

# FEELING LEFT BEHIND #ALEVELS2021

Being a sixth form student at Stockton Sixth Form College has raised a lot of issues for me and other students up and down the country at the moment because of the pandemic. I would like to take this opportunity on UK Parliament week to have my voice heard.

## Here are some of the issues I and other students have had whilst studying in 2020.

- Only given an extra three weeks study time for exams.
- Waiting for a response from the College/Teachers to continue with work.
- No Uni open days.
- Rise in number of students with Mental Health issues.

## Digital Exclusion- Reducing Opportunity

As you will know being an A level student is hard enough, adding a global pandemic has made it even worse, especially with the added pressure of learning from home, the pandemic has only highlighted some of these barriers and even more so for deprived areas, Stockton on Tees is one of those areas.

<https://www.aplecollective.com/category/the-digital-divide/>

## Here are some of those issues and some barriers to learning.

- No WiFi
- Not having the right equipment- printer, paper, ink etc.
- Some ways of learning are different to others, some students work better with having the physical work in front of them.
- The stigma attached with being digitally excluded and then being embarrassed to ask for help.
- No one to support students.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Sign the petition- Reduce the curriculum content for year 10&11 students.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/320772>

- Include students in future decisions that affect learning.
- Ensure nobody is digitally excluded when it comes to learning.
- Share your lived experience.
- Write to your MP- <https://www.writetothem.com>



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EMPOWERED AND YOU CAN  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



# Parliament Week

# WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY

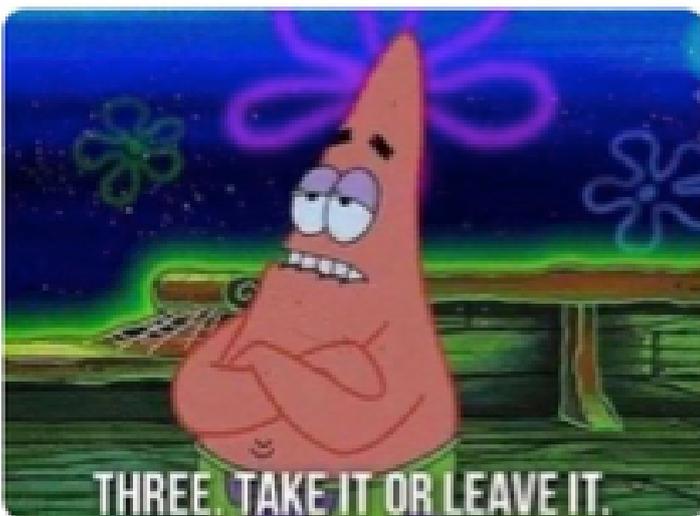
## #ALEVELS2021 #LOCKDOWN #YEAR13

no work experience, no uni visits, not sat mocks, people in the year above deferring entries to uni, no support, whole classes isolating, 6 months of home learning, but hey! exams are getting pushed back 3 weeks  
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Year 13s are done for. Only pushing exams back by 3 weeks with no reduced content, when we've had to teach ourselves for 6 months from a textbook during lockdown. Students mental health is plummeting and the government aren't doing anything to properly help us. [#alevels2021](#)

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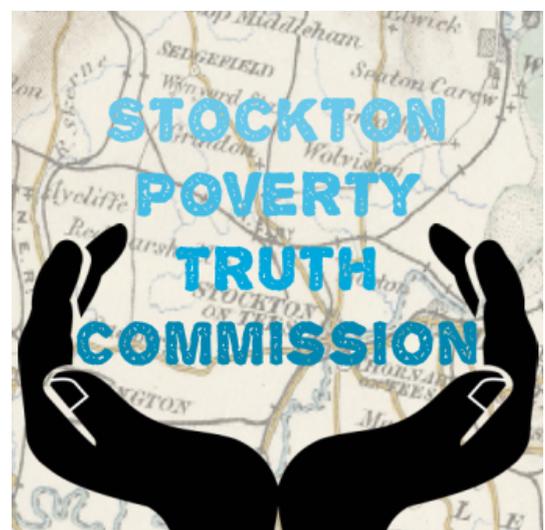
Us: we missed 15 weeks of content  
Government:



the government really saw year 13 struggling this year and just went 🤔  
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it's the having to apply to unis that we've never even visited for me 😞👍  
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A levels are hard enough on a normal year, but working from home, trying to teach yourself the content, and not knowing whether you'll be doing exams makes it a WHOLE lot harder...the level of uncertainty we are experiencing is ruthless [#alevels2021](#)  
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