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Introduction

The data in this report are for the use of James Gillespie's High School as part of the self-assessment activity for the Equally Safe at School (ESAS) programme (www.equallysafeatschool.org.uk/).

James Gillespie's High School is participating in the National Evaluation of ESAS. This report has been prepared by the evaluation team at University of Glasgow to support James Gillespie's High School's self-assessment. The data are sensitive and intended for school leadership and those involved in running ESAS. Sexual harassment is common in schools across Scotland, and the data reflect this.

Your school's participation in the survey

Pupils in S2, S4 and S6 classes in your school took part in the survey in January 2024. Table 1 shows the number of pupils participating by year group and gender, and tables 2 & 3 show summaries of students' sexual orientation and ethnicity.

Table 1

Gender	S2	S4	S6	Total
Boy	146	123	35	304
Girl	117	127	40	284
I prefer not to say	5	7	1	13
I prefer to self-describe	3	5	-	8
Nonbinary	3	3	2	8
Total	274	265	78	

Table 2 (S4 & S6 Students only)

Sexual Orientation	↓ Count
Straight (also known as heterosexual)	235
Bisexual	40
I prefer not to say	20
Gay or lesbian	17
Unsure	16
Pansexual	5
Queer	4
I prefer to self-describe	4
Asexual	1

Table 3

Ethnicity	↓ Count
White Scottish or White British	361
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	82
White but not Scottish or British	65
Other ethnic group or mixed	60
I prefer not to say	27
African, Caribbean or Black British	24

Understanding the data in this report

- The report shows results for all students first, and then shows the same set of results by gender and by year group.
- Any students identifying as nonbinary are included in the overall results but not in the gender comparisons due to potential privacy concerns associated with presenting findings for a small number of students. In this instance, 8 students identified as nonbinary.
- Data presented in pie charts show both counts and percentages.
- Data presented in bar charts and stacked bar charts show normalised percentages.
- Any charts with a label 'other' means that two categories have a combined total percentage of 2% or less (e.g. if strongly agree and strongly disagree both have 1% values in a chart, then in some cases they will combine to be known as 'other').

Acknowledgements

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Resources

If you or any staff or any students are upset, someone can be confidentially contacted at Childline on 0800 1111 or Rape Crisis Scotland (call 0808 801 0302 or webchat <https://www.rapecrisisscotland.org.uk/>) or LGBT Youth Scotland (<https://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/chat>) / email (info@lgbtyouth.org.uk).

If you would like further information regarding the findings of this survey, please email Prof. Kirstin Mitchell (kirstin.mitchell@glasgow.ac.uk).



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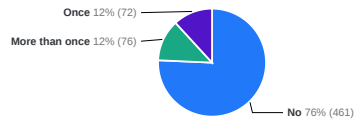
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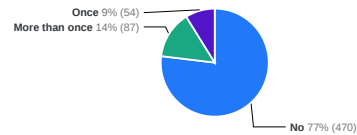
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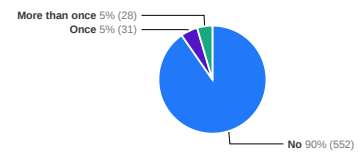
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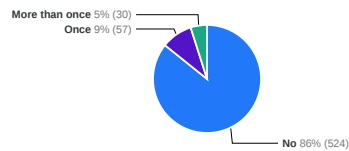
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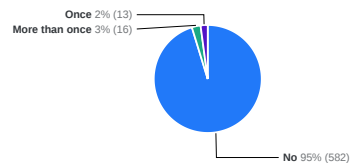
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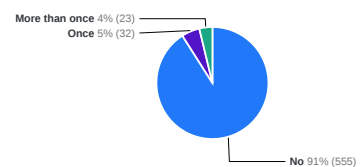
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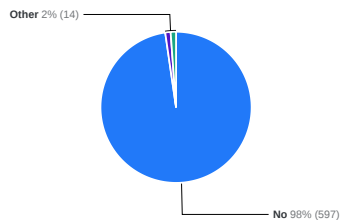
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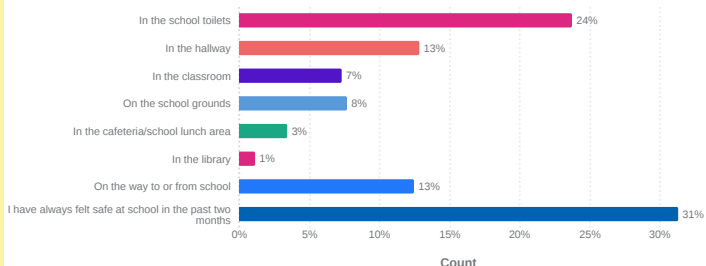


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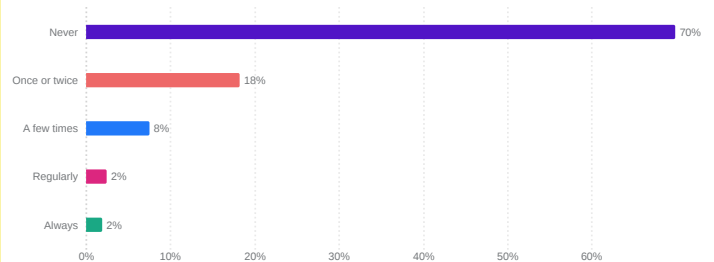


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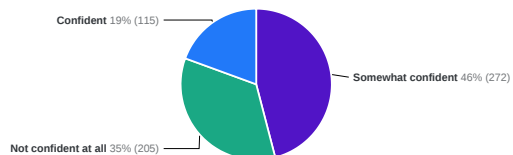
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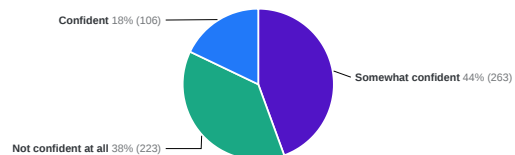
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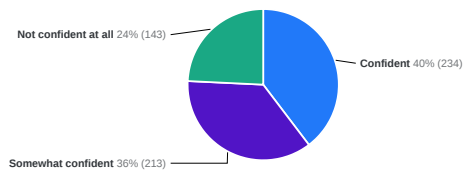
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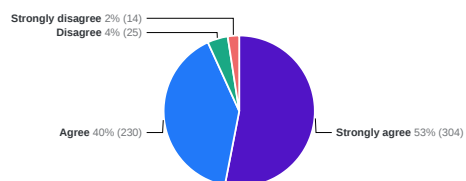


