



AGE REALIGNMENT SURVEY

FAI Schools January 2017



The Survey:

The survey was conducted via Survey Monkey in December 2016 & January 2017. Contact with Leinster schools was made via Declan McGrath, Leinster Boys Secretary & contact with other provinces was via provincial Branch & Section secretaries, co-ordinated by Diane Fay, FAI Schools Administrator.

A total of 262 responses were received. Responses that were in anyway incomplete were deleted. These included responses where;

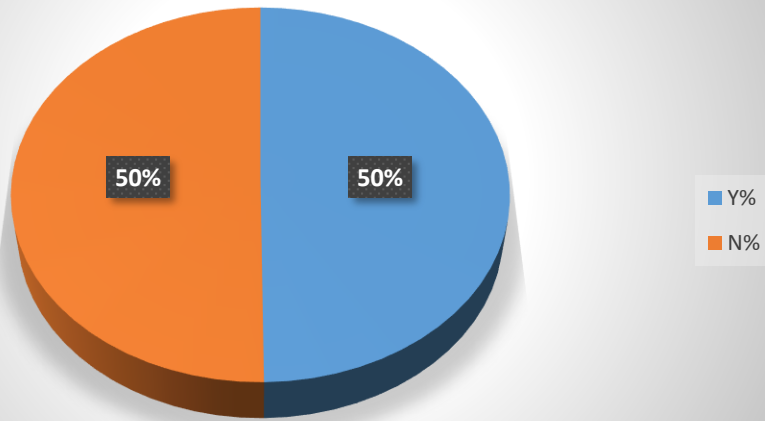
- a) No response was given.
- b) Mentor names were not given.
- c) Mentor names were given, but schools were not chosen.
- d) More than one submission per mentor was made.

This left 241 valid responses, as detailed below.

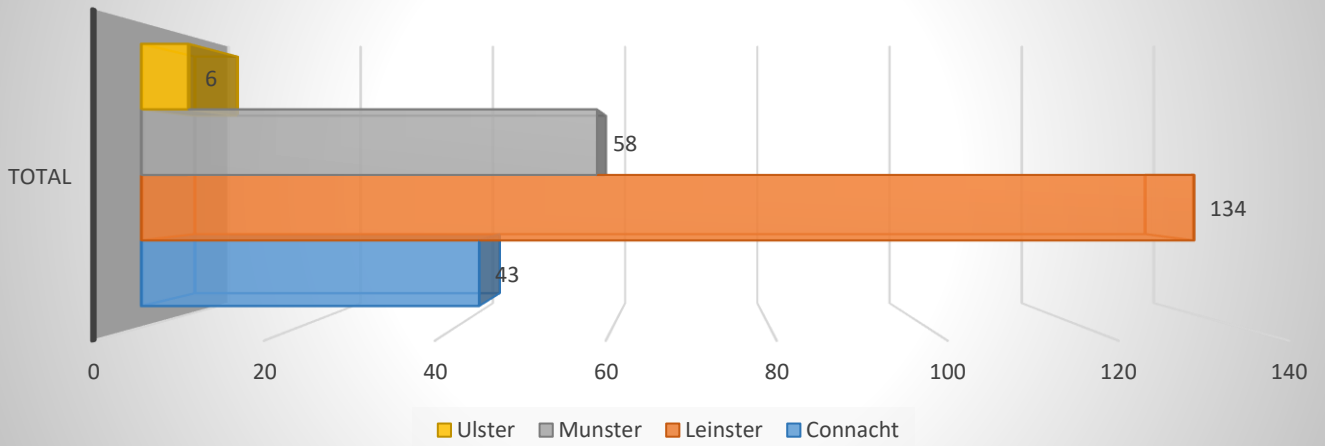
A full list of valid respondents, plus the full text of all comments made, is detailed below.

Survey Results					
<u>Province</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Y%</u>	<u>N%</u>
Connacht	10	33	43	23%	77%
Leinster	89	45	134	66%	34%
Munster	16	42	58	28%	72%
Ulster	5	1	6	83%	17%
Total	120	121	241	50%	50%

