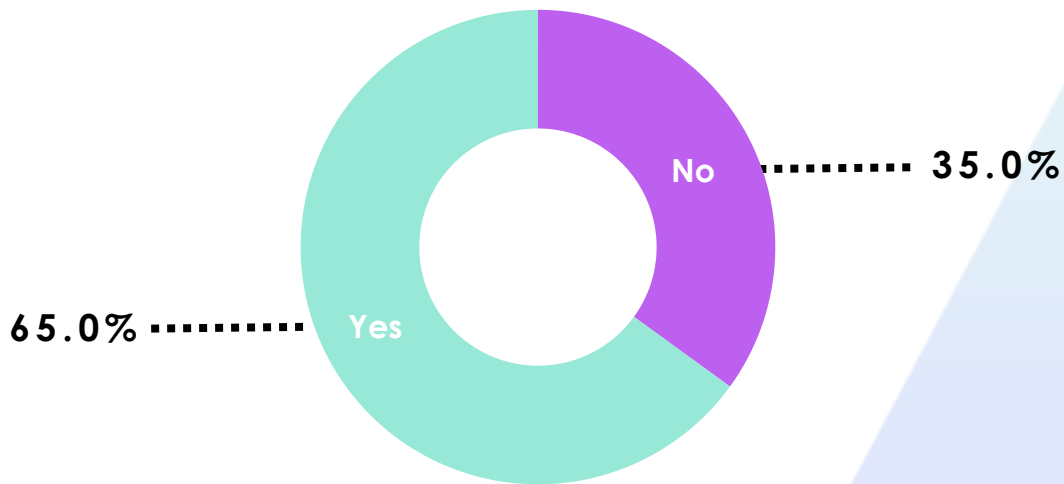


YOUR LATEST RESULTS

Would you know how to support a friend if someone important to them died?



This VoteTopic received 37,940 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

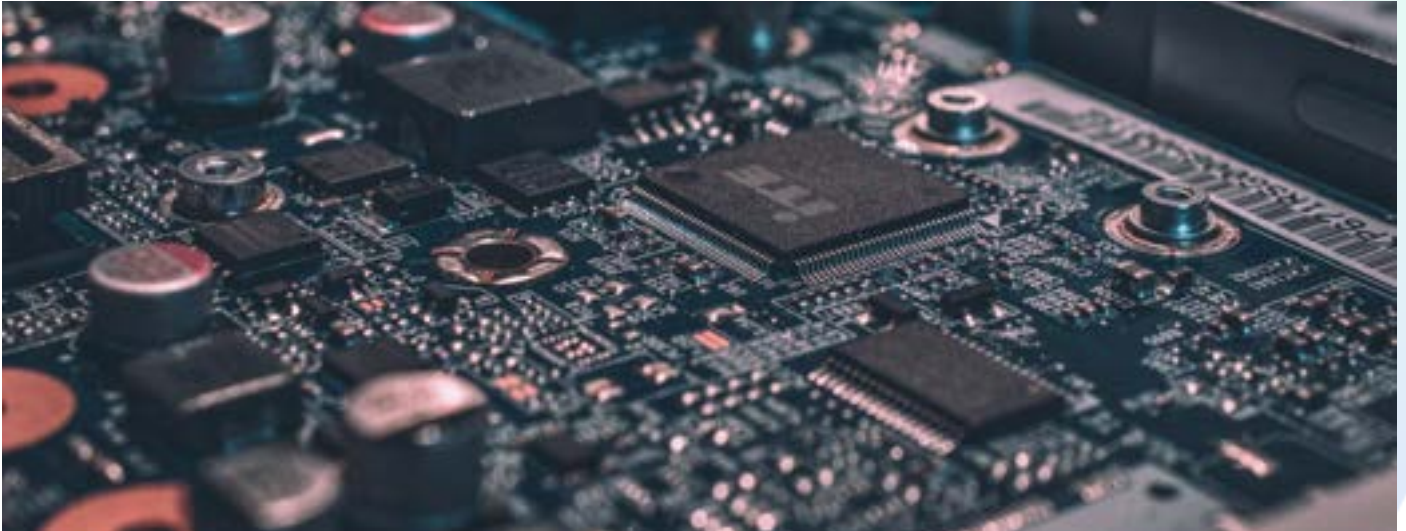
Is technology the answer to improving accessibility?

- Have you seen any examples of technology helping people to access things in the wider world?
- What do you think would be the most helpful change we could make in the UK to help people with disabilities?
- Who do you think should be making everyday life more accessible for people with disabilities?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"I'd love to click my fingers and improve everything, to still have the accessibility we experienced during lockdown...it's only so all disabled people can access education and have social lives."* - Nina Tame, Disability Activist.
- *"In 2018, after my accident, I entered the world of disability and was shocked by how inaccessible society can be."* - Jennie Berry, disabled traveller and Content Creator.

A CLOSER LOOK: BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE



In October, a state-of-the-art residential building opened at the National Star College, Ullenwood. National Star College provides education and therapy for young people with complex physical and learning disabilities.

The residential building is a Smart House and includes voice-activated technology; there's even a voice-activated fridge! Also, students can use artificial intelligence (AI) to assist with their everyday needs.

The Building a Brighter Future building has 13 bedrooms, each installed with overhead tracking hoists to assist residents. The ambition is that students with complex physical and learning disabilities can live independently and explore what technology might work best for them.

YOUR COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- Where was the new state-of-the-art building opened?
- What does National Star College do?
- Why do you think voice-activation is useful in this building?
- How is artificial intelligence (AI) used to help residents?
- Find and copy a word that is a synonym for the phrase 'on their own' in the last paragraph.

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

Elgin Marbles row deepens

Rishi Sunak cancelled his meeting with the Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis this week. Mitsotakis said that he was disappointed not to discuss the future of the Elgin Marbles, alongside other important global issues.



A lucky escape

After a landslide in India on 12th November, a construction tunnel collapsed, trapping 41 construction workers. After 17 days within the tunnel, they have all been rescued and are being looked after in hospital.



Costs rising again

Research has shown that some brands have increased the cost of their products more than they needed to. This has led to customers starting to try supermarket's own-label products to save money on their shopping.



England to get new national park

The Government has decided to create a new national park in England to protect more of the countryside. This could be in the Chilterns, the Cotswolds or the Dorset coast. An extra £15 million has been given to existing parks.



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