

National Prep Schools' Rugby Survey

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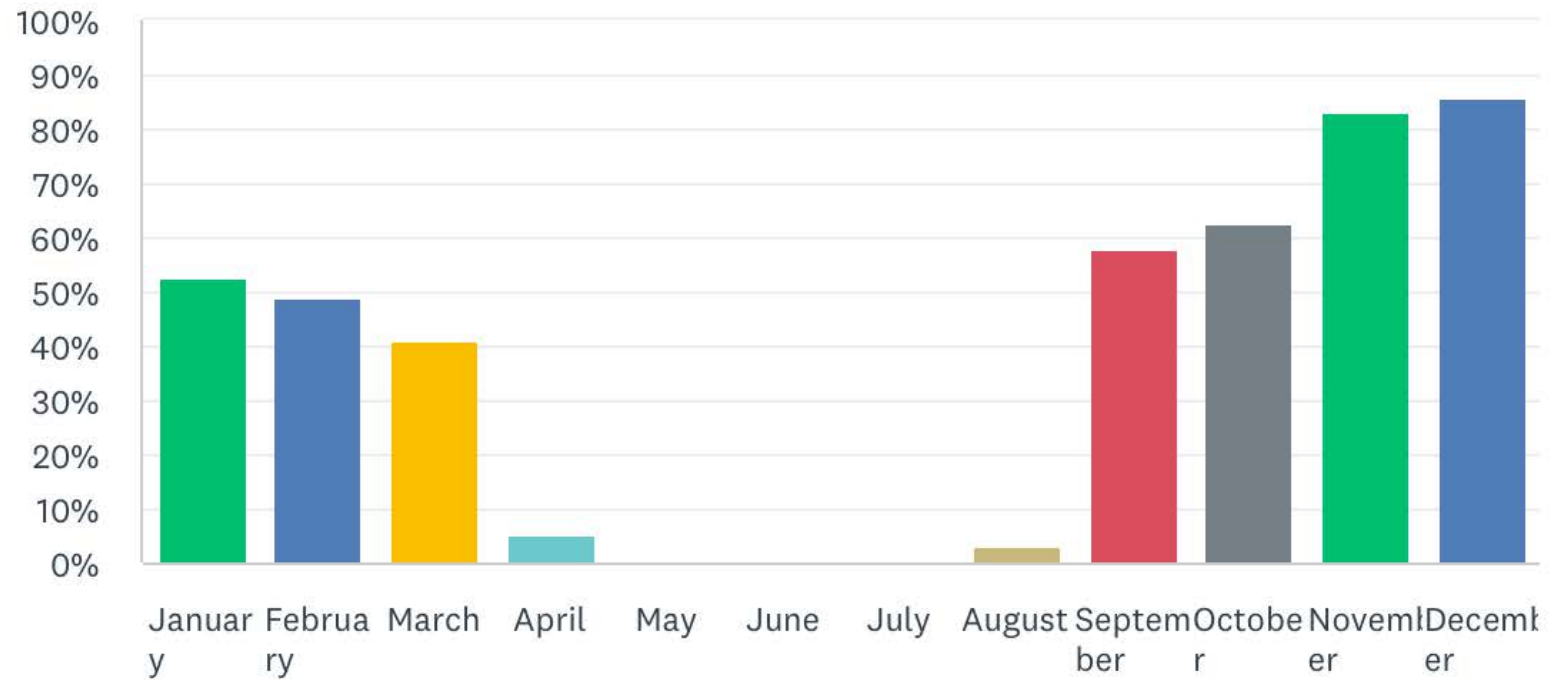
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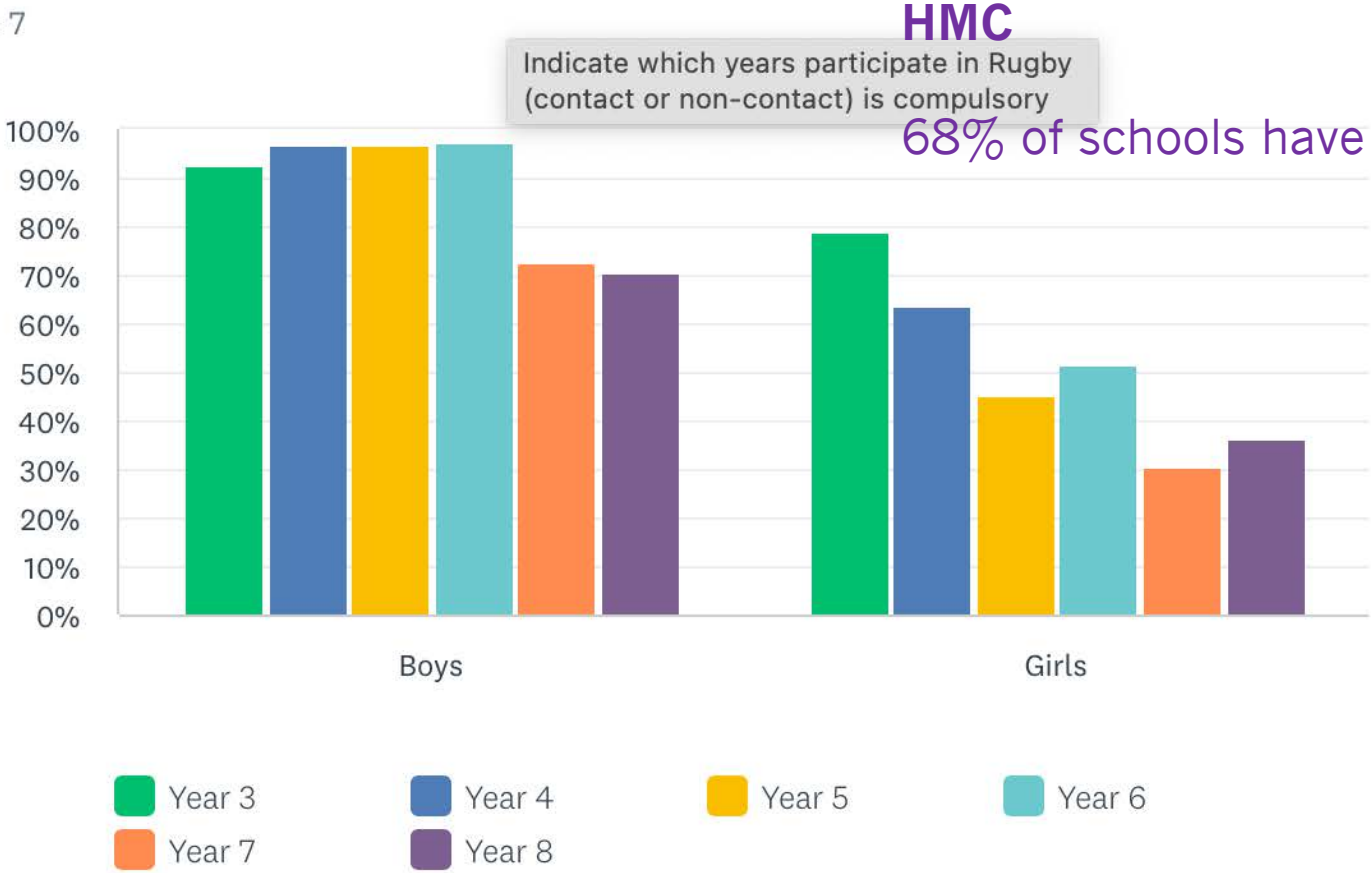
Which months does your rugby season take place?