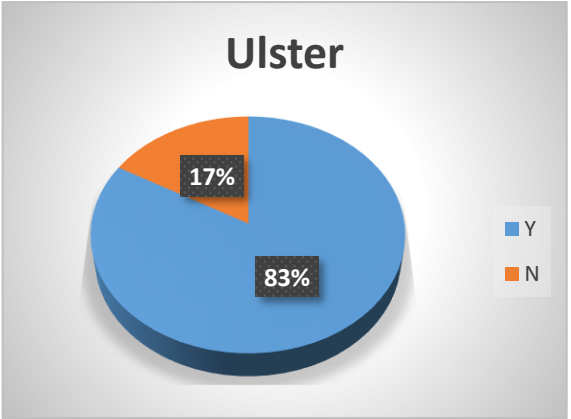
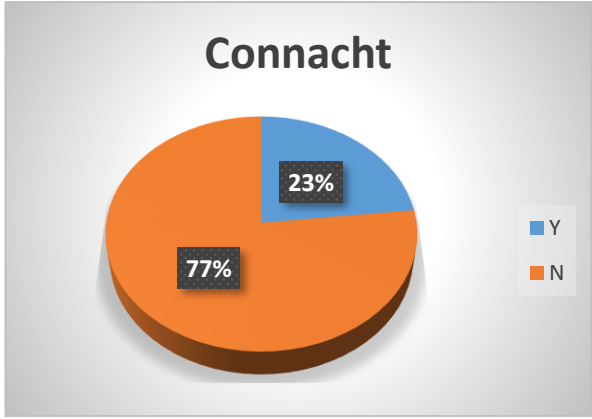
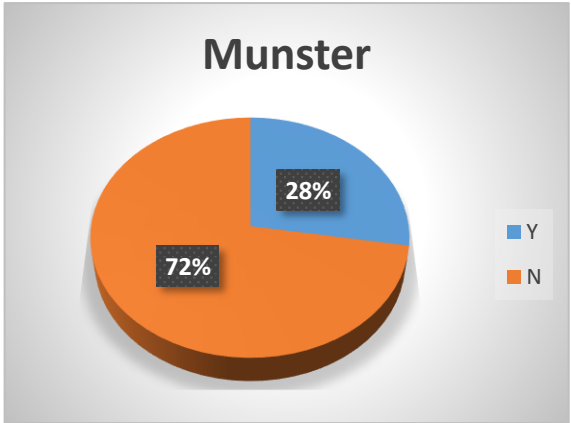
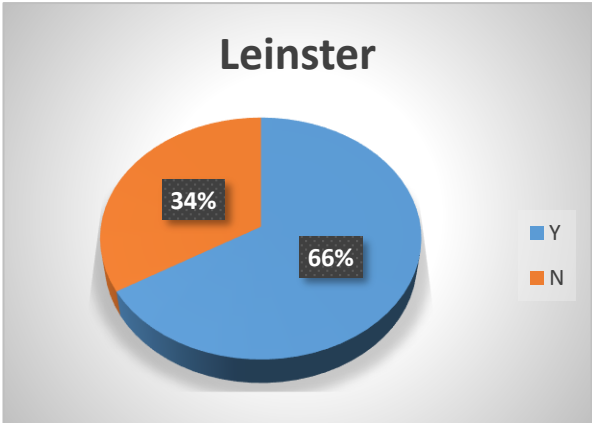
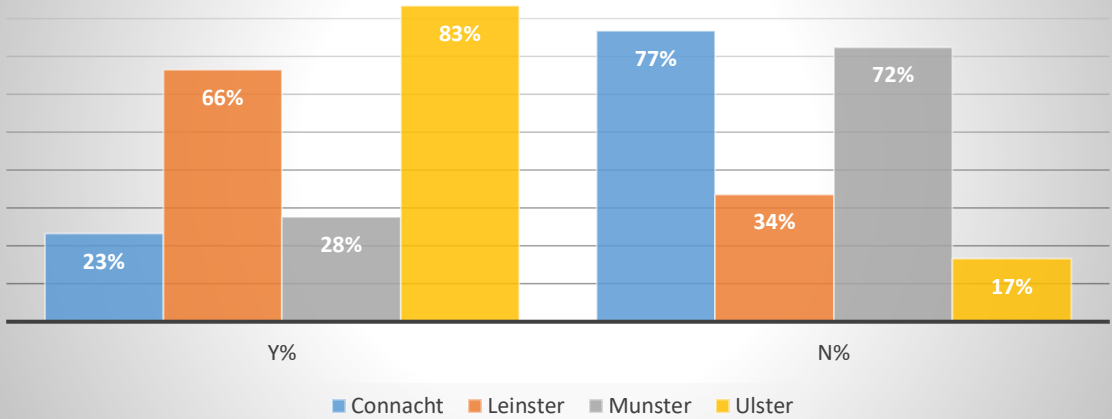
Overall Result %



No. of Respondents



Province By Province Summary



Respondents:

<u>Mentor:</u>	<u>School:</u>	<u>Province:</u>
Aaron Dowd	Cross And Passion College Kilcullen Co Kildare	Leinster
Aaron O Boyle	Summerhill College Sligo Co. Sligo	Connacht
Aaron O'Connor	Abbey Community College	Connacht
Adrian Barrett	Summerhill College Sligo Co. Sligo	Connacht
Agata Suszczynska	St. Tiernan's Community School Parkvale Balally Dublin 16	Leinster
Aiden Twomey	Presentation Brothers College The Mardyke Cork	Munster
Al Sugg	St Kilian's Deutsche Schule Roebuck Road Clonskeagh Dublin 14	Leinster
Alan Curran	St Benildus College Upper Kilmacud Rd Stillorgan Blackrock	Leinster
Alan Murphy	St Joseph's College Nun's Island Galway	Connacht
Alison Stoddart	Loreto Community School Milford Co Donegal	Ulster
Andrew Flynn	St Attracta's Community School Tubbercurry Co. Sligo	Connacht
Andrew Horan	St Kevins College Ballygall Rd East Finglas Dublin 11	Leinster
Andy Goff	Curragh PP McSwiney Road Curragh Co Kildare	Leinster
Anthony Butler	St Mary's College Nicholas Street Dundalk Co Louth	Leinster
Barry Fitzpatrick	CBS New Ross Co Wexford	Leinster
Barry McDermott	St Joseph's College Nun's Island Galway	Connacht
Barry O'Shaughnessy	Clonkeen College Clonkeen Road Blackrock Co Dublin	Leinster
Breandán Ó Conláin	Coláiste na Coiribe Bothar Thuama Gaillimh	Connacht
Brendan Cassisy	Coláiste Chill Mhantáin Burkeen Wicklow Town Co Wicklow	Leinster
Brendan Feeney	St Pauls College Sybil Hill Raheny Dublin 5	Leinster
Brian O'Reilly	Tullow Community School The Mullawn Tullow Co. Carlow	Leinster
Brian Duggan	St. Kilian's Community School Ballywaltrim Bray Co. Wicklow	Leinster
Brian Gaffney	Colaiste Chiarain Croom Co. Limerick	Munster
Brian Higgins	Elphin Community College Elphin Castlerea Co Roscommon	Connacht
Brian Teevan	Old Bawn Community School Old Bawn Tallaght Dublin 24	Leinster
Brian Tivnan	Summerhill College Sligo Co. Sligo	Connacht
Bryan Barry	Boyne Community School Trim Co. Meath	Leinster
Carl Lynch	St Kieran's College Secondary School College Rd Kilkenny	Leinster
Cathy Connell	St Johns College De La Salle Le Fanu Rd Ballyfermot Dublin 10	Leinster
Cerrie Byrne	Ardgillan Community College Castlelands Balbriggan	Leinster
Chris Doyle	Ballinteer Community School Ballinteer Dublin 16	Leinster
Chris Pollis	Ardgillan Community College Castlelands Balbriggan	Leinster