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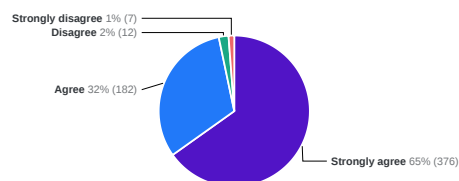


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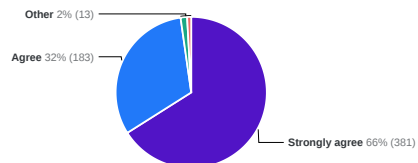
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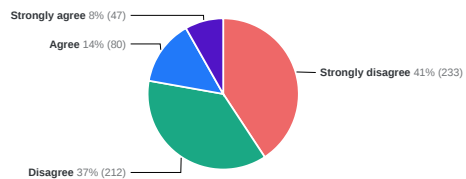


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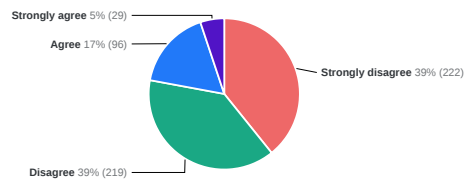


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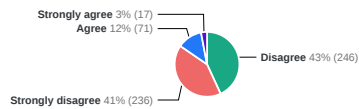


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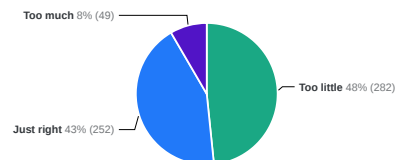


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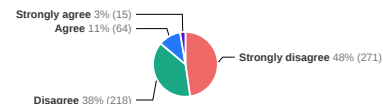
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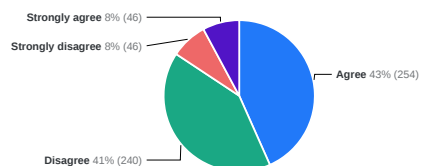


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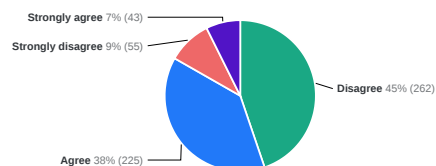


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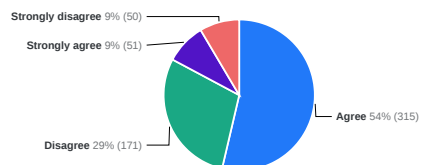
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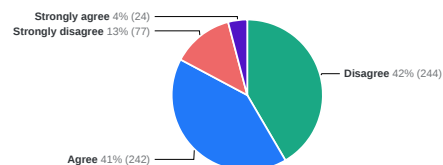
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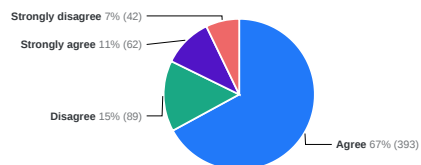
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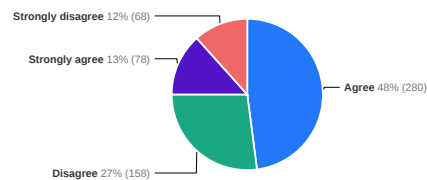
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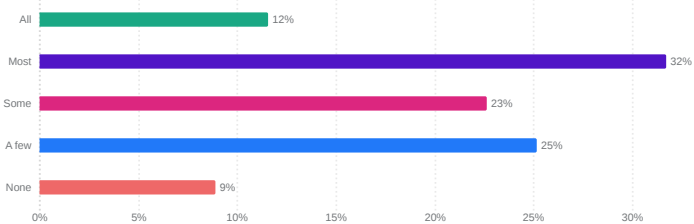


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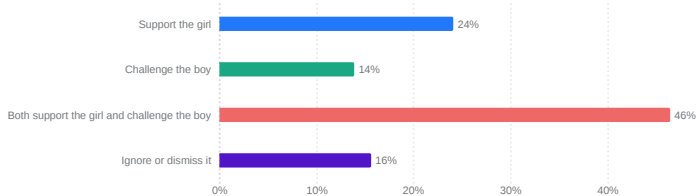


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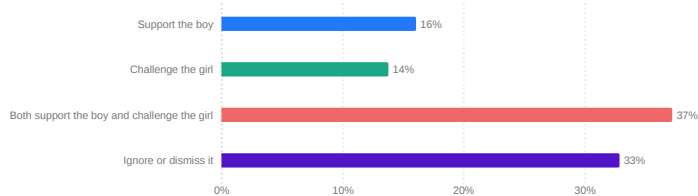
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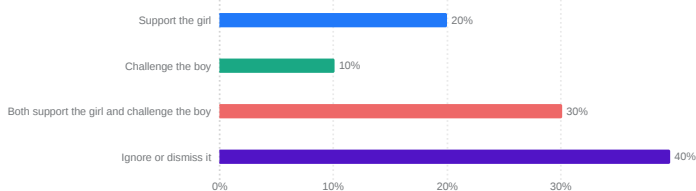
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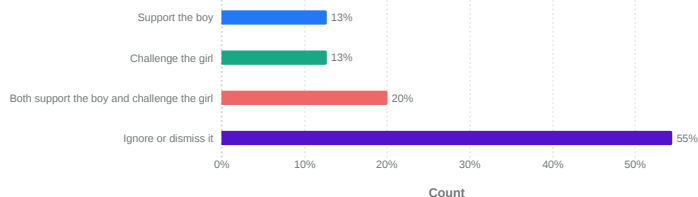
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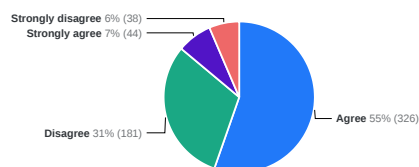


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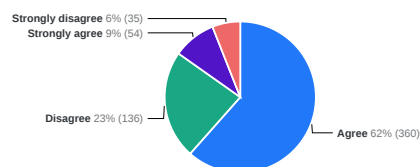


