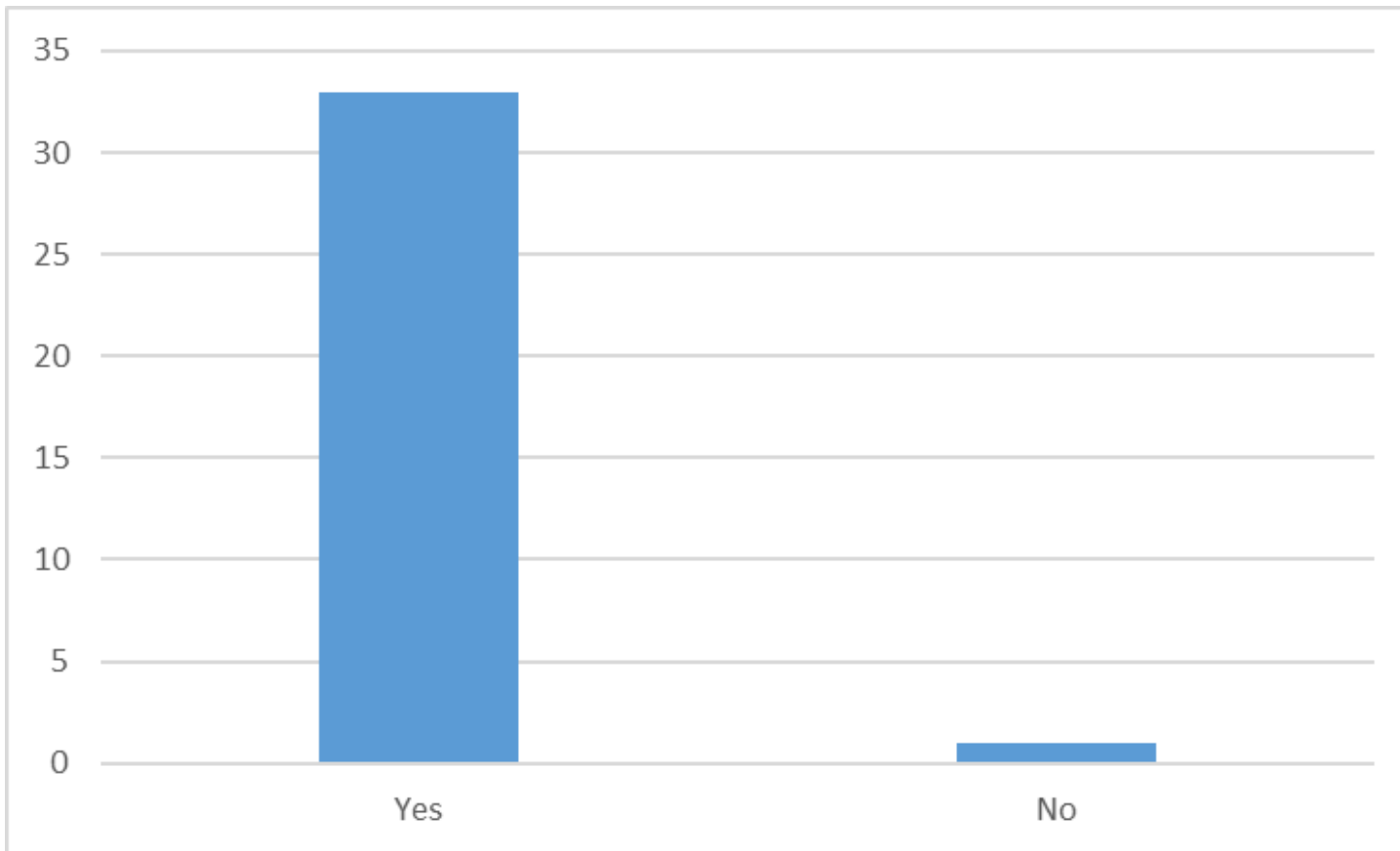


**Q21. What subject(s) are you studying?**

Adventure sports	1
Agriculture	3
Animal Management	1
Applied Sciences	1
Art	1
Biology	3
Business	4
Chemistry	3
Early Years Education	1
English	4
English Literature	1
Forensics	2
French	1
Geography	5
Health and Social Care	2
History	3

ICT	3
Law	3
Maths	3
Media	3
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	1
PE/Sports	3
Performing Arts	1
Photography	1
Plumbing	1
Politics	5
Psychology	3
Public Services	1
RE	1
Sociology	4
Spanish	1
Sports Technology	2

**Q22. Generally, are you happy with the choice you made?**





**Q23. Is there anything that would have encouraged you to stay to study in Powys?**

The majority of the responses were on the following themes (in decreasing order of incidence/mention):

- There was nothing that would have encouraged me to stay;
- The course was not available in Powys;
- Higher standards in Powys schools;
- I dislike intra-day travel.