Chris Steele	St Laurence College	Loughlinstown	Dublin 18		Leinster
Cian Corcoran	Scoil Ruain	Killenaule	Thurles	Co Tipperary	Munster
Ciarán Fisher	Coláiste Chú Chulainn	Dundalk	Dundalk		Leinster
Ciarán McCabe	Colaiste na hInse	Bettystown	Co Meath		Leinster
Ciaran O'Sullivan	Scoil Mhuire & Íde	Newcastle West	Co Limerick		Munster
Ciaran Renaghan	De La Salle College	Castleblaney Road	Dundalk	Co. Louth	Leinster
Colm Burke	Mercy Secondary School	Ballymahon	Co Longford		Leinster
Conor Foley	Athlone Community College	Retreat Road	Athlone	Co Westmeath	Leinster
Deanna O'Byrne	Templeogue College	Templeville Road	Dublin 6W		Leinster
Damian O'Brien	Colaiste Mhichil	Sexton Street	Limerick		Munster
Dan Sheahan	Hazelwood College	Dromcollogher	Co. Limerick		Munster
Daniel Doody	Moyle Park College	Clondalkin	Dublin 22		Leinster
Daniel Murphy	Coláiste Choilm	Ballincollig	Co. Cork		Munster
Daniel O'Connor	Grange Post Primary School	Grange	Co Sligo		Connacht
Darran Conroy	Coláiste Einde	Threadneedle Road	Galway		Connacht
Darren Murphy	Beneavin De La Salle College	Beneavin Road	Finglas	Dublin 11	Leinster
Dave Brew	Newbridge College	Newbridge	Co. Kildare		Leinster
Dave Smyth	St Pauls C.B.S.	Christian Brothers	Nth Brunswick Street	Dublin 7	Leinster
David Andrews	St Finian's College	Mullingar	Co Westmeath		Leinster
David Beirne	St Caimin's Community School	Tullyvarraga	Shannon		Munster
David Bracken	St Oliver's C.C.	Rathmullen Road	Drogheda	Co. Louth	Leinster
David Collins	Alexandra College	Milltown	Dublin 6		Leinster
David Cryan	Salesian College	Celbridge	Co. Kildare		Leinster
David Cullen	St Brendan's College	Woodbrook	Bray	Co Wicklow	Leinster
David Donovan	St Francis Capuchin College	Rochestown	Co Cork		Munster
David Kellett	Drogheda Grammar School	Mornington Rd	Drogheda	Co Louth	Leinster
David Meyler	St Brendan's College	Woodbrook	Bray	Co Wicklow	Leinster
David Owens	Coláiste Ióasef	Kilmallock	Co. Limerick		Munster
Dean Revins	Athlone Community College	Retreat Road	Athlone	Co Westmeath	Leinster
Declan McGuire	Portlaoise College	Mountrath Road	Portlaoise	Co. Laois	Leinster
Declan Bollard	St Gerard's School	Thornhill Road	Bray		Leinster
Declan Leahy	Gaelcholáiste Cheatharlach	Easca	Ceatharlach		Leinster
Declan McGrath	De La Salle College	Castleblaney Road	Dundalk	Co. Louth	Leinster
Deirdre Cullinan	Ursuline College	Finisklin	Sligo		Connacht

Denis Doyle	Grennan College	Ladywell St	Thomastown	Co Kilkenny	Leinster
Derek O'Brien	Ard Scoil na Mara	Tramore	Tramore		Munster
Diarmuid Mullins	Crescent College	Dooradoyle Rd	Dooradoyle	Limerick	Munster
Donal McGrath	Coláiste Pobail Bheanntaí	SESKINBANTRY	CO CORK		Munster
Donal Williams	St Augustines College	Abbeyside	Dungarvan	Co Waterford	Munster
Eamonn Lally	Mercy Secondary School	Mounthawk	Mounthawk,	Tralee, Co. Kerry	Munster
Ed Burke	St Colman's C.C.	Youghal Road	Midleton	Co Cork	Munster
Edel Mullin	Ballinrobe Community School	Convent Road	Ballinrobe	Co Mayo	Connacht
Edward Doyle	C.B.S. James Street	James's Street	Dublin 8		Leinster
Enda Brady	St Patricks Cathedral G.S	St Patricks Close	Dublin 8		Leinster
Eoghan Hanley	Gort Community School	Gort	Co. Galway		Connacht
Eoin Leahy	Ashbourne Community School	Deerpark	Ashbourne	Co Meath	Leinster
Eoin O Flaherty	St Francis Capuchin College	Rochestown	Co Cork		Munster
Eoin Walshe	Le Cheile Secondary School	Mulhuddart	Dublin 15		Leinster
Eric Nelligan	St Munchin's College	Corbally	Limerick		Munster
Eugene Gorry	Colaiste Clavin, Enfield,	Co. Meath			Leinster
Eugene O Sullivan	C.B.S. Secondary School	The Green	Tralee	Co. Kerry	Munster
Evan OBrien	Blackrock College	Rock Road	Blackrock	Co. Dublin	Leinster
Fabienne Cooney	Coláiste Bhaile Chláir	Claregalway	Co. Galway		Connacht
Fearghal O Hara	St Louis Community School	Kiltimagh	Co Mayo		Connacht
Fergal Coen	Coláiste Choilm	Dublin Road	Swords	Co Dublin	Leinster
Fergal Douglas	Coláiste Phádraig CBS	Roselawn	Lucan	Co Dublin	Leinster
Fergal Timmons	Roscommon C.S.	Roscommon	Co. Roscommon		Connacht
Finbar Loftus	St Peter's Community School	Passage West	Co Cork		Munster
Fintan Sheridan	St. Kevin's Community College	Fonthill Road	Clondalkin	Dublin 22	Leinster
Fr. Gerard Cryan	Summerhill College	Sligo	Co. Sligo		Connacht
Gareth Hayden	Colaiste Eanna	Ballyroan	Dublin16		Leinster
Gary Kenna	Tallaght Community School	Balrothery	Tallaght	Dublin 24	Leinster
Gavan Kierans	Wilson's Hospital School	Multyfarnham	Co Westmeath		Leinster
Gearoid ó hEalaithe	Gaelcholáiste na Mara	Pairc Na bPiarsach	Bothar an Ghleanntain	Arklow	Leinster
Ger Bane	Galway Community College	Wellpark	Galway		Connacht
Gerard Hughes	Colaiste Chraobh Abhann	Creowen	Kilcoole	Co Wicklow	Leinster
Gerard Leavy	Skerries Community College	Skerries	Co. Dublin		Leinster
Gerry Conway	St. Josephs Community College	Charlestown,	Co. Mayo		Connacht

