

January Hot Topic: School Calendar Consultation – Age 11 – 18



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Information for facilitator

This month's matter is focusing on the Welsh Government's proposals to amend school term dates.

Our office will be responding to this and we would like to include the voices of children, young people and the adults who support them within our consultation response to Welsh Government.

Activity	Extra resources / additional information
Start the session by reminding young people about their safe space.	If you haven't created one yet, we have a guide for creating one here .
Show young people this video to start the discussion. Vocab support: In the video we mention the following words and terms, you may want to support young people to make sure they understand them: Consultation – we describe this as asking people their views on a topic. Children's Commissioner for Wales – if young people are unsure about the Commissioner and her role you may want to show them this video .	
Hold a discussion Ask young people to share their views and work together to create a list of things they like and don't like about the summer holidays. If you are working as a group you can fill the survey in on behalf of the young people OR You can send the link to young people to fill in independently. SURVEY LINK: https://online1.snapsurveys.com/9pulv2	Please note: There is a box in the survey for you to add any observations as an adult working with children.

Finish the session by reminding pupils that we will feedback an update at the start of next month.

You may want to remind pupils of their Safe Space guide and remind them who they can speak to in school if they feel worried.

LINK TO FULL CONSULTATIONWe would also encourage all young people to take part in the Welsh Government consultation. You can find the consultation (which close on 13/02/24) and easy read documents here. These links will allow young people to fully consider the proposals and to respond directly to the Welsh Government:

- gov.wales/schoolyear
- llyw.cymru/flwyddynysgol