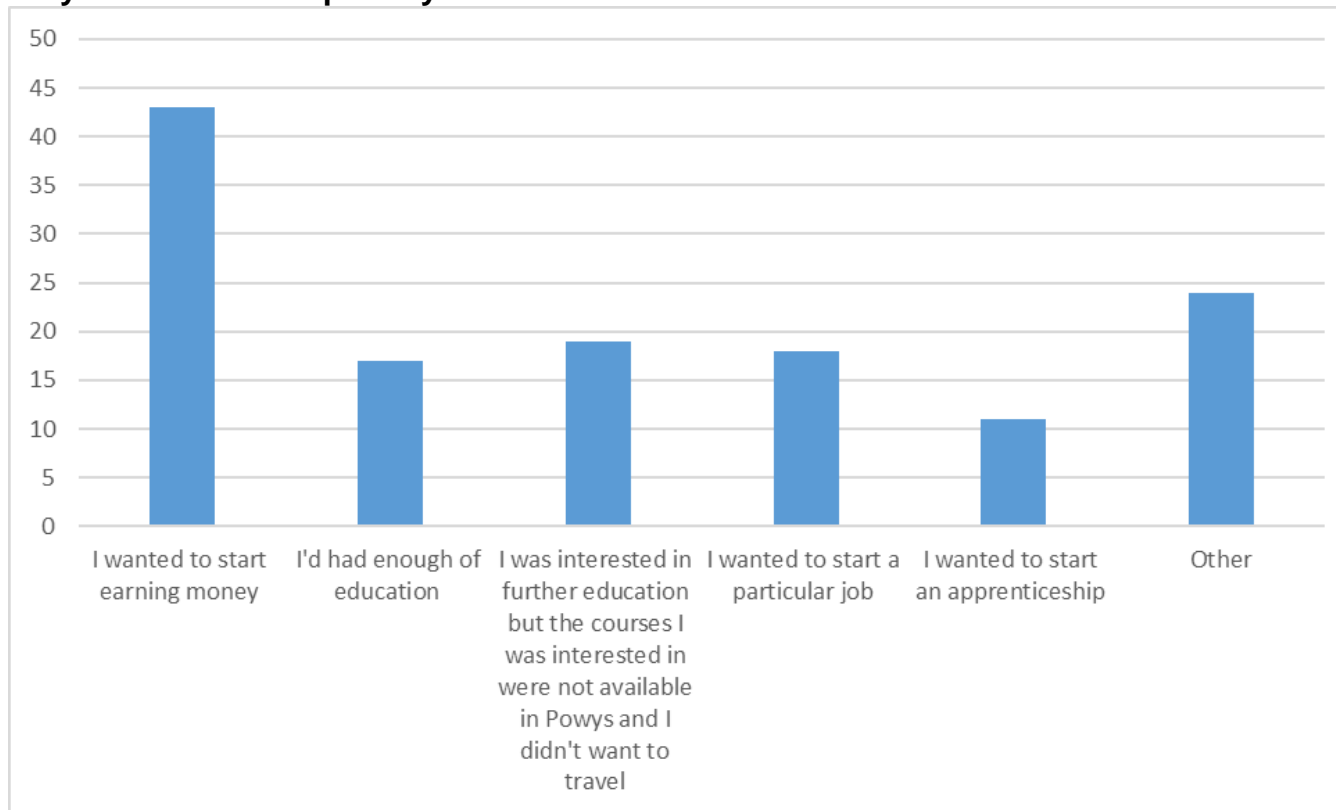
***Section 6 – Questions for Special School Students***

**Q24. If you are studying in a special school in Powys, are you happy with the choice of subjects?**

No responses were received from students studying in a Powys special school.

**Section 7 – Questions for people who are In Work, Unemployed, In Work Based Learning or who chose Other in Q3.**

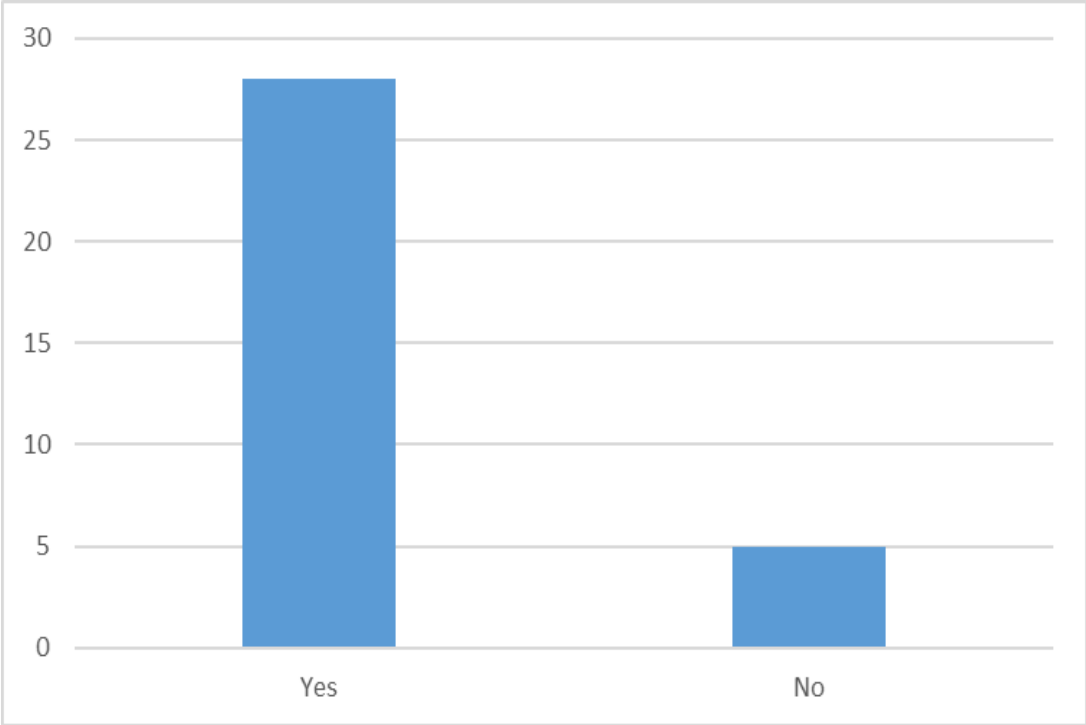
**Q25. We are interested to find out why Powys people make the choices they do. Please tick the statements which reflect your decision when you finished compulsory education.**