Gerry Dowling	Scoil Aireagail	Ballyhale	Kilkenny			Leinster
Graham Maher	Greenhills College,	Walkinstown,	Dublin 12			Leinster
Harry Reilly	Our Lady's Secondary School	Belmullet	Co Mayo			Connacht
Michael Heavey	Glenamaddy C.C.,	Glenamaddy.	Co. Galway			Connacht
Hugh Fitzpatrick	Collinstown Park C.C	Neilstown Rd.	Rowlagh	Clondalkin		Leinster
Ian Bright	Celbridge Community School	Celbridge	Co Kildare			Leinster
Ian Cunningham	Ashton School	Blackrock Road	Cork			Munster
Ian Ryan	St. Kevin's Community College	Fonthill Road	Clondalkin	Dublin 22		Leinster
Ian Whelan	Cabinteely Community School	Cabinteely	Dublin 18			Leinster
James Cumiskey	Community College	Dunshaughlin	Dunshaughlin	Co Meath		Leinster
James Hardiman	St Marys College	Ballysadare	Co Sligo			Connacht
James McDonnell	Presentation College	Athenry	Co Galway			Connacht
James Shannon	Holy Family Community School	Kilteel Road	Rathcoole	Co Dublin		Leinster
Jason Carey	St Mac Dara's Community College	Templeogue	Dublin 6W			Leinster
Jason Gilmartin	St Muredachs College	Sligo Road	Ballina	Co Mayo		Connacht
Jerry Casey	Crana College	Crana Road	Buncrana	Co. Donegal		Ulster
Joe Boyle	Deele College	Raphoe Lifford	Co Donegal			Ulster
Joe Breen	Christian Brothers Secondary School	Thomas St	Wexford			Leinster
Joe Carroll	Piper's Hill College	Killashee	Naas	Co. Kildare		Leinster
Joe Kelleher	Coolmine C.S.					Leinster
Joe Mc Sorley	Carrigaline Community School	Waterpark	Carrigaline	Co Cork		Munster
Joey Redmond	Coláiste an Átha	Kilmuckridge	Co. Wexford			Leinster
John Boland	Meánscoil Iognáid Ris	Naas	Co Kildare			Leinster
John Dunphy	Coláiste Eoin	Hacketstown	Co Carlow			Leinster
John Flanagan	De La Salle College	Castleblaney Road	Dundalk	Co. Louth		Leinster
John Ganly	Mullingar C.C.	Millmount Road	Mullingar	Co. Westmeath		Leinster
John Magee	Millstreet Community School	Millstreet Town	Co Cork			Munster
John Murphy	Nagle Community College	Mahon	Blackrock	Cork		Munster
Johnny Keenaghan	Killinarden Community School	Killinarden	Tallaght	Dublin 24		Leinster
Jonathan Linnane	Presentation College	Athenry	Co Galway			Connacht
Jonathan O' Sullivan	Firhouse Community College	Firhouse Road	Dublin 24			Leinster
Karl Hegarty	Patrician Secondary School	Newbridge	Co Kildare			Leinster
Karl Rice	Colaiste Chraobh Abhann	Creowen	Kilcoole	Co Wicklow		Leinster
Karol Mortimer	Presentation College	Athenry	Co Galway			Connacht

Kate McNerney	Lusk Community College	Raheny Lane	Rathmore Road	Lusk	Leinster
Kathy Murphy	Cobh Community College	Carrignafoy	Cobh	Co. Cork	Munster
Kealan O'Neill	St Declan's Community College	Kilmacthomas	Co Waterford	Munster	
Keith Connolly	Lusk Community College	Raheny Lane	Rathmore Road	Lusk	Leinster
Kevin Condren	Moyle Park College	Clondalkin	Dublin 22	Leinster	
Kevin Doyle	Athy Community College	Tomard	Athy	Co Kildare	Leinster
Kevin Logan	Blessington Community College	Naas Rd	Blessington	Co Wicklow	Leinster
Kevin McCarthy	Coola Post Primary School	Riverstown	Via Boyle	Co Sligo	Connacht
Kevin Nolan	Adamstown C.C.	Station Rd	Adamstown	Co Dublin	Leinster
Kevin Ronayne	Douglas Community School	Clermont Avenue	Douglas	Cork	Munster
Laura Murray	Patrician Secondary School	Newbridge	Co Kildare	Leinster	
Liam Sheridan	Scoil Mhuire Community School	Clane	Naas	Co Kildare	Leinster
Lisa Doogan	Larkin Community College	Champions Avenue	Dublin 1	Leinster	
Lorcan Deely	Chanel College	Coolock Village	Malahide Road	Dublin 5	Leinster
Lorna Creaven	Seamount College	Kinvara	Co Galway	Connacht	
Maire Keating	St Fachtna's - De La Salle College	Skibbereen	Co Cork	Munster	
Margaret Mulhall	Moville Community College	Carrownaff	Moville	Co Donegal	Ulster
Maria Byrne	St Declan's College	Nephtin Road	Cabra	Dublin 7	Leinster
Mark Croghan	Portmarnock C.S.	Carrickhill Road	Portmarnock	Co Dublin	Leinster
Mark Dunne	Waterpark College	Park Road	Waterford	Munster	
Mark Jacob	Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra	Rathmore	Co. Kerry	Munster	
Mark McGinn	Borrisokane Community College	Borrisokane	Co Tipperary	Munster	
Mark Tuite	Borris Vocational School	Borris	Co Carlow	Leinster	
Martin Flynn	Corran College	Ballymote	Co Sligo	Connacht	
Martin Grogan	St Marks Community School	Cookstown Rd	Tallaght	Dublin 24	Leinster
Michael Daly	Colaiste Mhuire Askeaton	Co Limerick	Munster		
Michael Kelly	St Josephs C.B.S.	Merville Ave	Fairview	Dublin 3	Leinster
Michael O'Connor	St Nessian's Community College	Moylish Park	Moylish	Limerick	Munster
Michaela Piare	Naas Community College	Craddockstown	Naas	Co. Kildare	Leinster
Neil Kenny	Coláiste Bhríde	Carnew	Co. Wicklow	Leinster	
Niall Maher	St Benildus College	Upper Kilmacud Rd	Stillorgan	Blackrock	Leinster
Nigel Delaney	Larkin Community College	Champions Avenue	Dublin 1	Leinster	
Noel Connolly	Calasanctius College	Oranmore	Co Galway	Connacht	
Noel Greaney	Calasanctius College	Oranmore	Co Galway	Connacht	