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Indicate which years participate in Rugby (contact or non-contact) is compulsory

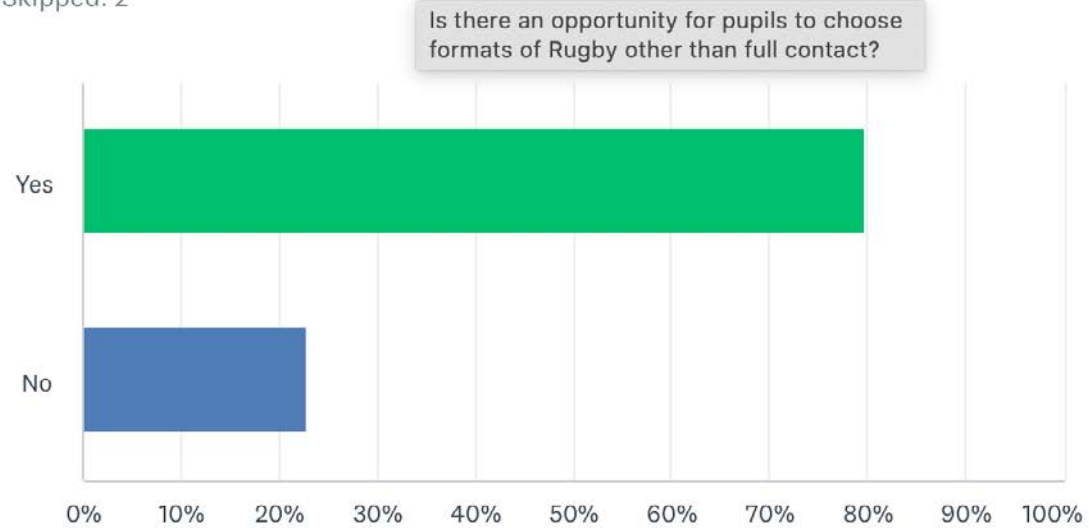
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Q11

Is there an opportunity for pupils to choose formats of Rugby other than full contact?