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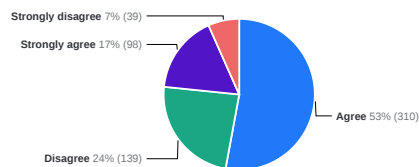
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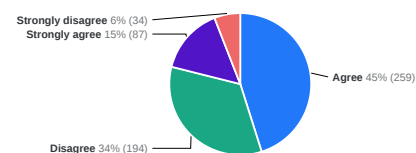
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We learn as much about important women as men (e.g., politicians, inventors, artists)

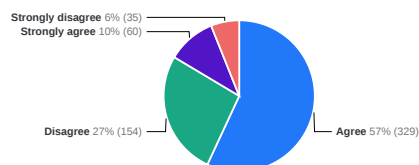


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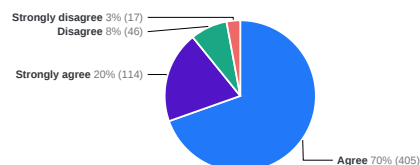


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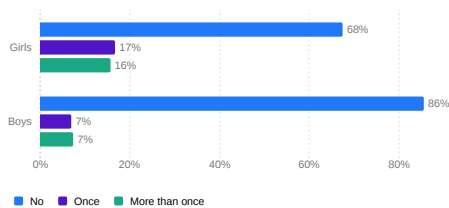
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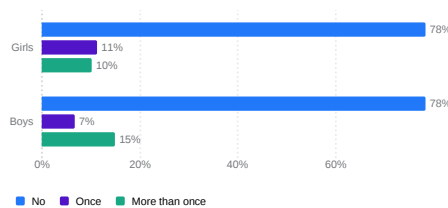
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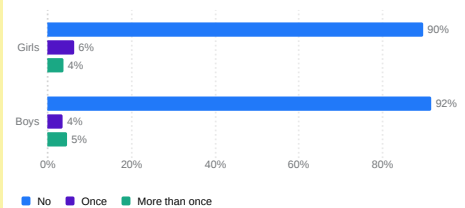
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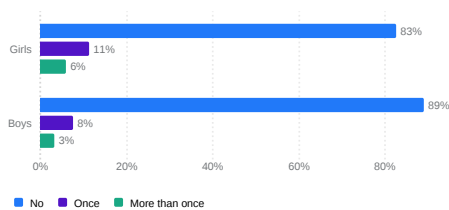
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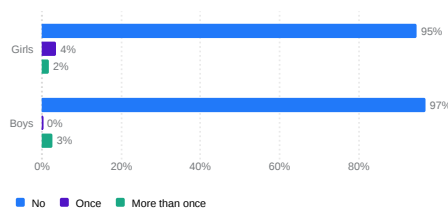
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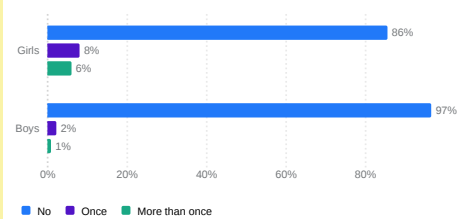
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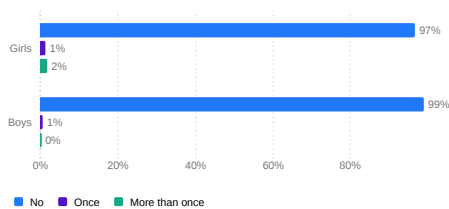
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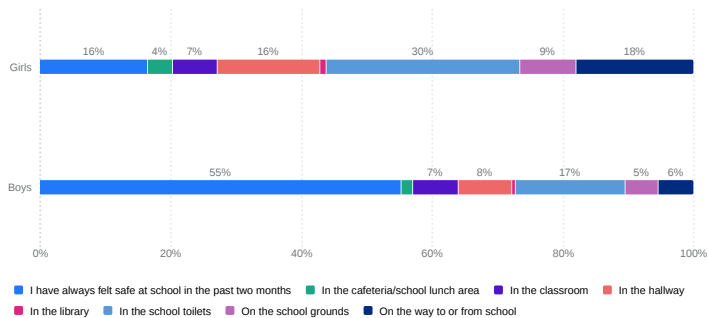


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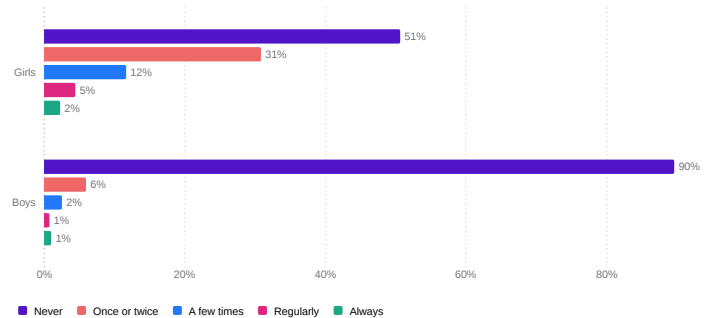


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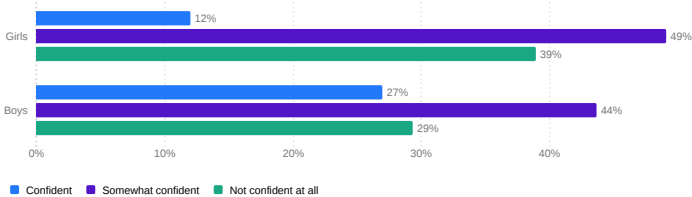
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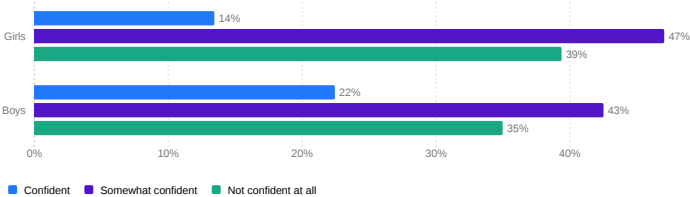
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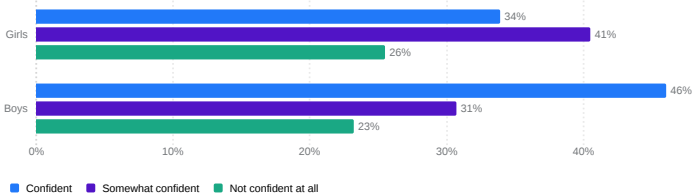
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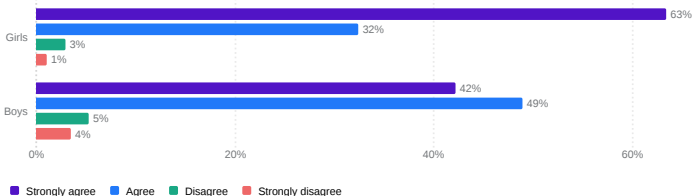