Noel McLoughlin	St. Brendan's College	Belmullet	Co. Mayo		Connacht
Oisín Mac Eoin	St Benildus College	Upper Kilmacud Rd	Stillorgan	Blackrock	Leinster
Orla Cunningham	Borrisokane Community College	Borrisokane	Co Tipperary		Munster
Packie Bonner	Jesus & Mary Secondary School	Gortnor Abbey	Crossmolina	Co Mayo	Connacht
Paddy Gallagher	Deansrath C.C.	New Nangor Road	Clondalkin	Dublin 22	Leinster
Paddy McPhillips	Moyne Community School	Moyne	Co Longford		Leinster
Paddy O'Connor	Confey Community College	Confey	Leixlip	Co Kildare	Leinster
Paddy O'Reilly	TRINITY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL	BALLYMUN ROAD		DUBLIN 9	Leinster
Padhraic Staunton	De La Salle College	Castleblaney Road	Dundalk	Co. Louth	Leinster
Padraig O Connell	St. Mel's College	Longford	Co. Longford		Leinster
Padraig Whitty	Christian Brothers Secondary School	Thomas St	Wexford		Leinster
Pat Sweeney	St. Fintan's High School	Dublin Road	Sutton	Dublin 13	Leinster
Patrick Croke	St Francis Capuchin College	Rochestown	Co Cork		Munster
Patrick Fahy	St Benildus College	Upper Kilmacud Rd	Stillorgan	Blackrock	Leinster
Patrick Murphy	Blakestown Community School	Blanchardstown		Dublin 15	Leinster
Patrick Travers	Portlaoise College	Mountrath Road	Portlaoise	Co. Laois	Leinster
Paul Concannon	St. Mary's College	St. Mary's Road	Galway		Connacht
Paul Evans	GAELCHOLÁISTE LUIMNIGH	MEAL SIOR ANRAÍ	LUIMNEACH		Munster
Paul Keane	C.B.S. Mount Sion, Waterford	Barrack Street	Waterford		Munster
Peadar McKenzie	Glenart College	Coolgreaney Rd	Arklow	Co Wicklow	Leinster
Peter Dowling	Christian Brothers Secondary School	Mitchelstown	Co Cork		Munster
Peter O'Reilly	Comeragh College	Greenside	Carrick-On-Suir		Munster
Philip Blythe	Maynooth Community College	Maynooth	Co Kildare		Leinster
R Clougher	Hartstown Community School	Clonsilla	Dublin 15		Leinster
Ray Furlong	Coláiste an Átha	Kilmuckridge	Co. Wexford		Leinster
Raymond Cullen	Coláiste Phádraig CBS	Roselawn	Lucan	Co Dublin	Leinster
Raymond Kerr	Grange Community College	Grange Road	Donaghmede	Dublin 13	Leinster
Richard Scahill	Presentation College	Putland Road	Bray	Co. Wicklow	Leinster
Richard Vahey	St Louis Community School	Kiltimagh	Co Mayo		Connacht
Rob Harvey	Castleknock College	Castleknock	Dublin 15		Leinster
Robbie Henneberry	Summerhill College	Sligo	Co. Sligo		Connacht
Robert Grealish	St Joseph's College	Nun's Island	Galway		Connacht
Robert Hennessy	Ardscoil Ris	North Circular Rd	Limerick		Munster
Ronan O'Reilly	Colaiste na hInse	Bettystown	Co Meath		Leinster

Rory Higgins	Piper's Hill College	Killashee	Naas	Co. Kildare		Leinster
Ruairi Curran	Portmarnock C.S.	Carrickhill Road	Portmarnock	Co Dublin		Leinster
Ruairi Farrell	St Laurence College	Loughlinstown	Dublin 18			Leinster
Ruairi Mullen	Merlin College	Doughiska Road	Galway			Connacht
Ruth Broderick	Calasanctius College	Oranmore	Co Galway			Connacht
Sam Bogan	Carndonagh Community School	Carndonagh	Lifford	Co Donegal		Ulster
Sandra Quaid	Desmond College	Station Road	Newcastle West	Co. Limerick		Munster
Seamus Keane	Ardgillan Community College	Castlelands	Balbriggan			Leinster
Seamus Kennedy	Carrigallen Vocational School	Carrigallen	Co Leitrim			Connacht
Seamus Martin	Beaufort College	Trim Rd	Navan	Co Meath		Leinster
Sean Boland	Scoil Muire gan Smal	Convent of Mercy	Roscommon Town			Connacht
Sean Fahy	Douglas Community School	Clermont Avenue	Douglas	Cork		Munster
Sean Geasley	Nagle Community College	Mahon	Blackrock	Cork		Munster
Sean Hughes	Beaufort College	Trim Rd	Navan	Co Meath		Leinster
Sean O Briain	Coláiste an Eachréidh	An Coiléar Bán	Baile Átha an Rí	Co na Gaillimhe		Connacht
Sean O Shea	St Josephs College	Borrisoleigh	Thurles	Co Tipperary		Munster
Shane McCormack	C.B.S. Carrick-On-Suir	Co Tipperary				Munster
Shane Byrne	St Johns College De La Salle	Le Fanu Rd	Ballyfermot	Dublin 10		Leinster
Shane Hartnett	C.B.S. Thurles	Rossa St	Thurles	Co Tipperary		Munster
Shane Kilcline	Salesian College	Celbridge	Co. Kildare			Leinster
Simon Vazquez	Scoil Mhuire gan Smal	Blarney	Co Cork			Munster
Stephen Cooney	Mullingar C.C.	Millmount Road	Mullingar	Co. Westmeath		Leinster
Stephen Faherty	Clonkeen College	Clonkeen Road	Blackrock	Co Dublin		Leinster
Stephen Hogan	Christian Brothers College	Sidney Hill	Wellington Road	Cork.		Munster
Stephen O Hara	Coláiste Choilm	Ballincollig	Co. Cork			Munster
Steven Corbett	Carrigaline Community School	Waterpark	Carrigaline	Co Cork		Munster
Stuart Bortwick	Patrician Academy	Mallow	Co Cork			Munster
Tanya Kilcoyne	Meánscoil Iognáid Ris	Naas	Co Kildare			Leinster
Ter Hogan	Maria Immaculata C.C.	Dunmanway	Co Cork			Munster
Tim Shanahan	C.B.S. Thurles	Rossa St	Thurles	Co Tipperary		Munster
Tom Ashman	Davis College	Summerhill	Mallow	Co Cork		Munster
Tom Brennan	St Kieran's College	Secondary School	College Rd	Kilkenny		Leinster
Tom Butler	Coláiste Éamann Rís	Callan	Co Kilkenny			Leinster
Tom Byrne	St. Gerald's College	Newport Road	Castlebar	Co. Mayo		Connacht