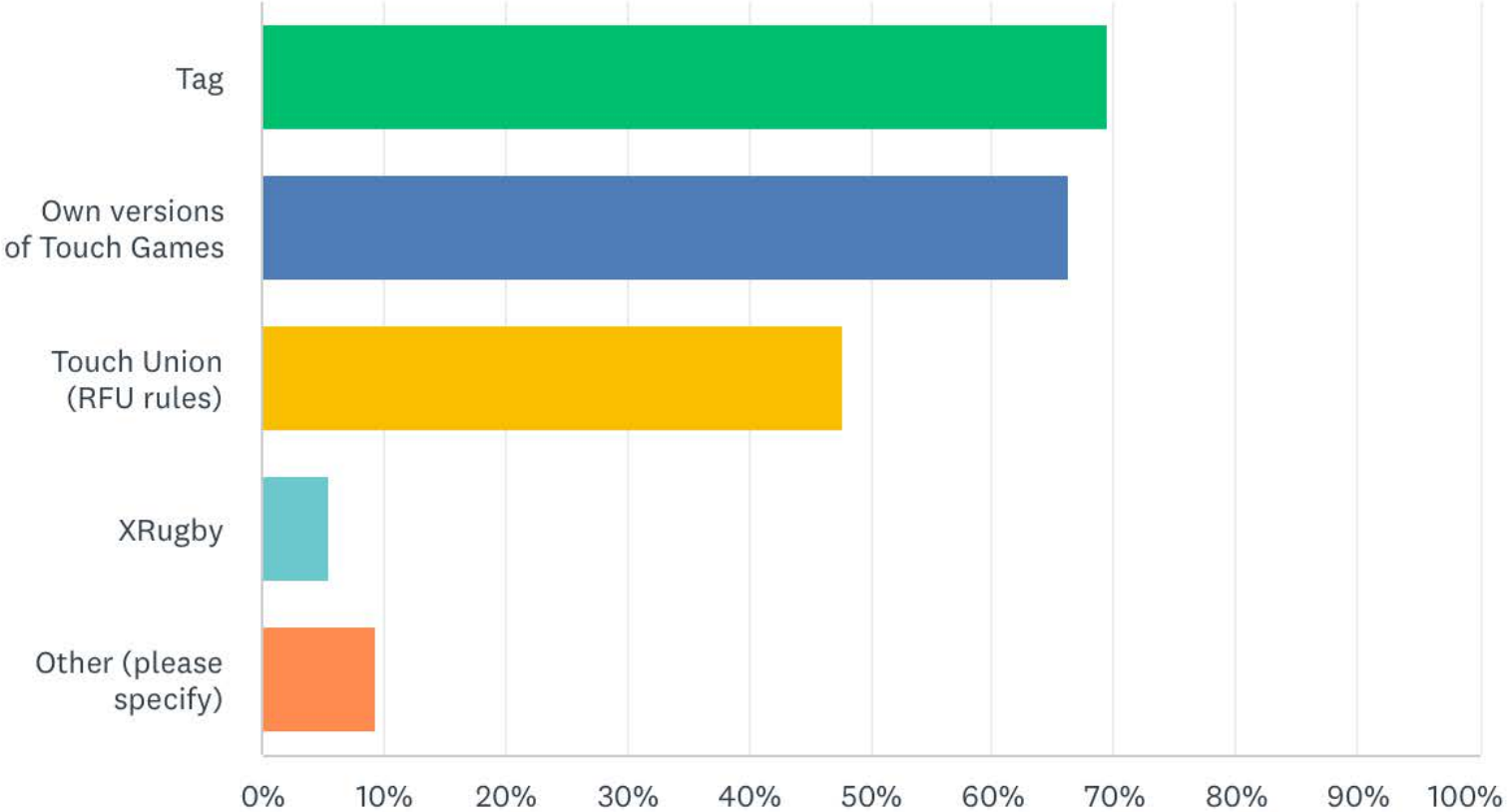
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.75%	126
No	22.78%	36
Total Respondents: 158		

If yes to Q10, what formats are on offer?