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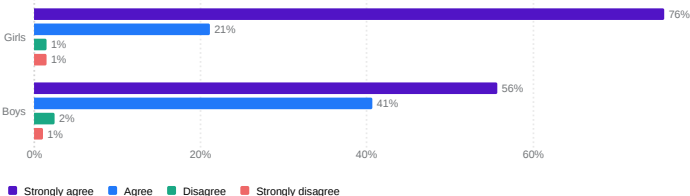


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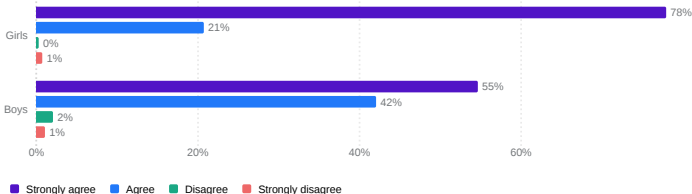
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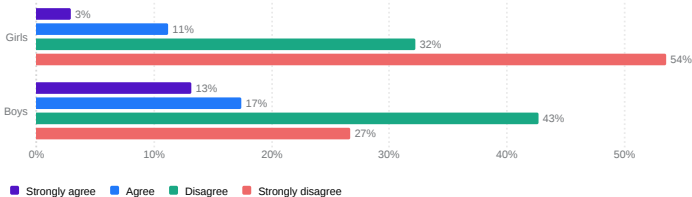


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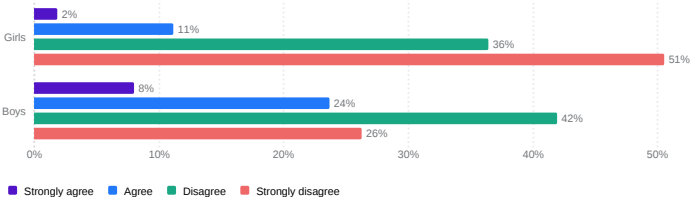


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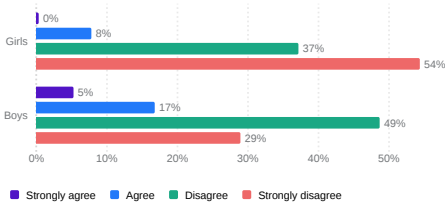


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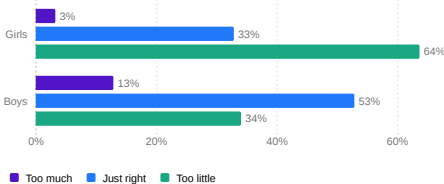


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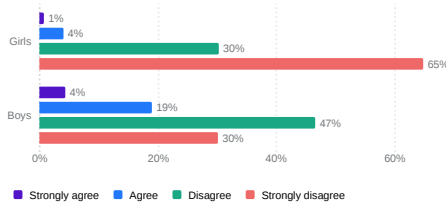
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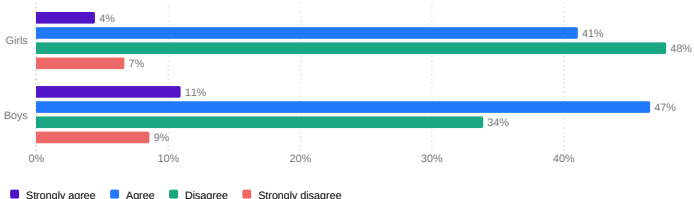


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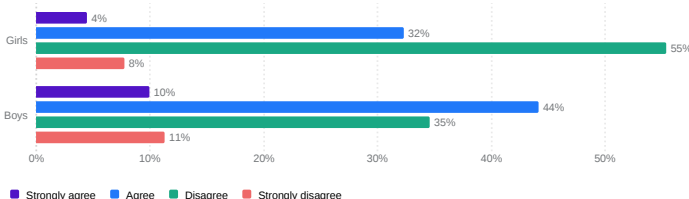


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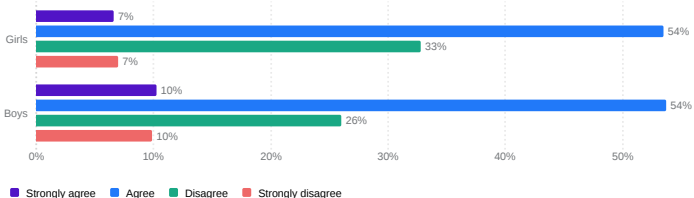
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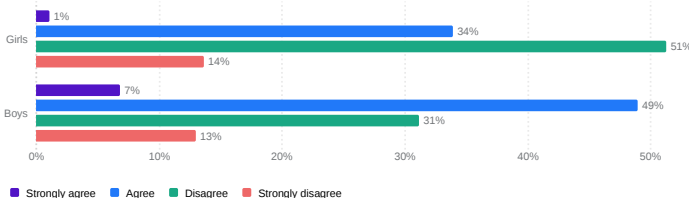
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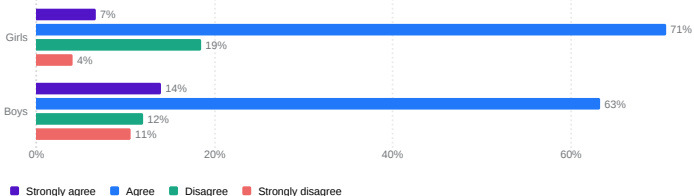
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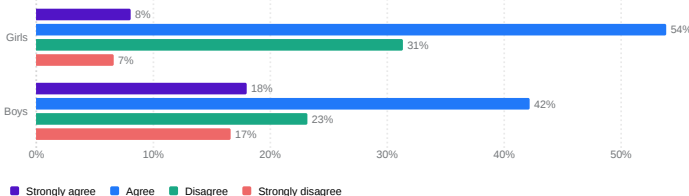
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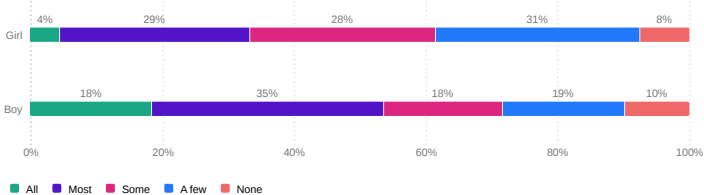