Tom Cummins	Presentation / De La Salle College	Muine Bheag	Co. Carlow	Leinster	
Tom Morrissey	Árdscoil na mBráithre	Clonmel	Co Tipperary	Munster	
Tony Moran	Boyne Community School	Trim	Co. Meath	Leinster	
Tony McSweeney	St Peter's Community School	Passage West	Co Cork	Munster	
Tyrone Kennedy	Christian Brothers Secondary School	Midleton	Co Cork	Munster	
William Kelly	St Augustines College	Abbeyside	Dungarvan	Co Waterford	Munster
Yvonne Nolan	St Declan's College	Nephin Road	Cabra	Dublin 7	Leinster

Comments Made:

<p>The current set up is working effectively for our school, probably because TY is a compulsory year most of or U17 team is made up of TY students aside from an overlap of 2-3 students. Also in larger schools 700+ students, having such a large age gap between u16 and u19 forces younger students to try to complete in a more physically demanding game which discourages participation at at young ages thus affecting development.</p>
<p>Structure is fine as stands</p>
<p>Gap between u16 to u19 is too great and u14 for minor would leave too many 2nd years without football</p>
<p>The age bands are not suitable. Students moving into U14 are not underag from first because being born after Jan 1st. So they move from 1st grade into U16 thats against some students in TY. That jump is too big for developing players. Dates could be changed to June 30th to take a greater number of players in the school system. I find the new proposals are very short sighted to the future development of the game, age gaps are far too big and a health and safety issue is a concern during these growing teenage years.</p>
<p>U16-U19 gap is too wide.</p>
<p>The age realignment proposals are at odds to their aims. For example, take up at U 16 is considerably less than U 17 due to 15 year olds sitting Junior Cert. The proposed changes would create too much of a gap between age groups and players would be lost. Realistically a player who played U 14 and in first year and who decides to focus on his Junior Cert and skips U 16, might not play again until they are 19 years of age!</p>
<p>With regard to first years especially, for me it is so important that all these lads/girls play soccer irrespective of age. Therefore I would be in favour of leaving 1st years alone and implementing the January 1st date for all other age groups.</p>
<p>U19 should also be brought back to u18 to allow the schools that don't have TY compete I haven't entered senior team for first time in over ten years as we can't compete anymore</p>
<p>I think smaller schools will suffer with the proposal. Many struggle to field at under 14 and the next available slot being at under sixteen would remove soccer as a sporting option within the school where gaa and rugby are far better resourced from external agencies.</p>
<p>What is the real rationale for these proposed changes? I seem to recall a proposal to change the senior age to Under 20 which I believed was crazy. So, by changing under 15 to under 14 what are you hoping to achieve? Will the proposed under 14 competition go to national finals? What happens to the large number of students who will become ineligible at under 14 level? A large gap would also appear between under 16 and under 19 then. Coming from a school where we have considerable success in soccer at provincial and national level my concern is also that we may lose good athletes to other codes such as GAA who put enormous pressure on the soccer players in our school.</p>
<p>If you have 2 groups u14 there will be huge overlap At u14 and 16 we will be in direct competition with hurling so we will have less players U16 will be doing junior cert exams they will not play We have little or no overlap with u17 and 19 Finally your survey is very leading very hard to disagree I hope you will take my comments seriously as it looks like the deal is done. We will not be able to compete with hurling in our school and soccer will lose out</p>
<p>Seniors - 5th and 6th Years Juniors - 3rd and 4th Years Minors - 1st and 2nd Yers No "under * as of *" simply year groups like they have in other sports. This way there is alignment and parents don't get confused with what sport and age group their child is in.</p>
<p>The First Year and Under 14 (Minor) teams would be almost identical. Most players would transfer from First Year to Under 15 team as they enter second year, and find this quite a jump. The transition from First Year to</p>