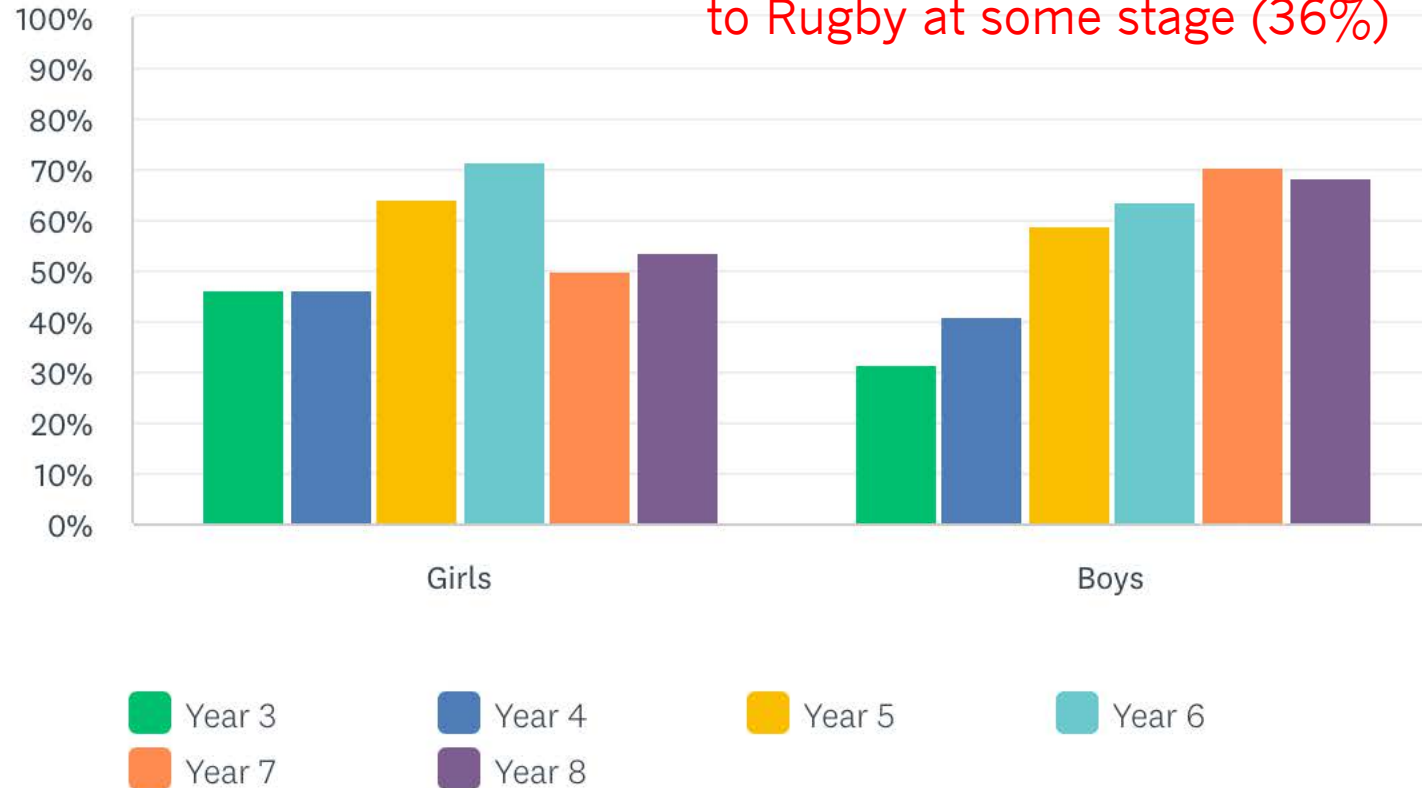
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In which year groups is there an opportunity for pupils to choose to discontinue Rugby of any type, and to choose a different activity instead?

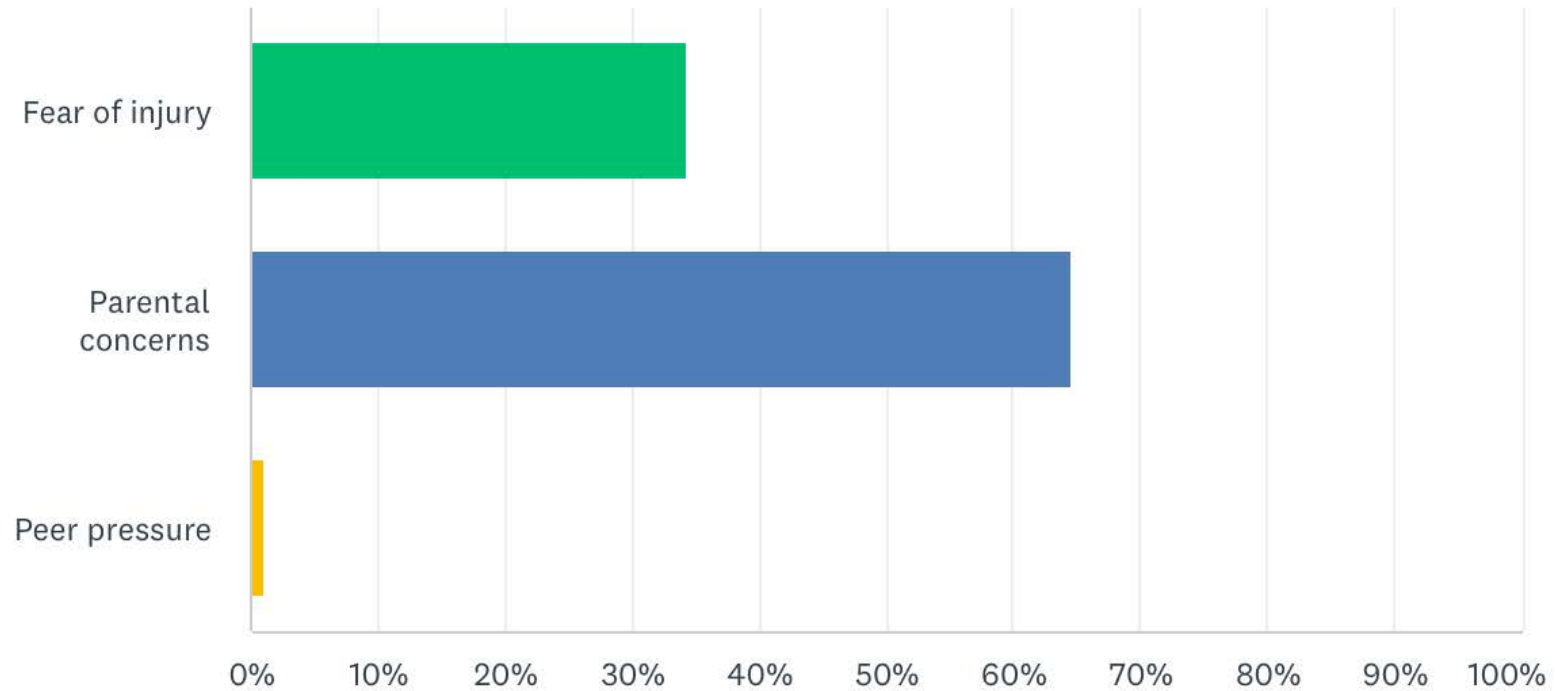
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58 out of 160 offer a choice of an alternative to Rugby at some stage (36%)



If alternatives are on offer, what do you percieve as the major reason why pupils choose not to play rugby?

