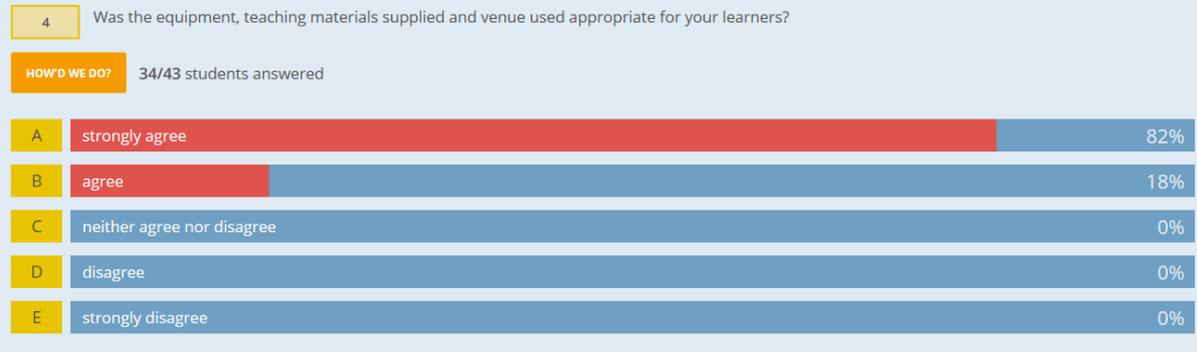
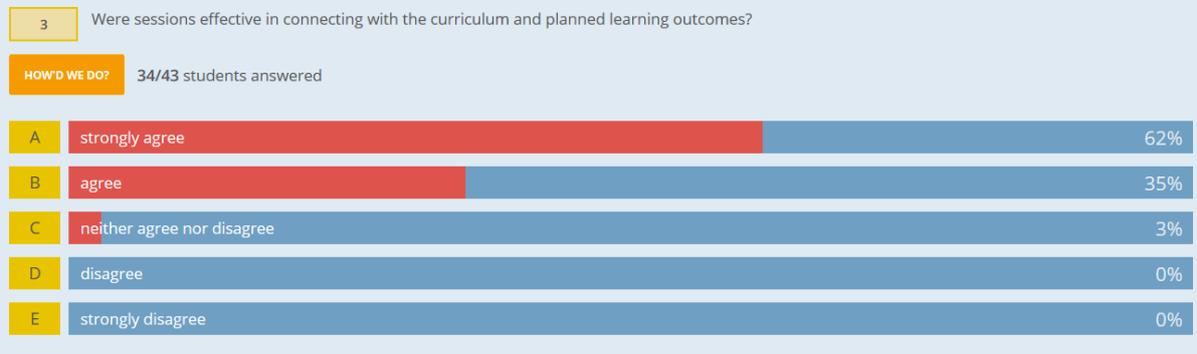
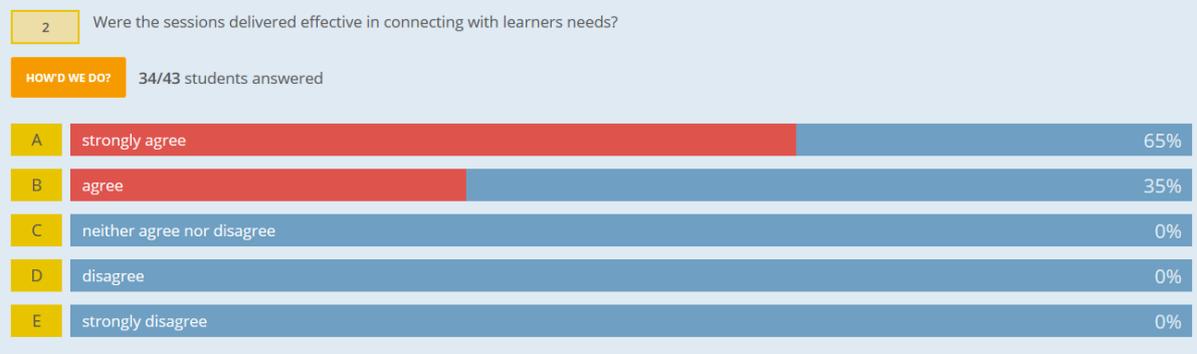
