

COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2014

Including themed debate on: Children and young people

SOME YOUNG PEOPLE'S VIEWS

What do you think of Southwark's schools?

- I think they are alright. Their teaching methods could be more varied. This is because different people learn in different ways so if there are more teaching methods more people would pass.
- They don't really care about the students only their appearance to the outside world. Either we're delusional or we're smarter than you thought. -_-
- Southwark's schools are too strict and controlling. Teachers don't listen and they over react and over exaggerate.
- Most of Southwark's schools need developing, i.e. spacing also overcrowding in amount of pupil intake.
- Lunch is too expensive!
- More multicultural teaching.
- I believe that Southwark schools are trying very hard to make equal education between people, but I think there should be less of a divide between people of say "higher" and "lower" ability pupils, because in a class of mixed ability people learn better
- Alright, could be improved.
- Lunch is too expensive that why most people steal. LOL!
- They are good, well mine is.

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- Southwark schools are well looked after and take education seriously.
- Young people turn to crime, no solid education not engaging enough, not teachers that give enough support.

What could be done to improve education in the borough?

- Use a wider variety of teaching methods and listen to young people in the borough.
- A lot. School premises are awful. You should have a garden for troubled kids, because gardening helps prisoners in jail. It's proven mate. :)
- Teachers could be more friendly to students who deserve it. They should listen and the student should have a say.
- I think that people should be encouraged to genuinely follow their dreams and to be told to be 'realistic', also I think students should feel more free to talk about some health and mental health as well as respect for students and when they explain why they did something.
- Loosen up the educational system, give children more choice and more reward systems.
- Lunch is too expensive.
- Long hours, need a break time.
- Make the lunches and trip fares cheaper – not everybody gets a lot of lunch money.
- School therapists, teachers could refer pupils who are troublesome.
- More patient classes.
- Optional revision lessons, to catch up.

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What role could parents/ young people play in this?

- Young people should talk to their parents more about what they want to improve.
- I don't know. Parents nag and put people off, because they are annoying and nag. Young people have no powers. What could we do?
- Give them reasons to listen by putting your point across in a good way. Also by being good.
- More parents, more influence.
- Parents should be involved with what their kids think about school, as well as encourage them to have a healthy mental health as well as focusing on getting all they can out of their education.
- Parents and young people could work closer and hand in hand with school – unless they have problems at home.
- We could start parent/ teacher meetings, not parent evenings though
- Parents can make it happen, try to force it.