Under 16 competition would lead to more players dropping out of schoolboy football. Our greatest issue with school football is less to do with exams, and more to do with interest. We are considering withdrawing from Senior Soccer, but this is due to lack of interest among senior students as opposed to exam pressures. There is huge interest in First Year and Under 15 soccer, and the fear is that the new age groups would reduce the number of students playing. Realistically, the proposed new Under 14 team would be mostly first years and a handful of second years, based on our experiences in recent years.
Small school, we would be forced to only enter one u14 team! Too much reliance on 3rd years and u19 not an option for us! Makes no sense! Strongly strongly disagree
The changes will adversely affect Soccer, we will lose kids to other codes if this comes in.
I feel that under the proposal once students leave u16 age group they will be reluctant to play u19 immediately and a whole cohort will miss out on soccer.If games started in September and matches were completed on time then there mightnt be a problem.
The current system works well in my opinion. There will always be a few problems with any system.
Remove the pressure on the juniors
I think each individual school/mentor can decide who to place on each team regarding exam students etc.....
By realignment a whole group of players would be ignored losing them at a crucial stage in development
Too many players would miss out on playing particularly in 4th year where they have no exam pressures. Also means a lot of first years will miss a lot of school as they'll be involved in two squads.
The possibility of linking teams/squads to year groups as opposed to DOBs could be an efficient way for schools to organise teams - as players would already be divided into groups which are also linked to age groups. It may make it easier for mentors to arrange matches with school management/timetabling support and registration. Thanks.
This is a crazy proposal. You are having basically two first year teams(1st year and u14) and are going to lose so many players to different codes because you are creating too much of a gap u16-u19. The current format makes sense and just as the Fai are bringing in national leagues at u19/u17 and u15 the school supports that as it stands.
I thought these were changed initially to align Ireland with the UEFA age groups. Need to re-examine the reasons for the change in 2011. There will always be overlap with exam classes. It is just the nature of it. Nothing is perfect. There needs to be some congruence between what we are doing at school and what is best practice at UEFA level
What about possibility of looking at increasing senior to U20 so as to include the few students who may be that bit older in 6th year. I would imagine that the numbers of players that fall into this category would be quite small, but we need to be making school football inclusive for all.
I think it will create more problem than it might solve. I would be anxious that at one end it would make it difficult for second years to take part in a year that they would not have exam pressure and that it would do the same for TY and 5th Years at the other end.
This might affect First Year competitions but maybe not :) It will make Minor much more a First and Second Year team so suit smaller schools too.
Smaller schools deserve a chance.The "old" rules I think gave them a fairer chance in entering teams.There is currently an overlap,especially in smaller schools.
Not on this age issue but would it be worthwhile to consider a larger league set up? One that runs throughout the school year for Junior members. I think this would generate a lot of interest from students and schools. It would see teams play more games too.
The First Year and U-14 competitions would for us involve the same players playing two competitions, and we would lose a lot of players in second year. Again with a gap of three years between U-16 and U-19, a lot of players would be lost to the game in our school, and we could struggle to field a senior side.
Sort out registration system. Kicked out for small error one year. Everyone allowed play unregistered players (but not explained to all) the next. Very unfair and mixed messages being sent out.
Huge physical difference between players at u15/16 level
Could competitions where possible kick off in September when we can avail of any fine weather, please.
There needs to be a clear fixture schedule of days in the week and weeks for each match. A number of elite players are / will be playing in the National U15/17/19 leagues and they need to be protected from playing / training overload.
U- 17 age group as is means more TYP students on pannel and less third years less examm students involved
Don't think there's a need to change it
This rule change will only help the larger schools. Smaller schools will still have to use players well below the age to field teams. There has been enough messing with age groups and dates of birth. We have a system stick with it and if schools want change let them have a school rule.....players play on one team only.

Agree with all age groups except u19 as school doesn't have a transition year will find it difficult in this age group as students are younger and physical less mature
A three year gap between u/16 and u/19 is too large. It will be less participation as four year students are expected to play against sixth year students.
For the first time in our history we have not entered a senior girls team (and we are reigning Ulster Champions) for a lot of the above reasons mainly player overlap.
I see no real benefit in these proposals.
If schools follow the dates given for the matches everything would run smoothly. Two competitions on the proposed ages will be the same players. u14 and 14 first years. u16 age group will be all 3rd years where as u17 is mainly 5th/ty so less pressure on exam classes
Very sensible proposal. Thanks.
Four age groups being reduced to 3 less students involved
As a mentor of both my schools junior and Senior teams for the past couple of years I strongly disagree with this realignment for a number of reasons which I will outline below 1. I feel it would actually place more strain on the junior cert classes as that age group would realistically make up the majority of a 3rd year cohort 2. under 17 level suits ty students and this year in particular allows them less pressure when missing classes they are the ideal group for under 17 level and in my opinion this age group operates best as a result 3. What would be the point in having an under 14 and 1st year competition?? In reality perhaps you could have up to 3 or 4 2nd years on a 14s team but aside from that you're essentially entering the same side in potentially 4 competitions... how will this aid them in missing less class time? 4. I feel that overall the current age group system is fine.. it is a balanced representation across the school and in my experience allows good participation from across all year groups... why fix something that isn't broken? 5. I strongly feel that from a mentors perspective I cannot understand how there is pressure felt against timetables, too many are letting the system down in being flexible in arranging games and this is the only problem I see with the current system and the real reason behind backlogs of fixtures. In my years as a mentor I have been proactive and organised with regard to fixtures and my principal as a result has never had a problem and the students even when in teams which played a high volume of games did not feel they missed much class time as they played at a balanced rate Overall having read the information with this survey I have to disagree strongly... for me this realignment would only have the effect of allowing less players in schools to play soccer.... the under 17 age group changing to under 16 would remove ty and 5th year students from those sides meaning it would almost entirely be a 3rd side realistically so I counter the point made in regard to mocks etc. Changing under 15 to under 14 does remove the small number of 3rd years who would still be of that age group but it does not balance the figure in my opinion. Replacing it with another under 14 age group and a 1st year group makes little sense to me. I feel that removing 17s and having a 3 year gap will ultimately stop a number of players from playing school football for the year and again I really can't see the sense in that and I state again the fact that the majority of students at u17 age are either 4th or 5th years.... this realignment will actually place more pressure on exam year classes. The current system displays by far the most balanced option available to schools and I feel with better management from mentors there would be no concern raised. One final side point is that I feel the under 17 group greatly assists the fai schools under 18 side I thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope the layout isn't confusing. Yours in sport Padraig Whitty Wexford CBS
Ive no real feelings on the issue
Teams who win competitions should be promoted if the nucleus of the squad is still in the school
Personally, in our school we enter both Senior and Junior. Currently there is no overlap of players at all. Our school policy is soccer is only allowed from TY up. So bringing the age of Junior down to u16 would lead to a less competitive side and mean plenty of TY students would be overage in a year ideal for playing Junior soccer.
The new proposal does not include enough students to play and its nonsense having two u14 teams
None.
Bringing the U17 competition down to U16 will involve students in 3rd year doing their junior cert and transition year. The existing category involves transition and 5th year students which is a better mix. In addition it is too big a gap between u16 and u19 which means a lot of students will be lost to schools competition in transition year and 5th year.
I am simply aghast at what is being proposed here - as an all boys SS in Connacht we have consistently worked in partnership with the national executive to promote the game and ensure its availability to all students - with participation levels always to the forefront of our guiding principles. We currently enter teams at all levels - even though the senior age requirement of U19 renders it futile in many respects as our pupils generally leave at U18 level. To realign the ages would significantly reduce player numbers in second year in our school - indeed many would be lost to other codes which have a competition for each age group/academic year. It is a material fact that

moving the age group to U16 (replacing U17 national) would in fact set a vast major of our junior cert students a significant task as this age group would be an exam year. Our current / past U17 team are predominantly made up of 5th year students who enjoy playing at this age group devoid of exam pressure. Indeed, this year we have made a decision to make the senior team exclusive for LC students only - and as would be the case for 6year cycle schools, the fact that it is U19 certainly accommodates their needs. As it stands, the pathway for progression in schools football is balanced and runs smoothly in tandem with the FAI model. I am of the opinion that changing both at minor and Junior level is not good practice and will have a hugely detrimental effect particularly on player participation levels at U14 and U17 level.. the emergence of a fallow period between U16 - U19 seems ludicrous and a general bias towards the very young age groups will have a significantly negative impact on the participation levels and credibility of our fine organisation. I propose we leave our age groups alone and if certain provinces feel it may suit them to operate at different age groups, that they do this with provincial competitions.. as has been done extensively in the past.