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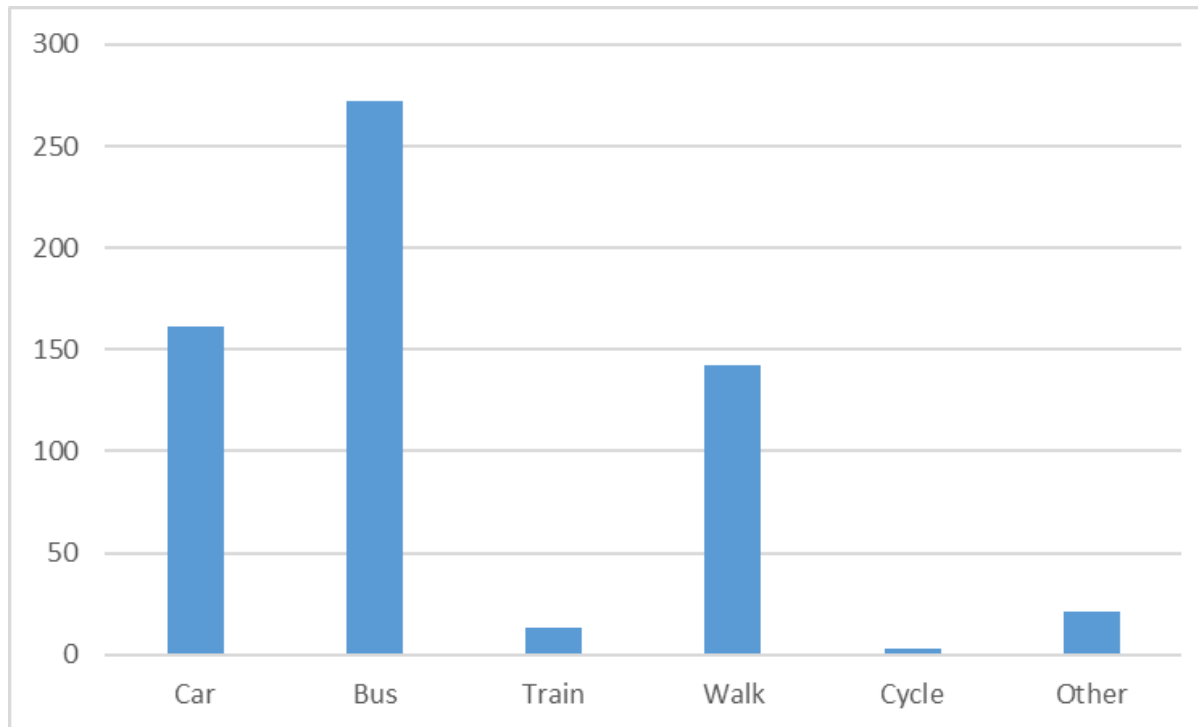
- Education standards are too low in Powys;
- I was unsure what to do.

**Q26. Generally, are you happy with the choice you made?**



**Section 8 – Any other thoughts?**

**Q27. How do you travel to your college/school? (Results from respondents still in education).**



**Q28. Have you ever studied outside Powys and then returned to study within Powys? If so, what was the reason for your return? (Please ignore this question if it is not relevant to you.)**

The main response to this was that they returned because of a family move.

**Q29. Did you ever consider choosing to do something else? If so, what was it and why did you follow the route you did?**

There were two elements to this question, the alternative destination and the reason that students did not follow this.

Firstly, the main alternative destinations were:

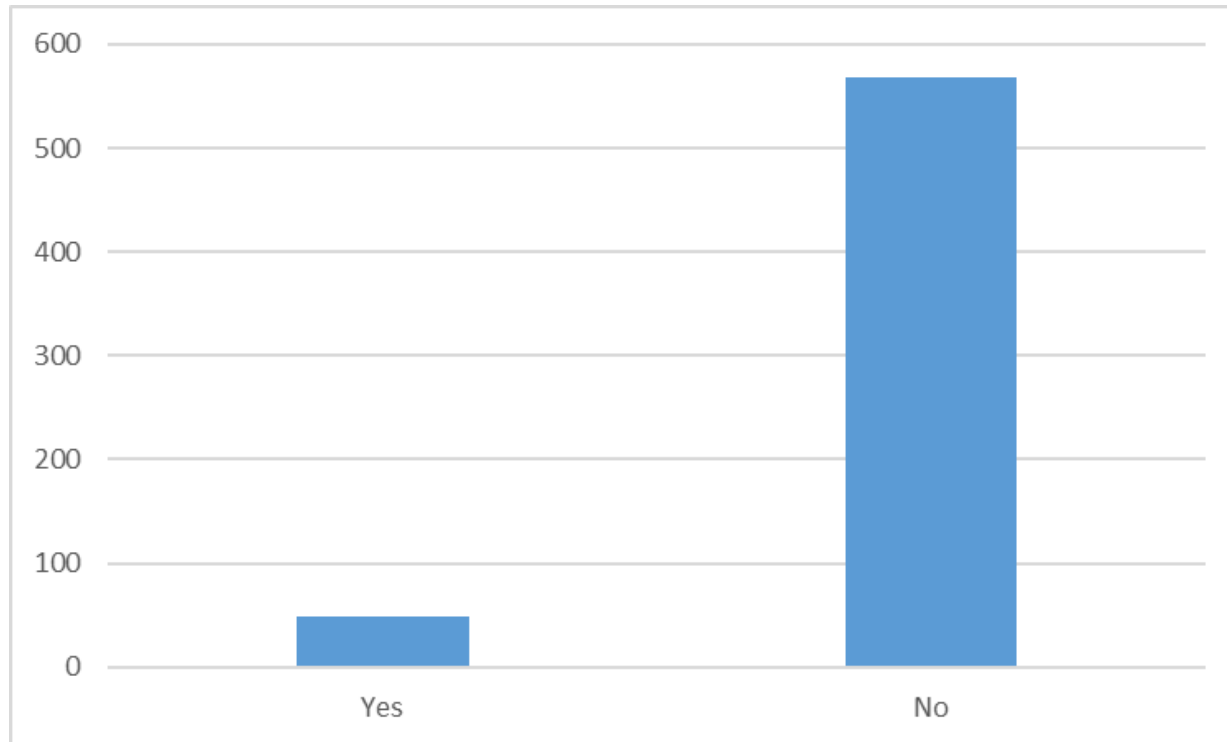
- College;
- 6<sup>th</sup> form college;
- Studying different subjects;
- Apprenticeship;
- Work;
- 6<sup>th</sup> form.

Secondly, the main reasons were:

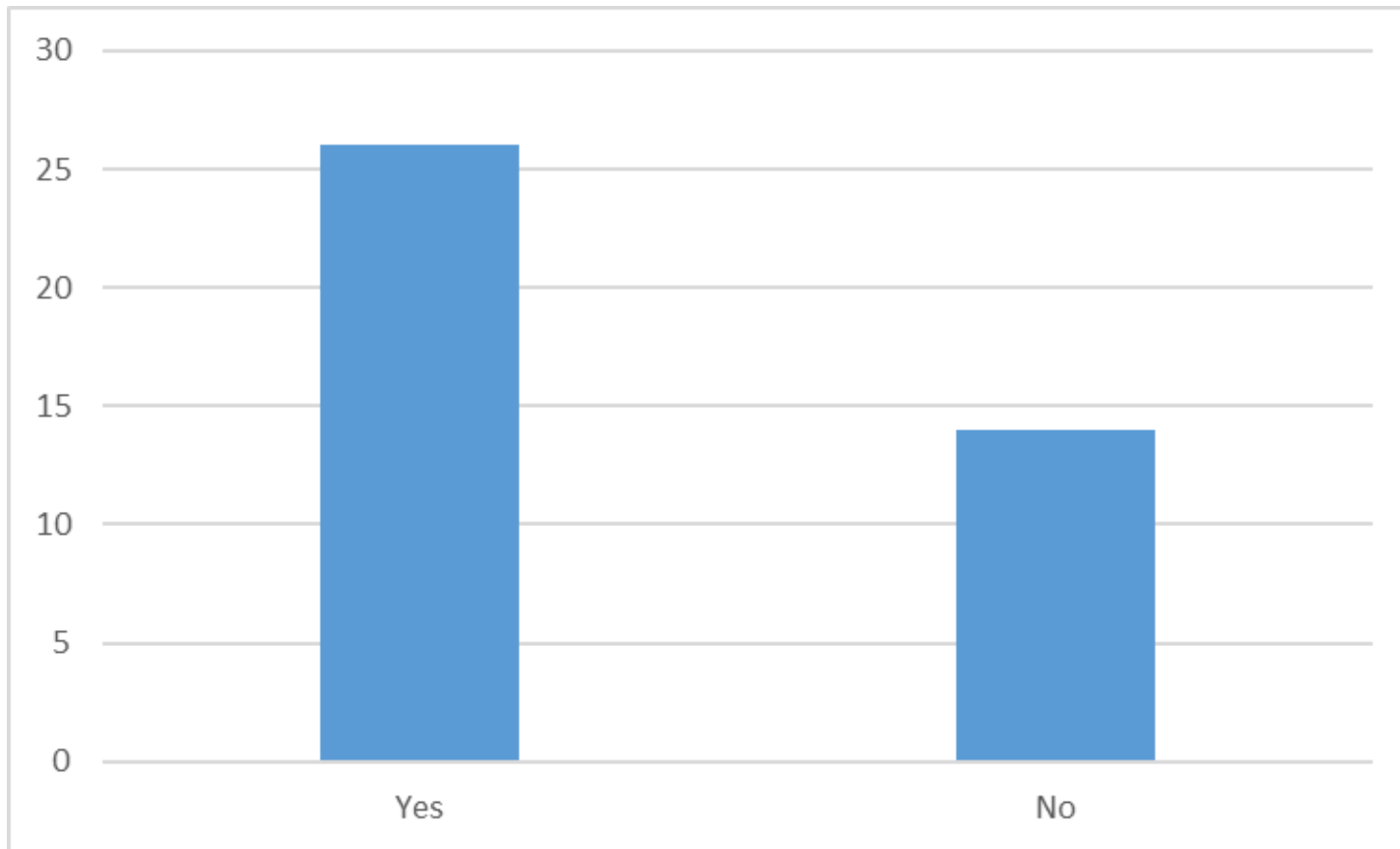
- I dislike having to travel;
- I felt that this would be better for my future career;
- I wished to leave Powys.

