

## **Should illegal immigrants be let into the United Kingdom?**

Today I will be considering whether or not immigrants should be let into the UK. Many people take different views on this controversial topic. Here are the main arguments for and against my question.

To begin with, Immigration can offer substantial economic benefits, a better labour market and a greater diversity of innovation. Some English people say if you are not born in England you are not welcome here; however immigrants help this country such as working in the NHS. Some even say they help more than the countries residents. An important point to understand is that immigrants are fleeing from wars so they have every right to escape. Did you know that 20% of the UK's population is working immigrants?

On the other hand, the government spend so much money on immigrants; altogether we have spent 9.3 billion pounds on them. In the year 2020, 10 million Immigrants entered the country. 85% of illegal immigrants come over via small boats.

Although some immigrants take some of our jobs, they are still helping the country and economy. Immigrants bring many skills to the table but English people may not want them to work here.

Despite the fact that immigrants are hard workers, they travel here illegally therefore they don't have the qualifications for the occupations they do. Additionally, they do not have passports so therefore they have not been checked properly.

I have come to the conclusion that illegal immigrants should not be let into the UK because they cost the government too much money. If I were an immigrant I would try and get a visa first so I would not get deported.

By Buddy B (6C)

## **Should everyone own a pet?**

Today I am going to be discussing whether or not we should all own a pet. I will be debating both sides of the argument for and against to answer this controversial question.

First of all they can be considered as a stress reliever. The phrase a dog is a man's best friend shows they can be comforting. Adding on to that, if you live by yourself they can make you feel less lonely and support you in times of need.

On the other hand pets are known for sometimes breaking expensive equipment, it is important to consider that you need to buy food, toys and occasionally you need to take them to the vets. Adding on to that. They can be loud which can distract people when working or sleeping.

If they do wake people up there is normally a reason for this as they be warning you about intruders/robbers. But on the other hand they could spill drinks on devices which could cost the owners a lot of money.

I have come to the conclusion, that everyone should own a pet because they can distract you from everyday stress. Also, they keep you company if you live by yourself. Adding on to that, pets do not judge you so if you have a bad day they can make it better and will not ruin it. What are your thoughts?

By Charlie R (6C)

## Should we test on animals?

Today I will be discussing whether or not we should use animals for testing, as over the years it has been a huge controversy; in this discussion text we consider all the key points.

### For

To begin with it is important to understand why people agree with testing on animals. One reason is because it has found a cure to diseases such as:

- Smallpox
- Polio
- Meningitis
- Heart diseases
- And H.I.V treatment.

In 2018, a survey was taken by 100 people from America, and 60% agreed, their main reason being that it has saved millions of lives and helped scientists understand the human body. Animal testing also helps people understand the root cause of diseases; also, it doesn't only help humans, it also helps ensure animals don't get sick from the disease as well.

### Against

On the other hand, many people might disagree with testing on animals, they think it is cruel and inhumane, as after being tested on, the animal is put to sleep, the reason being that it stops the disease from spreading. Another point is because some house-hold pets are being used; a list of these pets are:

- Mice
- Rats
- Fish
- Dogs
- Rabbits
- Guinea pigs
- Birds
- Cats
- Mini-pigs
- Non-human primates
- Monkeys

And more. They say it is wrong, as every second, one animal dies.

Although animal testing is inhumane, some people agree with it, as it has saved millions of human lives. Those who disagree fail to realise that it has helped with very important studies e.g. deep space missions. They say it is bad, since it harms the animal, but it is for the best as someday, it could find the cure to cancer; the evidence of this is that it has already found the cure to papillomavirus (linked to cervical cancer).

Considering all these points, the question of 'should we test on animals' remains unknown and a huge issue. All these points for and against animal testing are still valid, but in my opinion, I would have to agree to disagree, as there are other ways other than using animals to test your product.

By Deborah. A (6C)

## **Is School Uniform Necessary?**

In this discussion I am going to explain the positives and the negatives of school uniform. Some people think school uniform is important. In addition, some people think that it should be up to the children to wear what they want.

Those who feel positive about school uniform believe that school uniform is much cheaper than non-school uniform clothing, because of the price of getting separate clothing. Also, people think that it would get to the point of wearing inappropriate dressing. If permanent non-school uniform was a thing, people could start bullying each other for what they are wearing and for being different. As well, children will have suppression of individuality.

Those who are against uniform think that if we had non-school uniform students would feel more comfortable, so they may concentrate and focus. Can be seen being itchy and disrupting. As well, it costs £250 per year for school uniform. In addition, wearing non-school uniform will show their personality and creativity of them self's instead of wearing the same type of clothing than everyone else.

The statistics show school uniform is worn in 9 percent of schools all over the UK.

In conclusion, both sides of the debate have great points. School uniform is much cheaper than the expensive alternative of separate clothing. But if we had no school uniform, children would be able to express their personality which I think would be a benefit. What do you think? Is school uniform necessary?

By Noah M (6L)

## **Should pupils have to wear school uniform?**

Wearing a school uniform is mandatory for most schools in the UK. Some people think uniforms are important, while others think pupils should be able to choose what to wear.

Uniform is because it can create a sense of belonging to a community, school uniform can also make equality. Scientists have proved that when children are wearing a uniform, they are better behaved and more focused on work. 9 in 10 teachers (89%) agree with this statement. Also pupils could be/ are bullied for what they wear on non-school uniform days. Most teachers say non-school uniform is distracting because pupils are worrying about what they are wearing and what their peers are wearing.

Uniform can limit a young pupil's imagination and be boring. It could also not show their personality. Uniform can cause sensory issues for some children as it could be itchy or not be enough for their needs/it could be uncomfortable for them. Some parents might not be able to meet the strict uniform standard that most schools have because they might not be able to afford the correct uniform or the full uniform/the correct uniform.

In conclusion, (school uniform is important because it can help in some ways and also be bad in some ways. Both sides of the debate have their reasons.)Should pupils wear uniform or not? In my opinion school uniform should be kept because it looks smart and neat.

By Jasmine (6L)

## **Should horse-riding be a sport?**

Today I am discussing whether horse-riding should be a classified sport, in recent years this has been a heated discussion on many social media platforms like tik tok and Instagram.

It's time for why horse-riding should be a sport, horse-riding is a demanding sport and is included in the Olympics meaning that it is a valuable sport to the world. Studies have proved that it can improve mental health by the phenomenal bond between horse riders. Horse-riding is a sport where you have to be physically active and fit to do the sport well, being active is good for your body.

Now there is pros but cons too, horse-riding is a very expensive cost where the total for equipment, a well-trained horse and livery costs [including feed] is 34,613 for 2 years with not buying a horse every year. This can very quickly lead into debt and then depression from selling your horse. Horse-riding can seriously injure you and if worse be fatal to your life.

In conclusion I personally think that as long as you have researched on the topic and have the financial abilities you should do horse-riding and horse-riding should be classed as a sport I feel as though you have to understand the logics and methods.

By Jessica (6L)