



St Albans
High School
for Girls

Year 12 girl is Junior Commissioner for IGGY

Research by Lydia Backhaus, in Year 12, reveals that despite peer pressure and current trends, pupils still follow in parents' footsteps when choosing study subject and career paths.

Her research revealed that 45% of students who took part in the survey took similar GCSE subjects to the O-levels that their parents chose. She also found that 60% of A level choices were in either the same or similar subjects. 53% of respondents also claimed to want a job similar to their parents, showing how children's aspirations are often matched to their parents' careers.

Lydia carried out this research as part of the University of Warwick Junior Commission on Education and Skills, a project run by the International Gateway for Gifted Youth (IGGY). She was selected as a Junior Commissioner via an international competition and was selected from hundreds of entrants by a panel of leading human rights lawyers, academics and students from around the world. She is currently studying Further Maths, English, History, German and Critical Thinking here at the High School

The Junior Commissioners research findings have been edited into a short film which you can view on the IGGY website.