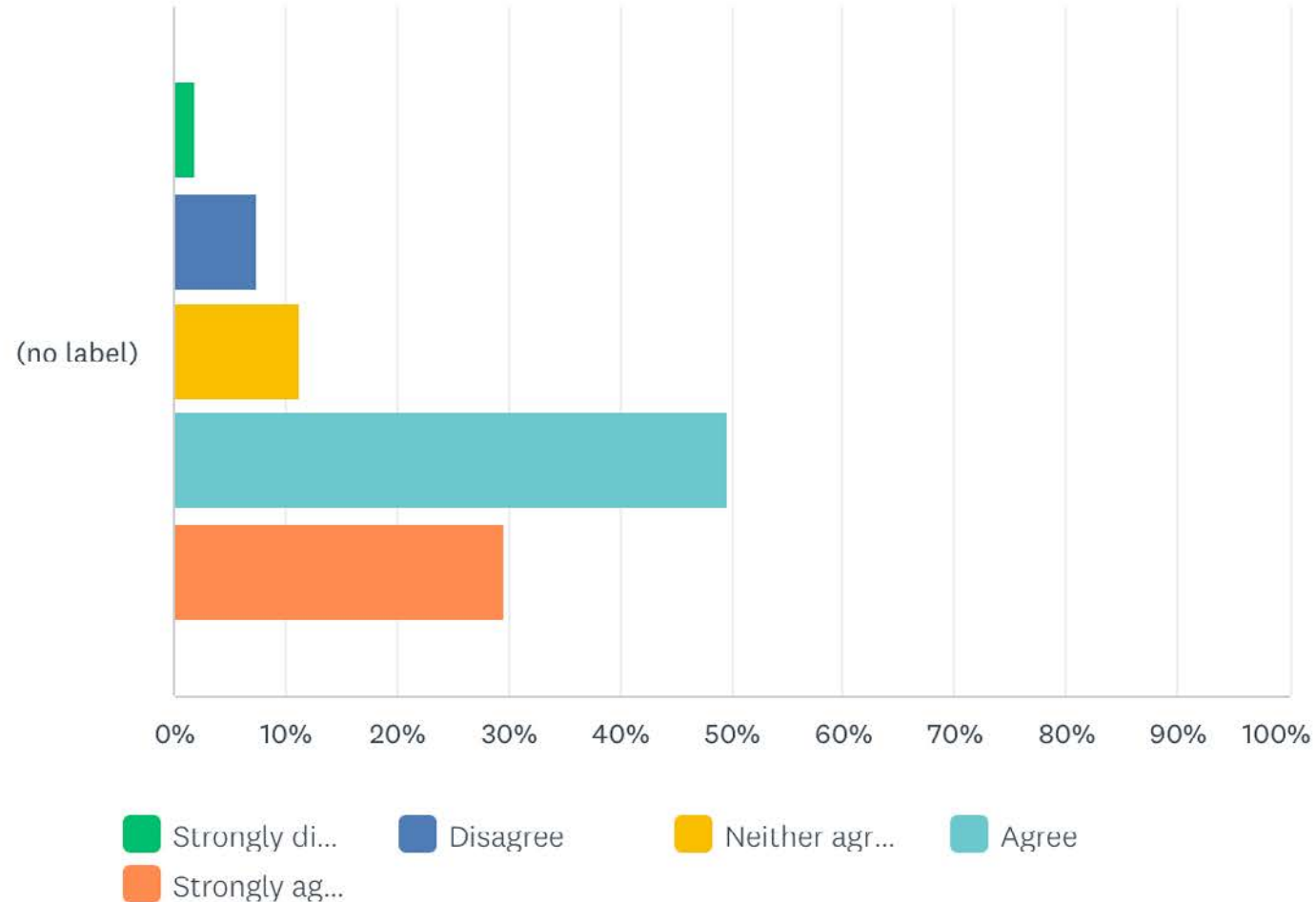
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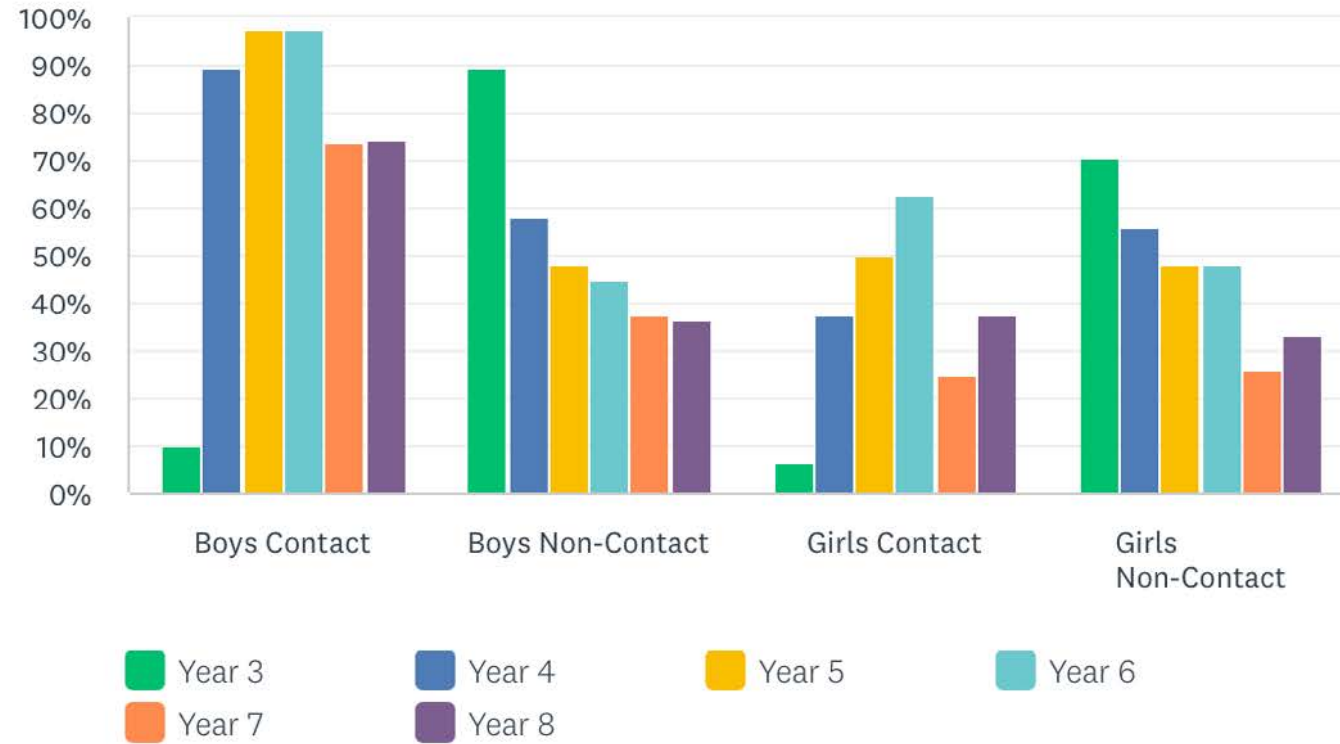
Contact v Non-Contact