**Section 9 – Questions relating to Additional Learning Needs**

**Q30. Do you have an Additional learning need?**



**Q31. Is the post-16 provision that is available suitable for your needs?**



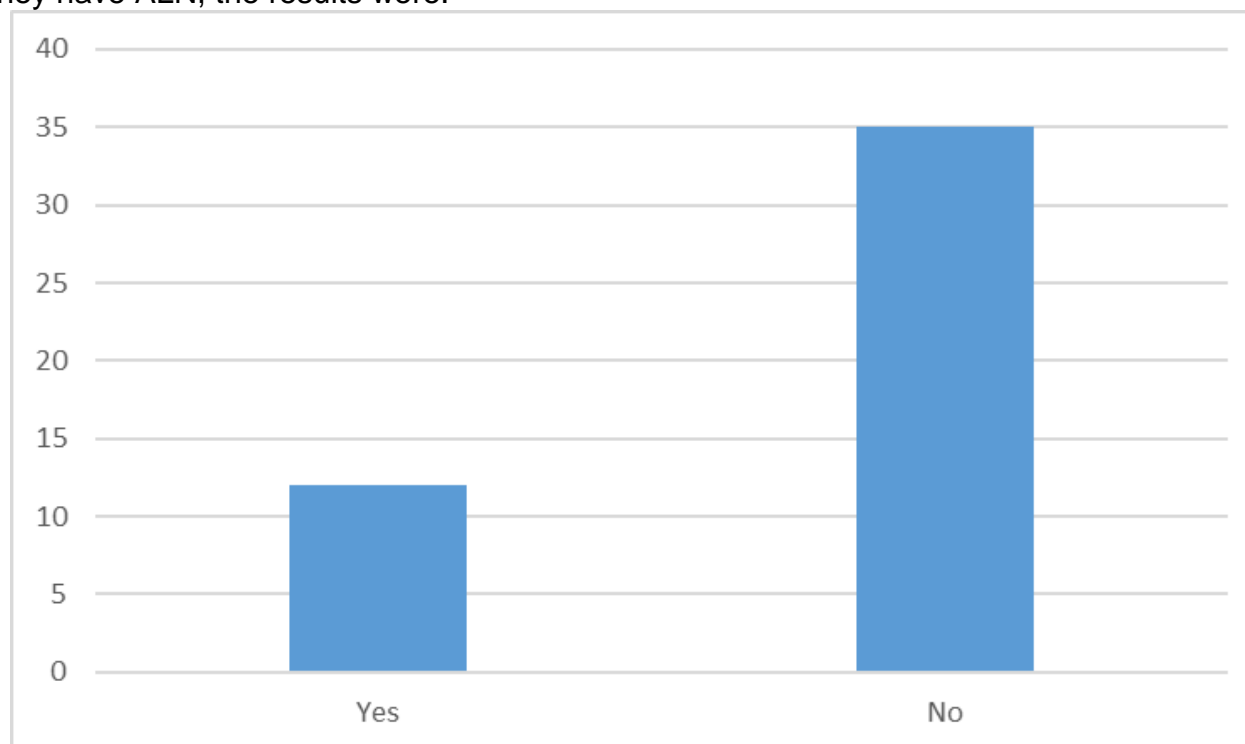


**Q32. If you answered No to the previous question, please explain:**

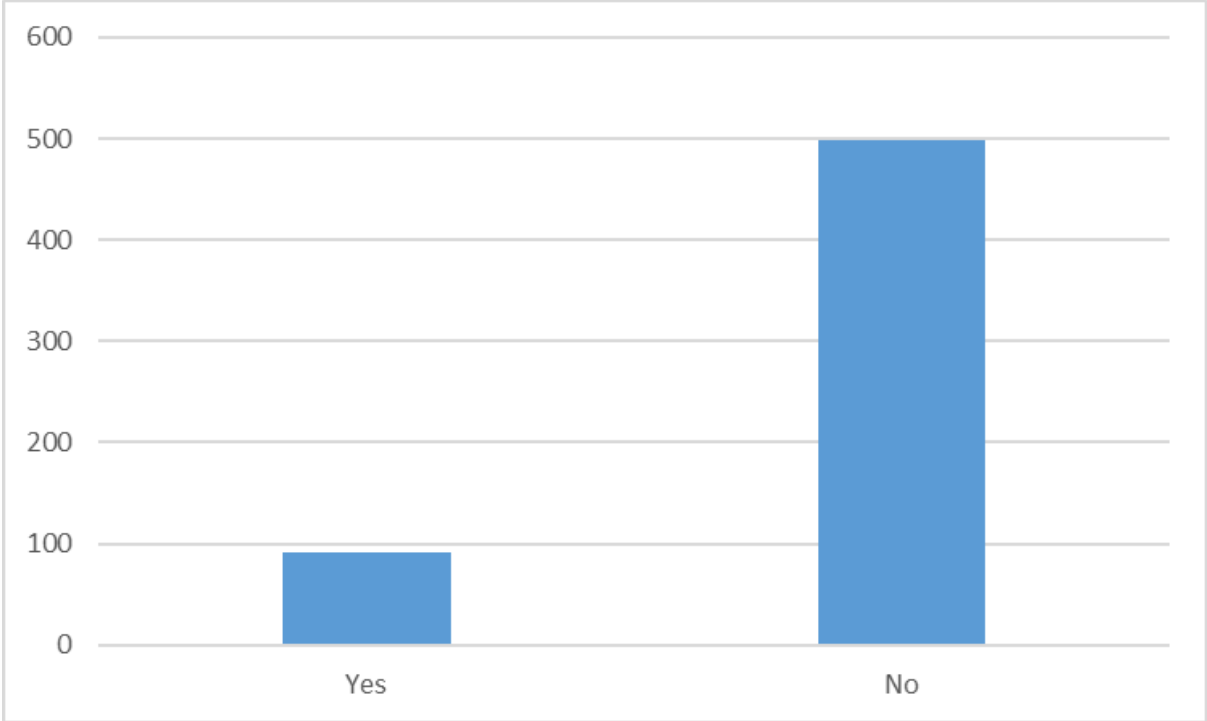
The most frequent reason given was that there was no or poor support for people with a disability, notably dyslexia.