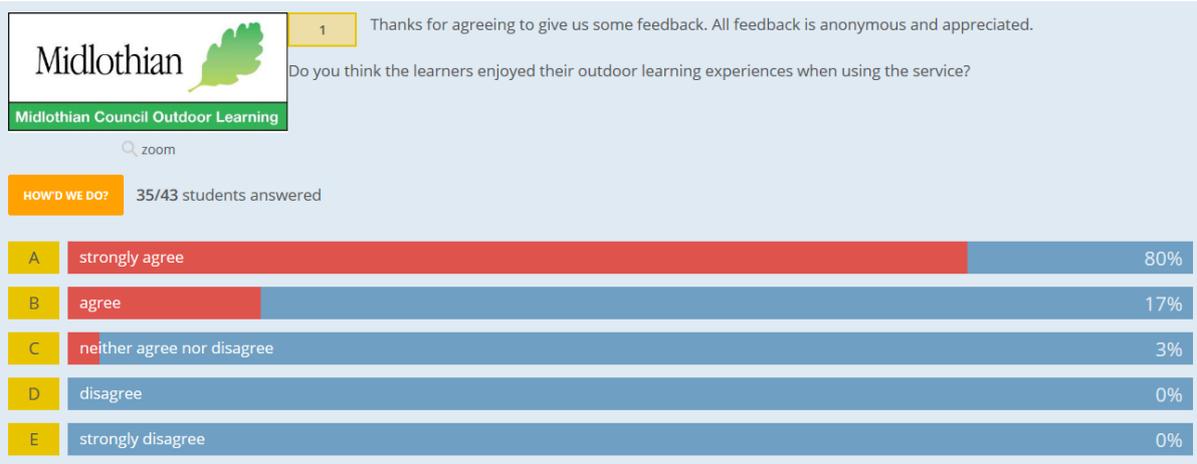
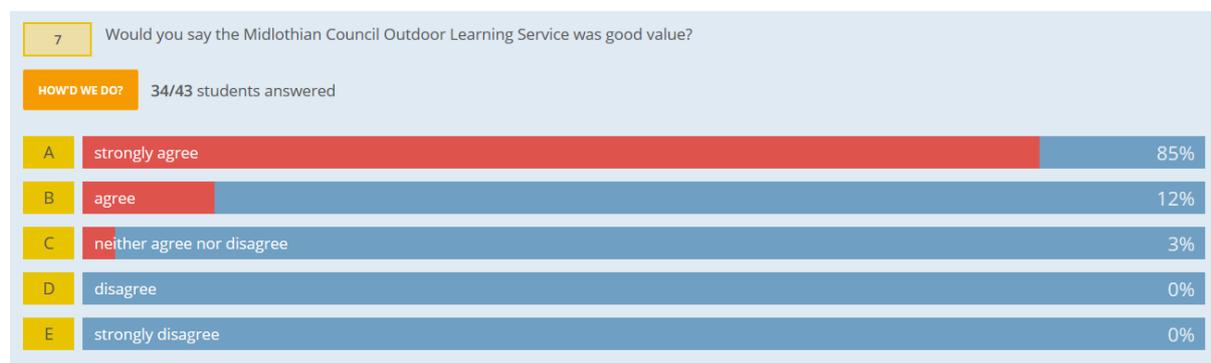
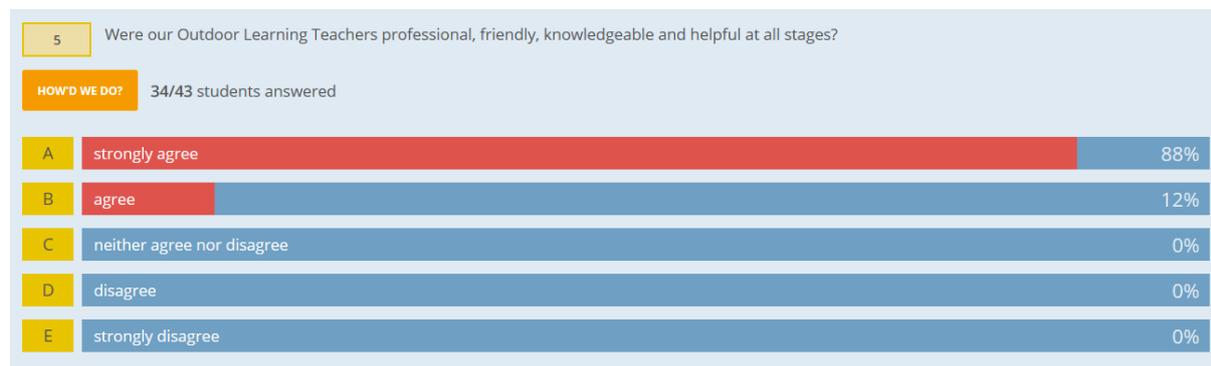