Year	Contact Rugby %	Non-Contact Rugby %
4	70	30
5	86	14
6	77	23
7	74	26
8	73	27

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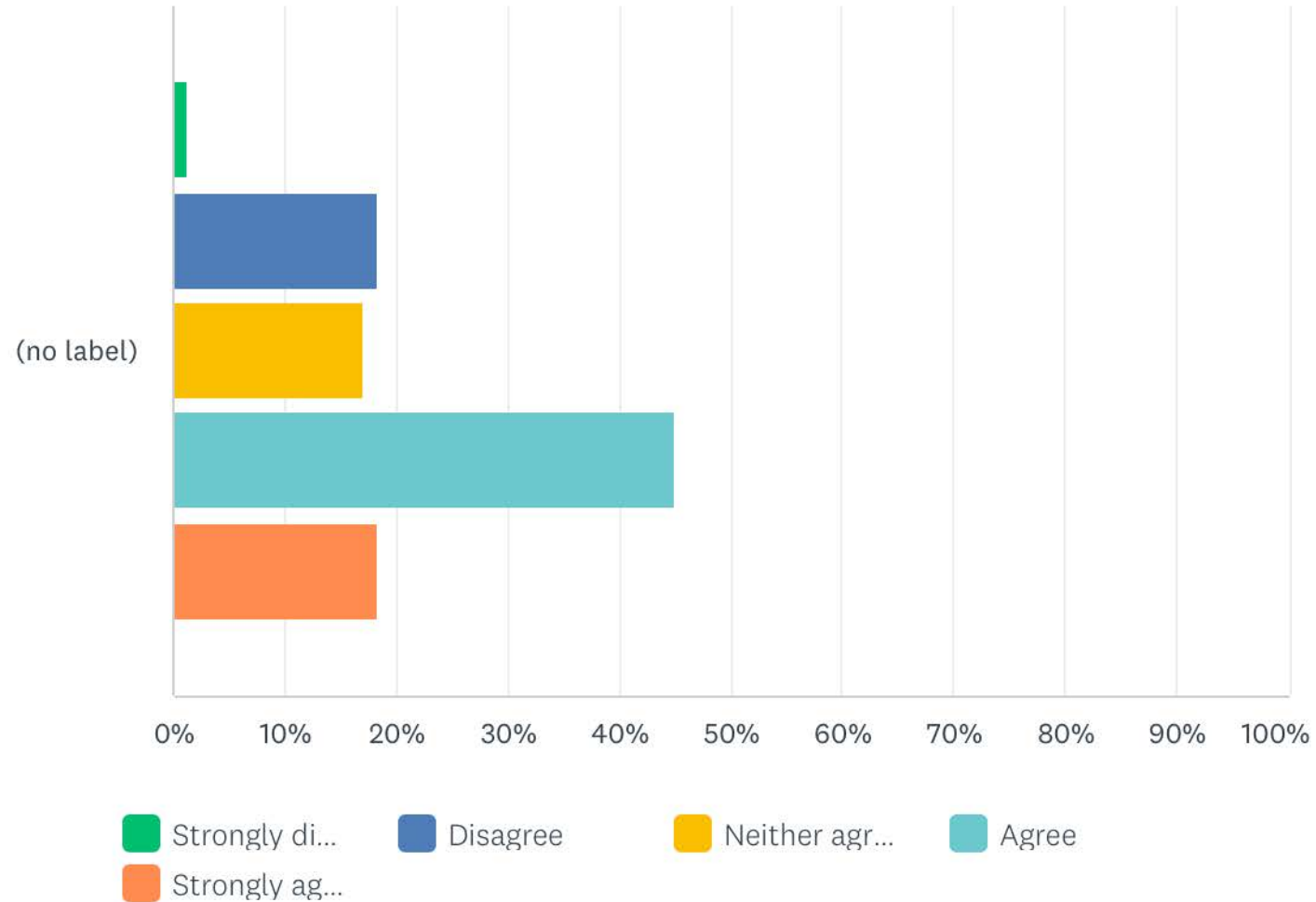