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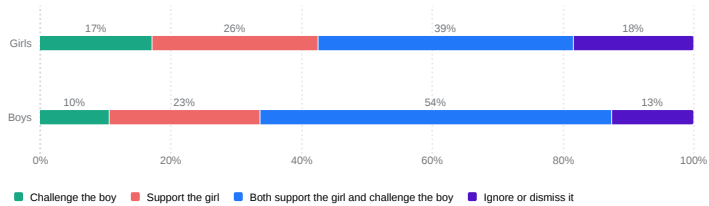


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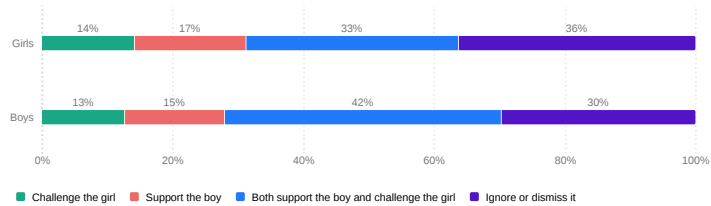
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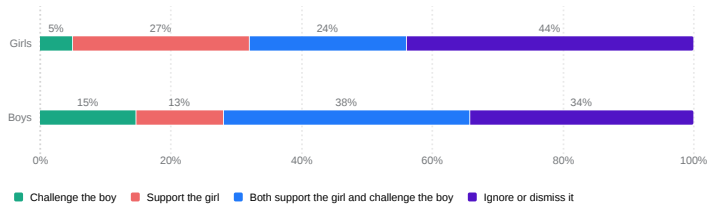
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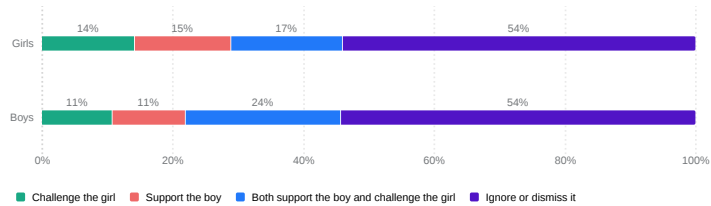
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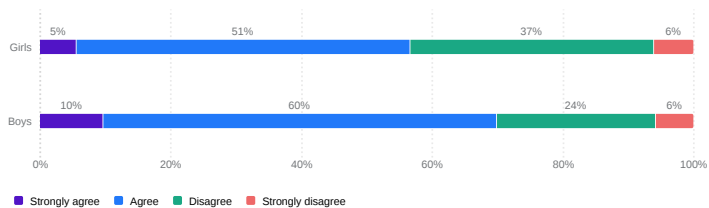


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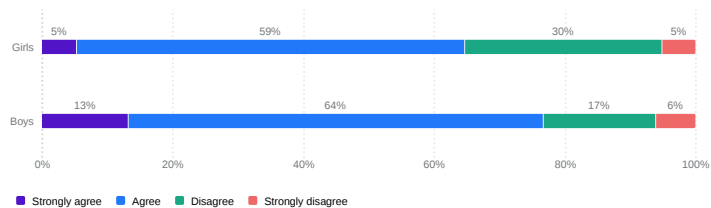


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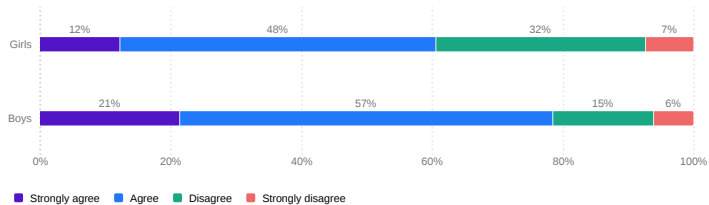
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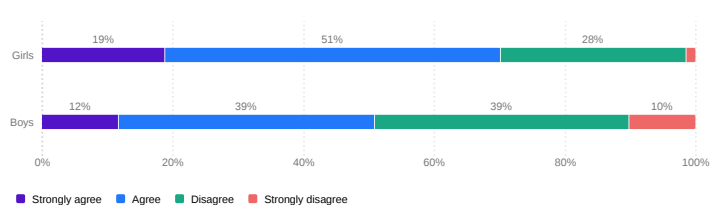
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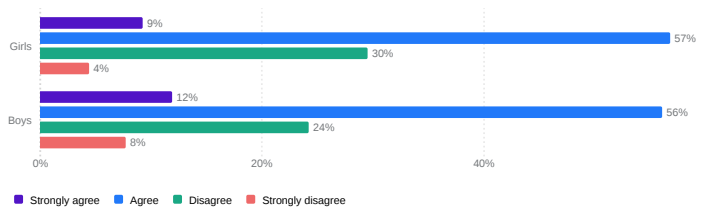


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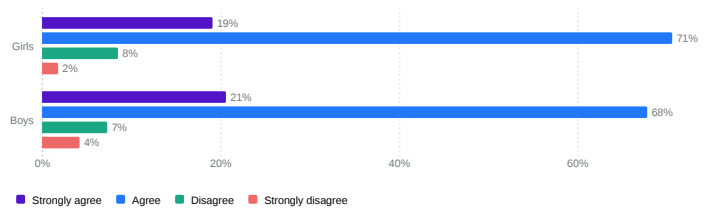


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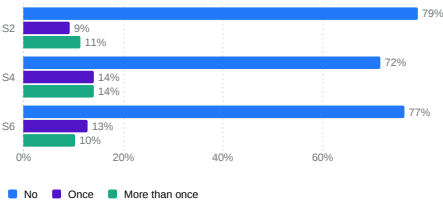
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Section 3: School Year Comparisons

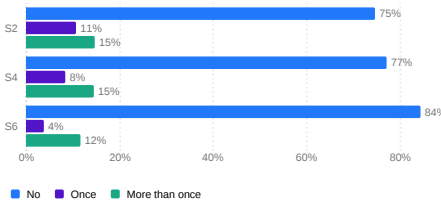
3.1 Sexual Harassment Victimisation

In the **last two months**, has anyone done any of the following things to you **at school or on the way to or from school**, when you did not want them to

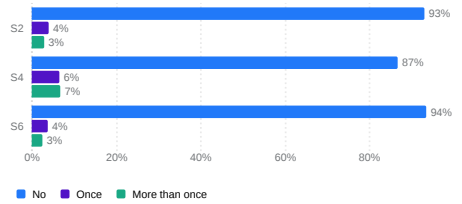
Made unwelcome sexual comments, jokes or gestures?