**Q33. A new law - The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 - will be implemented from September 2020. Are you aware that from that point onwards Post 16 learners with Additional Learning Needs will be able to apply for support up to the age of 25.**

For those who said they have ALN, the results were:



For all respondents, the results were:



## ***Section 10 – Anything else?***

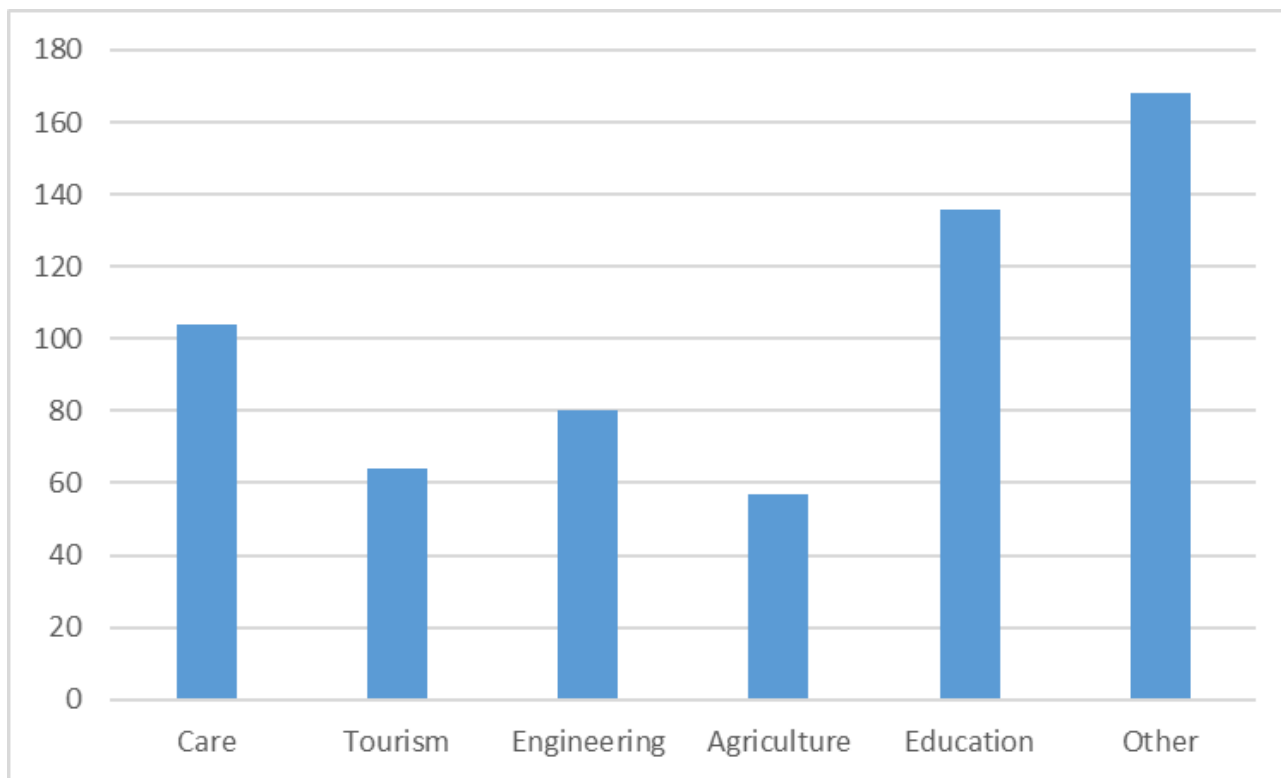
### **Q34. Do you have any other comments on post-16 education or the world of work in Powys?**

The majority of the responses were on the following themes (in decreasing order of incidence/mention):

- General negative comments about education in Powys;
- There are poor career options in Powys
- A lack of subject choice in Powys;
- Positive comments about Powys 6<sup>th</sup> forms;
- There is a need for better career information;
- I dislike intra-day travel;
- There is a need for a 16<sup>th</sup> form local to me;
- There's a need for a 6<sup>th</sup> form college in Powys;
- More people are likely to leave Powys;
- There is a lack of resources in Powys;
- There's a need for a college local to me;
- There is a lack of resources within Powys;
- There's too much emphasis on University within Powys schools;
- There's a need for better information on apprenticeships.