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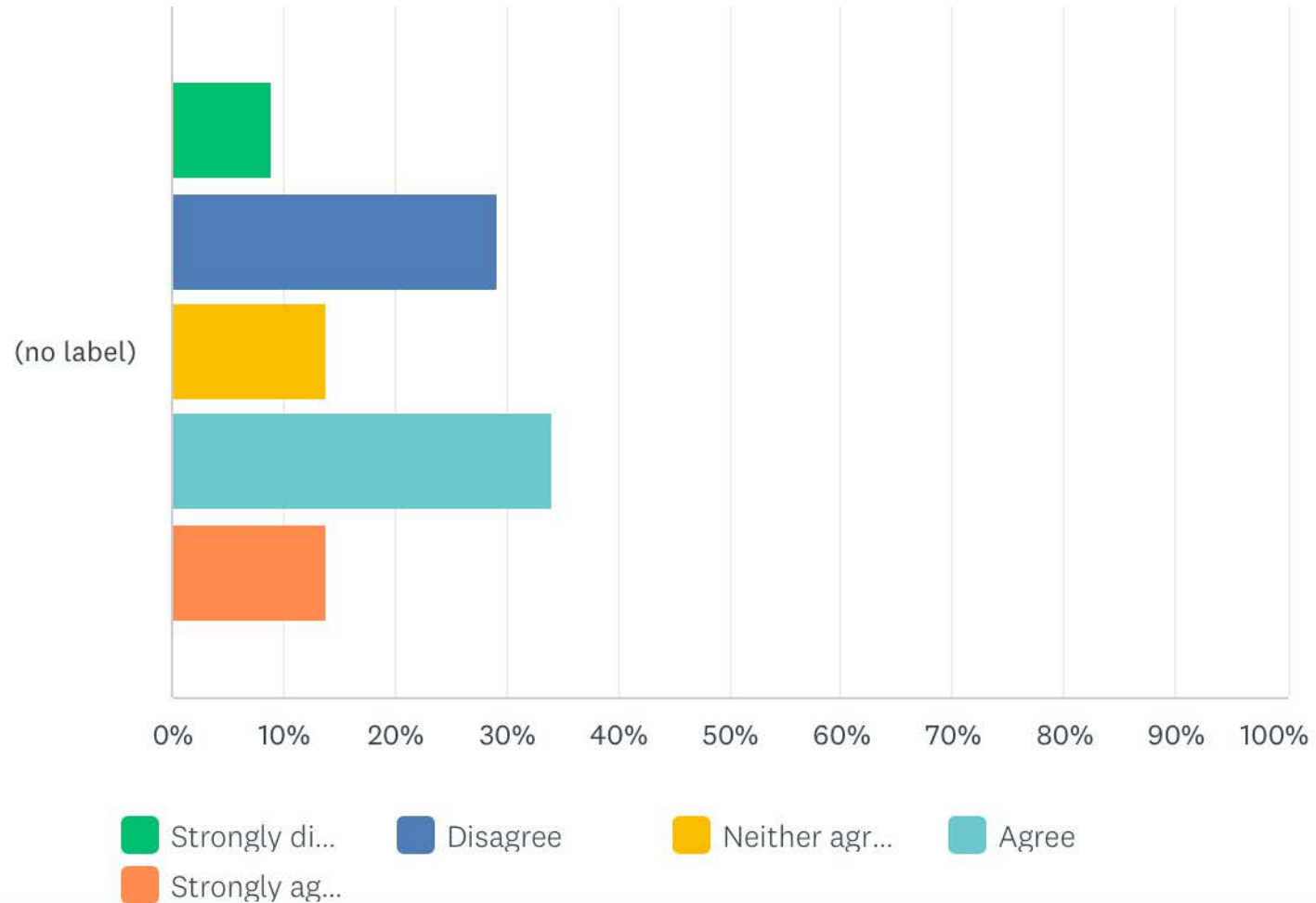
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Staffing the Rugby programme is no more difficult than it has ever been