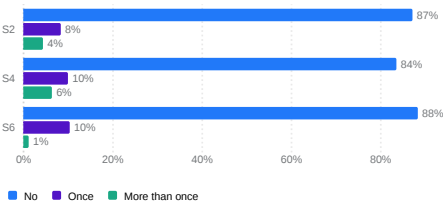
Called you gay or lesbian in a negative way?



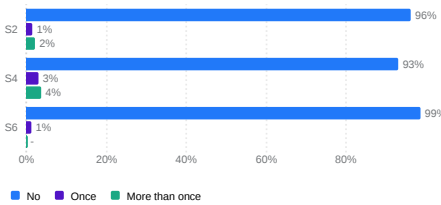
Touched, grabbed or pinched you in an unwelcome sexual way?



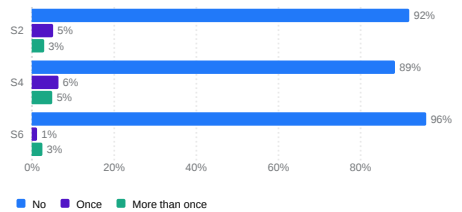
Showed you sexual pictures that you didn't want to see?



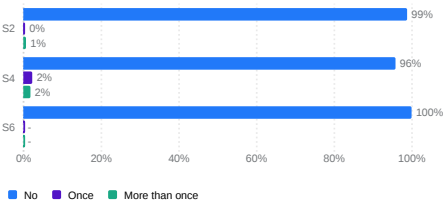
Blocked or cornered you in a sexual way?



Asked you to do something sexual online that you did not want to do?

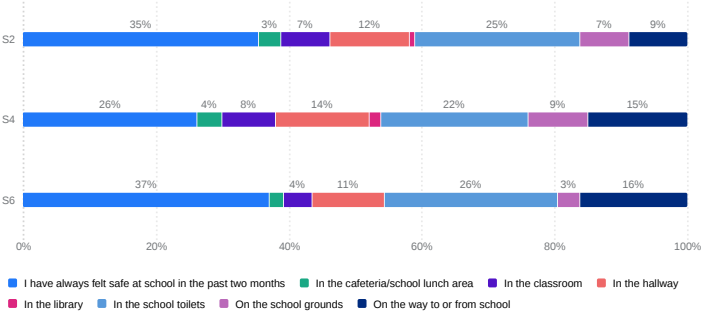


Forced you to do something sexual?

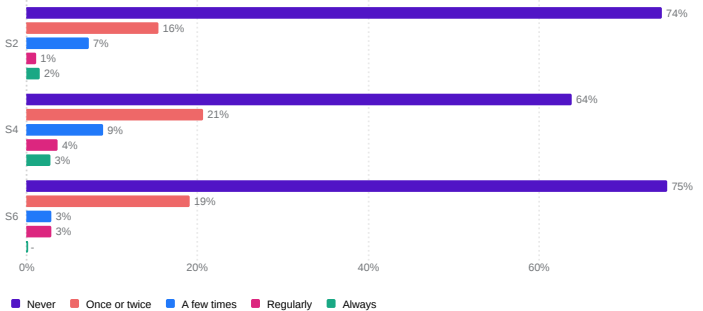


3.2 Students' Perceived Safety at School in the Last Two Months

In the last two months, have you ever felt unsafe in any of the following places at school? Tick all that apply



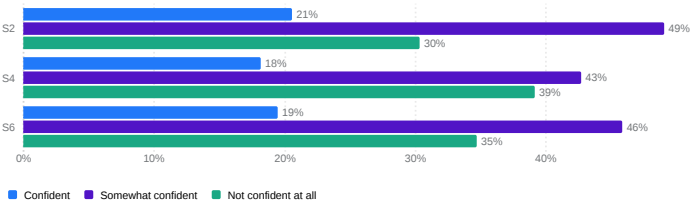
In the last 2 months, have you feared being sexually harassed at school or on the way to or from school?



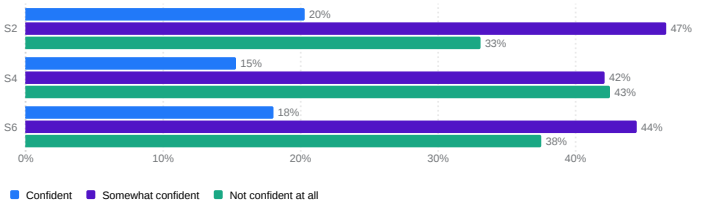
3.3 Students' Confidence to Report to School Staff

If you saw each of the following behaviours in your school, how confident would you feel about telling a teacher or other staff member?