**Section 11 – After education**

**Q35. The current growth sectors in Powys are care, tourism, engineering and agriculture. If you are thinking about seeking work in Powys, please tell us which sector(s) you would be interested in working in. Please choose as many sectors as you wish.**



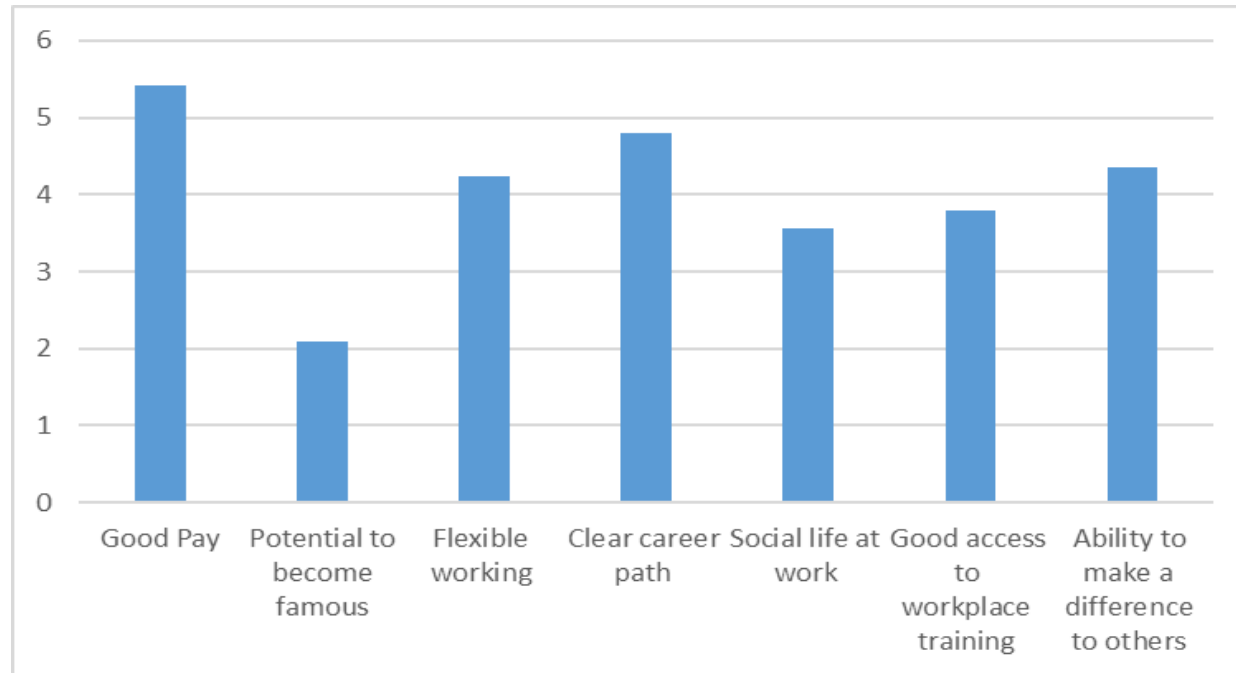
**Other:**

The majority of the responses were on the following themes (in decreasing order of incidence/mention):

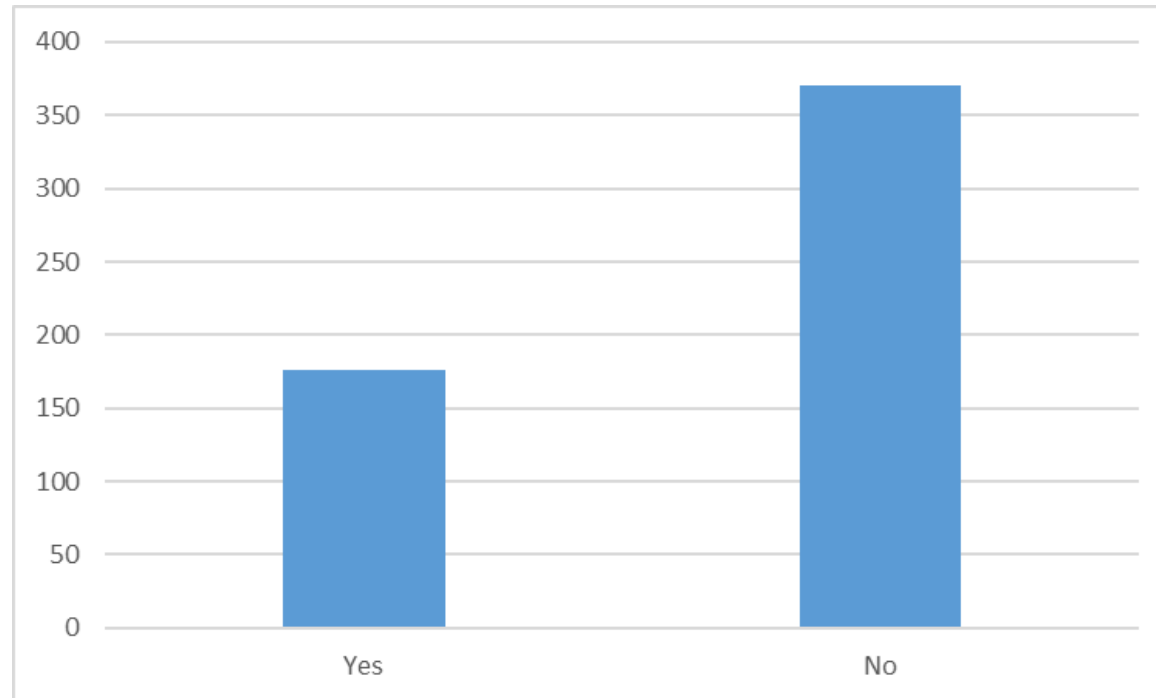
- Health care;
- Law or criminology;
- Creative industries;
- Don't know;
- I plan to move away;
- Sport;
- Business;
- Building;
- Police.