Just have an under 14 age group rather than a 1st year also. As U14 (which would include eligible 2nd years) would also include many from the 1st year team. Too much of an over lap.

The age limit for 1st yrs and U14s is the same. I know more stdts get the opportunity to play soccer but it shifts the problem of students missing class time from senior students to fist year students. Some first years will be on both panels. 1st yrs find the jump from primary to secondary massive so this change will impact negatively on them. Also concerned parents may limit their sons extra curricular activity. The U14 age limit will necessitate the inclusion of 1st yrs on that panel as well as their own 1st year panel. The availability of more dates to play could be achieved in a number of ways: 1. Affiliation and competition entry being done in April/May the previous academic year and draws/fixtures sorted by the time mentors are back in school in late August. This is how our GAA brethern operate. The weather is better in Sept. for getting fixtures played and school calendars are far less congested. 2. The question of too many age categories must be asked. No other sport has 4 age categories at second level. GAA have 3 and Rugby has 2. If there were just 3 age categories there would be less pressure on mentors and more chances to get games played and competitions finished thoroughly. This is particularly relevant with this proposed change of age limit i.e. the limit for first years and U14's is exactly the same. Schools could run in - house blitzes for first years. 3. Schools must respond to other schools when contact is initiated with regard to the playing of fixtures. The biggest stumbling block I have had with fixtures is the long delay from some schools in getting back to me. This year I have been the one to initiate all contact and my colleague has had the very same experience. Maybe the awarding of points would sort this out. It sounds heavy handed but it would sort out the problem. Schools should be responding within 48 hrs. Yours in sport.

I totally disagree with the proposed age realignment. It seems to be a proposal that is in fact backward and certainly in our school it would actually reduce the number of boys playing soccer. Our under 15 squad at present is represented by seventeen 2nd year boys and five of 3rd years boys. Under the new age realignment none of these 2nd years would be eligible to play soccer as they are not under 14! Our minor team would be a 1st year team with a small number of 2nd years who are still under 14. In our school not many 2nd years would be under 14, I can only imagine that this is the same in most schools across the country and will be more evident in years to come with the introduction last year of 2 free preschool years.(ECCE) The majority of children are now starting school at 5 years of age, therefore they will turn 13 or be 13 when they start 1st year. It makes no sense why would we need two under 14 teams. At present the 1st year competition is ideal to get to know the boys abilities and standard. In our case we would be expected to have these first years assessed, trialed and on a team for the new minor cup panel. This would be totally unrealistic in a school our size. The change of under 17 to under 16 also causes concern and makes no sense as the majority of this under 16 squad would be in fact 3rd year students and defeat the purpose of the realignment to stop students playing in exam years. We would than have a massive gap in our school as we would have no team at Under 17 and possibly at Under 19 level as our Transition year in not compulsory we would not have the students at Under 19 level to choose from and in fact I could see a huge decrease in the total number of boys playing soccer in our school and choosing other disciplines, Gaelic Football, Hurling and Rugby instead of their preferred sport soccer. We have been lucky enough in Calasanctius College over the last few years to be very successful in Schoolboys soccer. We have won numerous Connacht titles and reached an All Ireland Final at 1st year level 2014, Winning All Ireland Minor in 2015 (Going on to win the Allen McKinstry Cup)and Winning All Ireland Under 17 in 2016. We pride ourselves on inclusion and we work with our local clubs to enhance the skills and abilities of our students both on and off the pitch. I feel that the proposed changes to the age structures would dramatically decrease the number of boys eligible to play. Soccer is an integral part so many of our students lives. We have engrained a love for the sport and I would hate to see the numbers participating decline due to these proposed changes.

<p>My school has approx. 120 boys. We play in the Munster Junior Trophy (for schools up to 300 boys). We are at our limit for fielding a competitive team in this comp. at the U-17 limit. If this moved to U-16 we would probably struggle to have a full squad of players.</p>
<p>Age realignment will cause more problems than it will solve. It will make running first year and minor competitions in the same school difficult and will cause young kids to turn away from schools soccer at a stage where we should be encouraging them.</p>
<p>Any student who hurls is not allowed play soccer in our school. Practically all students hurl up to 16. It would be harder for us to field a u16 team than u17 as currently stands.</p>
<p>I would end up having virtually the same team for 2 different competitions (the 2 younger ages). And I would have too many students wanting to play at Senior and Junior level, meaning many decent players being left out. Even though our school has higher numbers as you go down through the year groups, the current system matches that perfectly. My 4 teams are basically made up of i) LC and 5th, ii) TY and 3rd, iii) 2nd, and iv) 1st (with a few overlaps) which is perfect.</p>
<p>Most of my Junior squad this year are in TY, a change to the current set up would mean that all my Junior Squad next year would be in Juniiior Cert. A change in the age structure would mean current U17 players would only be eligible for a Competiton which could potential have team mates / opposition 3 years older as there is no proposed change in the U 19 This is very dangerous and could be a health and safety concern. The age structures as they are afford more students the Opportuntiy to play games against students of their own age group</p>
<p>I strongly disagree with the new proposals</p>
<p>Leave age groups as they are as they are well balanced and cater for the needs of vast majority of school</p>
<p>Don't think a changed is needed. Players will miss out on chance to represent school at their own age level next year</p>
<p>In my opinion senior cycle students will find it more difficult to play on their school teams. There is too large of an gap between u-16 and u-19 football.</p>
<p>There will be too much overlapping and fixture congestion on younger age groups and the opportunities of players over the age of 16 to experience school football will be limited</p>