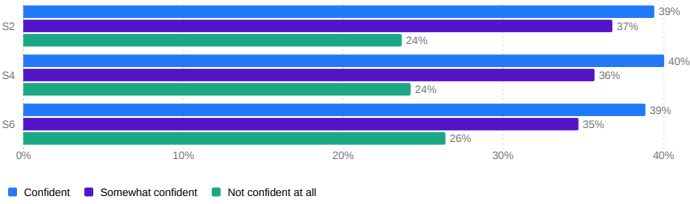
Students making unwelcome sexual comments, jokes or gestures



Students calling somebody gay, lesbian or trans in a negative way

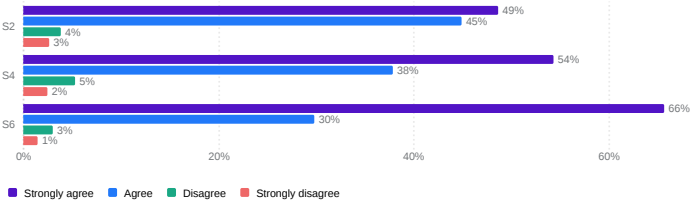


Students touching somebody in an unwelcome sexual way

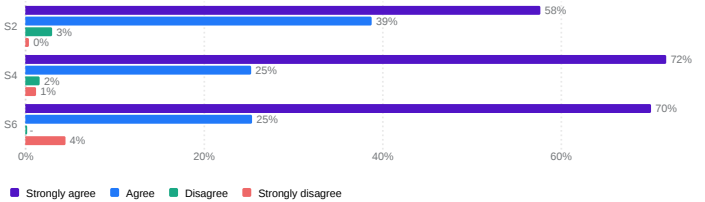


3.4 Gender Equality Attitudes

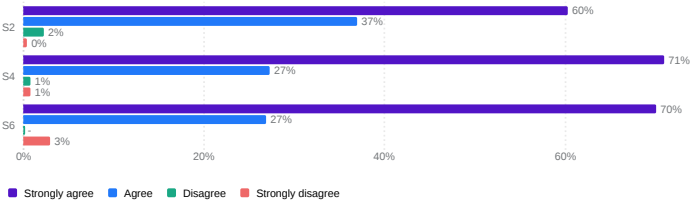
Nowadays, boys should realise that girls are their equals



Girls and boys should have equal opportunities to achieve what they want in life

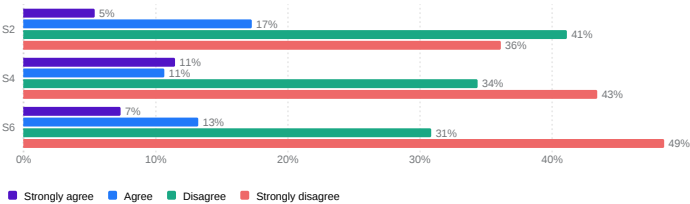


Girls should have the same freedom as boys

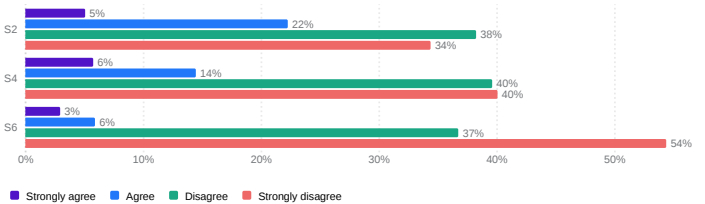


3.5 Students' Endorsement of Gender Stereotypes

Boys who behave like girls are weak

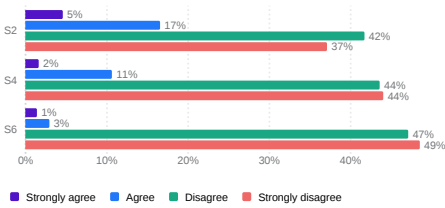


Overall, there are more things that boys are better at than girls

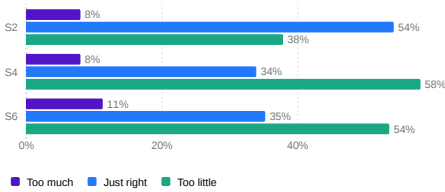


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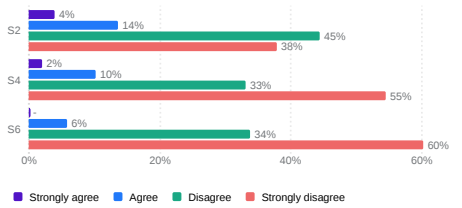
It's not sexual harassment if you're just joking around



In your opinion, how much is gender-based violence talked about in your school?

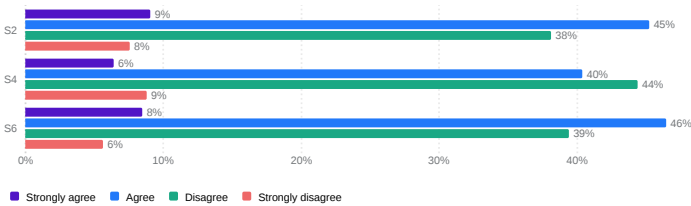


When girls wear revealing clothing, they are asking for trouble

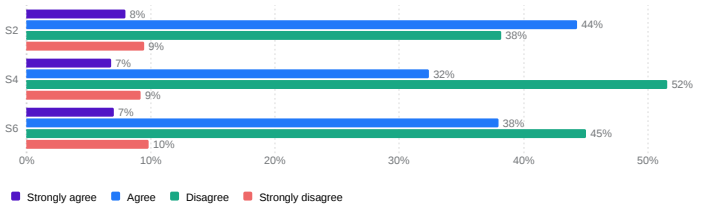


3.7 Students' Self-Efficacy to Make School Safer & Quality of Teacher-Student Relationships

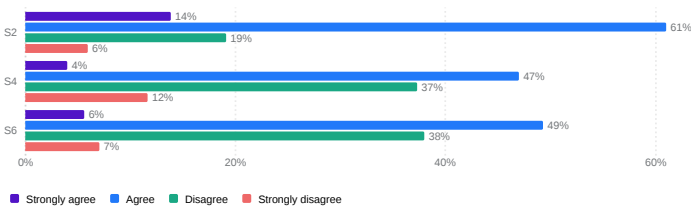
I have the ability to help make my school a safer place



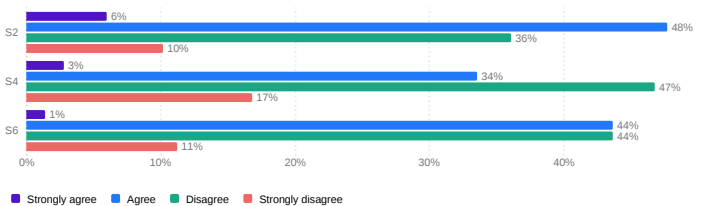
I know how I can help make my school a safer place