**Q36. What are the most important factors for you when you think about seeking work?**

(The average weighted score for each issue were as follows – the higher the better).



**Q37. Would you consider working for Powys County Council?**



**Q38. Please give a reason why in the box below.**

The majority of the responses were on the following themes (in decreasing order of incidence/mention):

- Yes I would like to (no explanation given);
- Just no! (no explanation given);
- Not the jobs I'm interested in;
- No because of the council's reputation;
- Yes because I wish to live in Powys;

- No because of job insecurity.

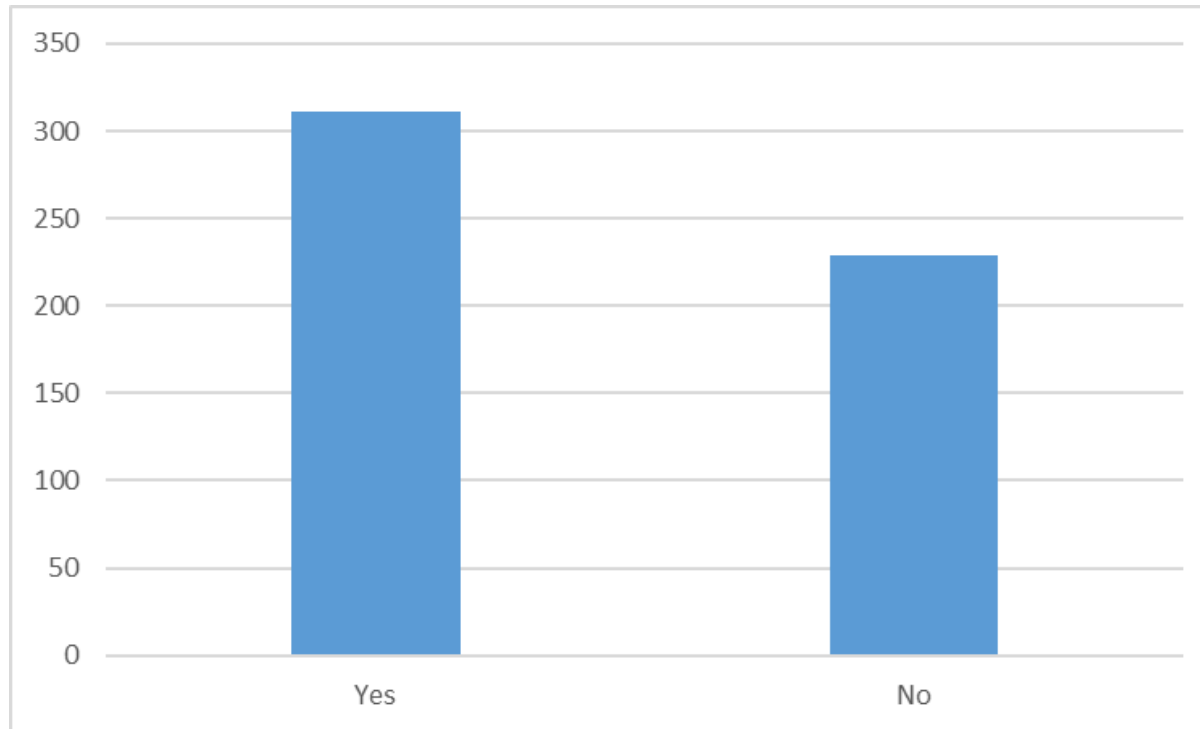
Q39. Do you know what job roles people do within Powys County Council? Please write the first three jobs you can think of in the box below.

The top 15 roles mentioned were as follows:

- Refuse worker;
- Teaching and education;
- Road worker;
- Councillor;
- Social worker;
- Finance officer;
- Generic office worker;
- Maintenance and building officer;
- Planning officer;
- Cleaning/catering officer;
- Housing officer;
- Carer;
- Senior manager/director;
- Librarian;
- Civil engineer.



**Q40. Apprenticeships are now available in most job sectors. Would you be interested in an apprenticeship?**



**Q41. Please give your reasons for your answer in the box below:**

The majority of Yes responses were on the following themes (in decreasing order of incidence/mention):

- Yes it would be a good way of learning and gaining experience
- Yes, it would be good to earn money
- Yes, it would be good for my career
- Just Yes (no explanation given)

- Yes, won't be left with University debt.

The majority of No responses were on the following themes (in decreasing order of incidence/mention):

- No, I plan to go to 6<sup>th</sup> form and University;
- No as I already have a career plan established;
- There are no apprenticeships in the fields in which I wish to work;
- Just no! (no explanation given);
- No because of poor pay.

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