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Establishment Outdoor Learning feedback 2017-18

Question 8

Please add any other comments on the Outdoor Learning Service and sessions delivered or comments on how we might improve our service for 2018 in this section

23/43 students answered

Great service and excellent, approachable staff. Wide range of opportunities offered for young people and great CLPL.

The children in my class were split into 3 groups. Each one came back from their day exhausted but full of exciting stories and tales about their adventure that day. I believe children gain experiences and knowledge they would not otherwise gain during these learning opportunities with the Outdoor Ed team.

Extremely impressed by the support of our Outdoor Education Team.

All sessions we undertook were of value added to by the professionalism of Outdoor Learning Staff.

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The bushcraft sessions were pitched at the right level of challenge and allowed all pupils to access. Looking forward to our next OL sessions this term!

The only way it could be improved would be by giving the Outdoor Learning Department better accommodation. They work miracles out of a converted garage and some old shipping containers! They could do with a proper classroom and purpose-built changing, wash up and storage areas. They could probably also do with some extra staff, as they deliver to almost every school in the region and demand now outstrips their ability to cover with available staff. The need to get our children away from screens and engaging with the outdoors has never been greater, so we really need to place the appropriate value on Outdoor Learning.

Providing more sessions in the school session. Working closely with Provisions regularly for children with additional support needs.

Great service! Was very straight forward and a total enrichment to the classes' year experience. Featured for the kids in one of their favourite activities in there whole school year! We did 2 activities in one year and it was great how the instructor remembered and built on things the kids learned/focused on in the previous visit. As a class teacher this is a fantastic service and will provide experiences that will close the attainment gap for some pupils.

More availability would be good!

Excellent service provided for such a small cost. Excellent use of resourcing. The team would benefit from additional staff members to increase their capacity. This is such an important service which has significant impact on learners.

Perhaps if more was done to link with individual school curriculum and priorities for the year as opposed to a blanket timetable of events and activities.

Highly professional and well resources. A high quality experience for all.

We use the service through the mainstream school and for supporting the pupils in the provision. I can only think of positive things to say about the service we get - the only negative is that we don't get enough.

The Outdoor Learning Service provides excellent opportunities for all pupils in our school to experience outdoor learning as part of their learning in school. Activities meet the needs of

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all pupils and appropriate interventions are in place to support pupils with additional support requirements. We value the input of the Outdoor Learning Service in our school and the relationships developed between Outdoor Learning Staff and our pupils. This is a service that we will continue to use in school moving forward.

All children who have engaged with the Outdoor Learning Service have had a positive and enjoyable experience. Always know they will come back raving!

The sessions are excellent at developing children in different ways. Confidence builds in pupils that are not as confident in the classroom. New characters became apparent during these sessions. I only wish more time could be devoted to outdoor learning so we can develop the confidence in the children and help them achieve more successfully at school.

Midlothian Outdoor Learning have consistently been fantastic. They have helped me over the years put hundreds of students through the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. They are thorough, professional and will literally go the extra mile to ensure the students have the best and most enjoyable experience possible. Without their help and support I doubt I would be able offer the award on the scale I do; the cost and finding suitably qualified staff and equipment would be prohibitive.

I have now worked with the Outdoor Learning Team on several occasions, most recently in relation to the John Muir Award. The experiences offered have been excellent and I cannot praise the team highly enough. The children have loved the activities and are always asking when our next outdoor activity will be! As a teacher, it is lovely to see children in a different environment and to see a different side to them. Outdoor Learning offers a unique shared experience which transfers back into the classroom.

The value of this service cannot be underestimated, it gives young people the opportunities to try various sports, activities, improves their health and wellbeing and self-esteem. Staff are extremely knowledgeable, have very good caring and interpersonal skills and apply very high standards of health and safety to their lessons /activities.

As an external entity from Schools and L/A it makes answering some of these questions difficult. Especially those relating to value for money. Great works everyone, let's hope 2018 is another bumper year.

I have been very impressed over the past year with the service provided by Sean directly and also when I have called and spoke with other members of the team. I would like more opportunities for this type of work and look forward to our Outdoor Learning Cards Training. Thank you

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Midlothian Outdoor Learning Service works closely with Beeslack High School in order to meet the needs of our most vulnerable young people. In partnership, we have worked out a programme of activities and experiences that underpins the Nurture programme in our school. Together we plan appropriate activities which promotes the philosophy, principles and aims of Nurture. This begins in S1 and the relationship with the individual students develops with MOL throughout BGE. Activities become more challenging to encourage Wellbeing, Resilience, Self-Regulation, and Confidence and with the ultimate aim of supporting our young people to become young adults in positive and sustained destinations. The breadth and challenge of activities offered by MOL would be difficult, if not impossible to achieve otherwise. The Nurture programme grows in numbers every year as young people and teachers observe the personal development of the young people. Nurture in Beeslack High School is successful because of this close relationship with MOL. Outdoor Learning is imperative to our Nurture Programme. The Nurture Programme is imperative to the development of our most vulnerable young people. Without it, we fail our most vulnerable. Without MOL we would not be meeting the needs of our most vulnerable.

The provision offered by Outdoor Learning Services is invaluable. It enables schools to provide an alternative curriculum that better suits the needs of some of our most vulnerable/challenging students. It enables us to build pupil resilience and a 'can do' attitude, through activities that they find a great deal of fun. Furthermore, pupils develop team-building skills and a sense of community when they are working together, especially if they are out with school. Often, pupils who are academically able, struggle to cope with failure. Activities provided by the Outdoor Learning Service expose this type of pupil to challenge and failure in a way that is easier for them to cope with. The opportunities bring learning to life and are often remembered for a long time by pupils. All members of the Outdoor team are extremely professional, considerably helpful and engage well with all young people.