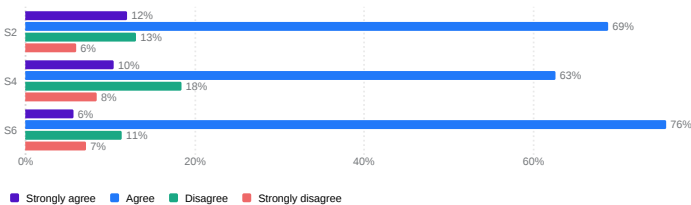
Most students ideas are listened to and valued



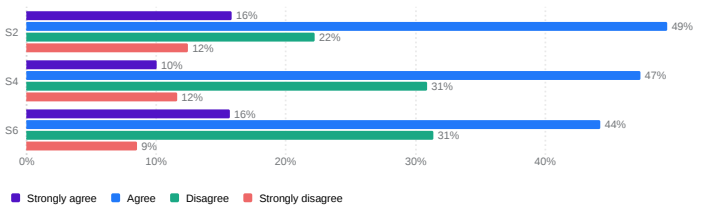
Teachers and students really trust one another



Most teachers treat students with respect

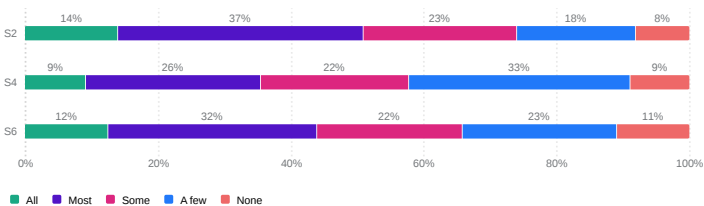


Teachers treat girls and boys in a fair and equal way



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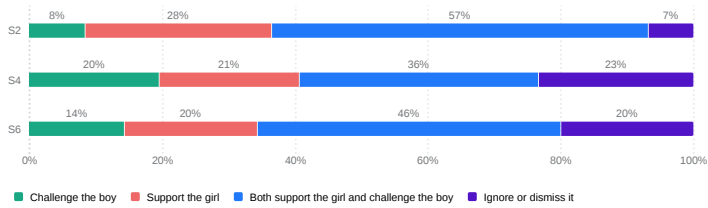


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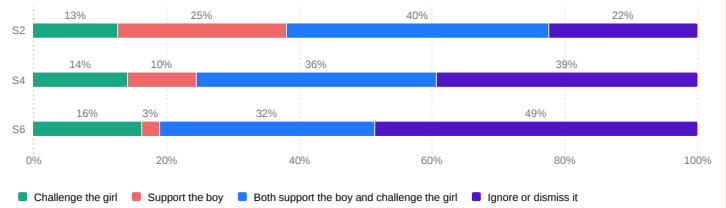
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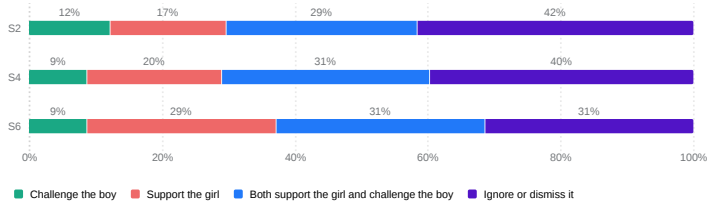
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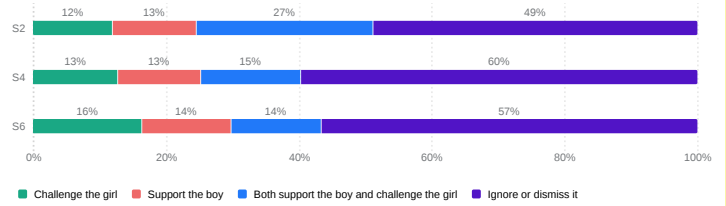
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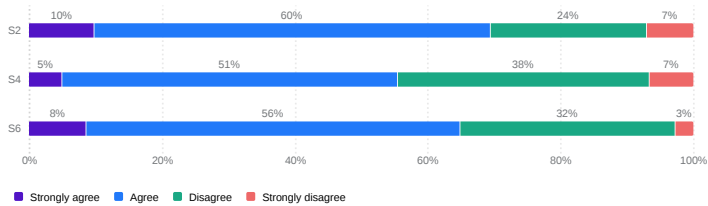


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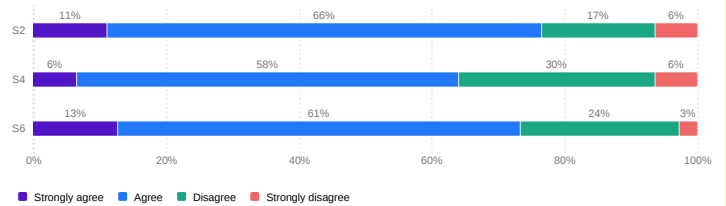


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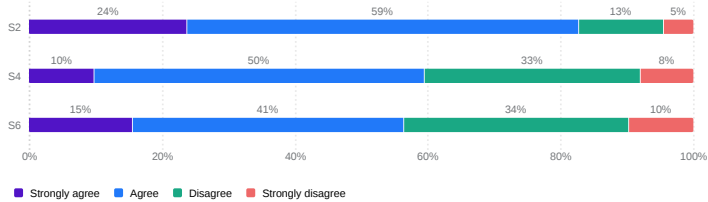
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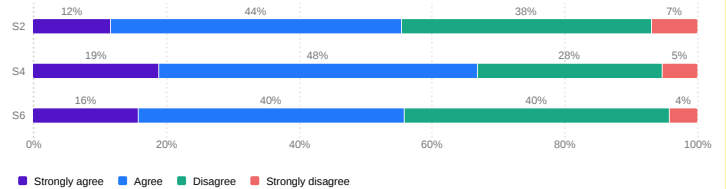
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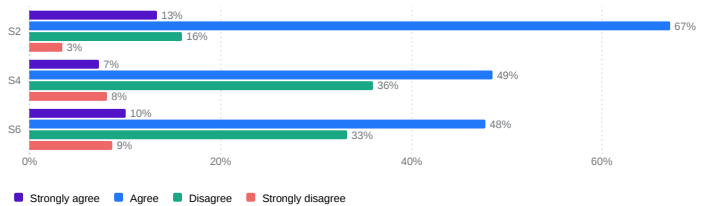


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