

REFERENDUM!

TARQUIN MCBANKER FAT CAT PARTY



- Abolish all taxation
- Disband NHS and police

HONEST RON WHEELER DEALER PARTY



- Free Will & Kate mugs
- West Ham automatically qualify for Europe

RAVEN EARTHTREE ECO-ORGANIC PARTY



- Only allowed to drive cars on Wednesdays
- Wind turbines in every garden compulsory

MAD 4 IT STUDENTS-ROCK-LET'S-HAVE-A-PARTY PARTY



- No university tuition fees
- Chicken nuggets to count as one of your 'five a day'

HOW DOES IT WORK?

ALTERNATIVE VOTE

The proposed new election system is called 'Alternative vote'. It gives you a chance to rank the candidates in order of preference. You can write numbers next to each candidate to show your first choice, second choice etc. You can rank as many candidates as you like, or just write '1' next to one candidate.

If more than half the voters put one candidate as their first choice that candidate wins. If no candidate has more than half the votes the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. If you voted for this candidate your vote now gets transferred to your second choice.

This process continues until one candidate has more than 50% of all the votes cast.

MASTER YOGA JEDI PARTY



- Firemen will be trained in use of the Force
- All MPs must be at least 500 years old

KIT KAT O'TWIRL LIBERAL CHOCOLATISTS



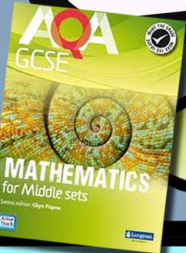
- One free chocolate bar per person every day
- Illegal to be thinner than the Prime Minister

HOW DOES IT WORK?

FIRST PAST THE POST

The UK currently elects members of parliament using a system called 'First past the post'. You put a mark next to one candidate. The votes are counted and whoever gets the most votes wins. The winning candidate only needs one more vote than the second-placed candidate to be elected.

If you need help with percentages, representing data or fair and biased questions check out Longman's AQA GCSE Maths Middle Sets Book. www.aqagcsemaths.wordpress.com



FAIR OR BIASED?

The way the question is phrased could have a big effect on the outcome of a referendum.

Look at these four referendum questions. Which one do you think is the most fair?

A 'First past the post' lets a candidate win an election with less than 50% of the vote. Should we use the 'Alternative vote' system instead?

B What system should we use to elect MPs to the House of Commons?

C At present, the UK uses the 'first past the post' system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the 'alternative vote' system be used instead?

D The UK has used the 'first past the post' system for over 300 years. Should we change to the new 'alternative vote' system?