

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1710 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 18th - 19th September 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1710	432	594	128	529	424	385	831	879	207	436	585	482	975	735	219	556	366	421	149
Unweighted Sample	1710	452	532	116	551	386	415	830	880	52	450	719	489	1120	590	270	582	368	408	82
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you currently live in...

Scotland	9	4	8	5	4	10	5	10	8	14	6	9	9	8	10	0	0	0	0	100
England	86	92	86	93	91	83	91	85	87	84	88	85	85	86	85	99	99	78	99	0
Wales	5	4	5	1	5	6	3	5	5	1	5	5	6	5	4	0	0	22	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

The government is planning to scrap the current GCSE exam and replace it with a new examination called the English Baccalaureate Certificate. From what you have seen or heard about this, do you support or oppose the change?

[Only asked to those not currently living in Scotland n=1625]

Support	39	65	18	57	59	22	36	41	37	18	34	39	52	44	31	38	44	37	34	0
Oppose	32	11	54	22	15	52	34	33	31	60	28	32	25	29	36	32	31	31	35	0
Don't know	29	25	28	22	25	26	30	26	32	22	38	29	23	26	33	30	25	32	31	0

Currently with GCSEs part of the marks are based on a final exam, and part of the marks are based on controlled assessment (coursework done during the year under exam conditions).

Under the English Baccalaureate marks will be based only on final exams.

Which do you think is better?

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Marks should be based on a mixture of final exams and controlled assessment	64	49	78	70	50	75	71	64	65	86	74	63	48	61	69	68	65	61	65	0
Marks should be based on only the final exam	28	46	14	28	45	18	24	31	26	9	18	29	46	33	23	26	30	28	28	0
Don't know	7	5	7	2	5	7	6	6	9	5	8	8	6	6	9	6	5	10	7	0

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Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

Currently with GCSEs exams are written and run by four different exam boards, made up of charities, universities and private companies. Schools can choose which board's exam to use.

Under the English Baccalaureate there will only be a single exam board for each subject and all schools will use the same exam.

Which do you think is better?

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Allowing only one exam board, with all schools using the same exam

Allowing different exam boards to produce and run exams in the same subject, with schools choosing which to use

Don't know

82	90	75	93	88	81	85	85	79	70	78	85	86	86	77	77	84	83	81	0
10	6	15	5	7	11	10	10	10	19	13	7	8	9	12	11	11	10	8	0
8	3	10	2	5	8	5	5	11	11	9	8	6	6	11	12	5	7	11	0

Currently many GCSEs are based on a module system and if pupils do badly in one module they can resit just that module to try and get a better mark.

Under the English Baccalaureate there will not be a modular system, and if pupils do badly they would have to resit the whole exam to try and get a better mark.

Which do you think is better?

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Having modular exams, so if students do badly in just one area they can resit it

Not having modular exams, so students can only do resits by resitting the whole exam

Don't know

52	38	65	46	39	64	53	52	53	78	55	51	41	47	59	52	51	52	55	0
38	56	25	48	54	26	38	40	37	17	35	39	50	45	30	40	41	39	34	0
9	5	10	6	7	10	9	8	10	5	10	10	9	8	11	8	8	9	11	0

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Under the old O-Level system there were two tiers of exam, with more academic children taking the harder O Level and less academic children taking the easier CSE exam. Under GCSEs all pupils try for the same qualification, although their are different exam papers (called foundation and higher papers) aimed at pupils of different abilities.

Some people had called for the new exam to return to a two-tier examination system, but in the end the new English Baccalaureate system will also have a single qualification for all levels of ability.

Which do you think is better?

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Having a single-tier system, with a qualification that can reflect all levels of ability

Having a two-tier system, with a harder qualification aimed at more academic children and an easier qualification for less academic pupils

Don't know

59	64	59	62	63	63	59	63	55	60	57	57	63	60	57	59	58	59	59	0
31	31	29	30	30	28	32	29	34	29	34	33	28	33	29	27	34	32	29	0
10	5	11	8	7	10	8	8	12	12	10	10	9	8	13	14	7	9	12	0