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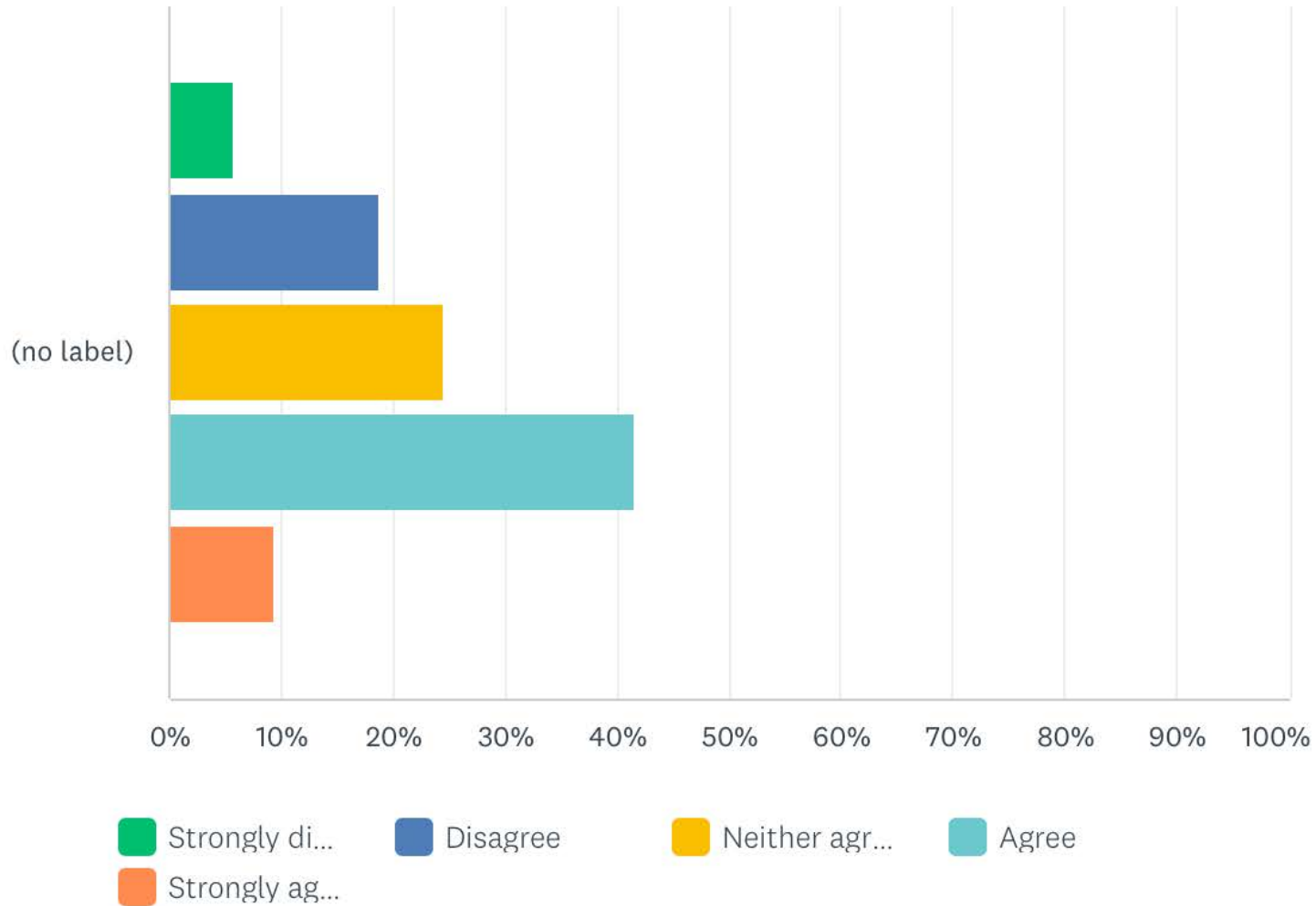
Staffing of Rugby

Staff Type	Average per School	RFU/WR Qualified (%)
Specialist PE Teacher	4.2	68%
Generalist Classroom Teacher	5.3	33%
External Coach	0.7	84%

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Themes from Additional Comments

- Parental injury concerns, esp concussion
- Difficulty of creating workable fixture programme
- Issues caused by range of formats
- Problems of staffing/refereeing concerns/access to training
- RFU structures (esp Reg15) restrictive and inconsistently applied
- Demand for alternatives from parents of less keen pupils
- Keen and able are as enthusiastic as ever

Conclusions?

- Enthusiastic pupils are as enthusiastic about the game as ever
- Rugby-facing parents largely continue to support the game
- Parents are often more injury aware than players
- More girls are playing all formats of the game than ever before
- Pupils unenthusiastic about Rugby increasingly expect alternatives
- Touch provides a way of maintaining wide participation
- Appropriate competition is harder to find
- Fewer staff are enthusiastic about coaching and especially refereeing
- Maintaining Rugby programmes is becoming harder