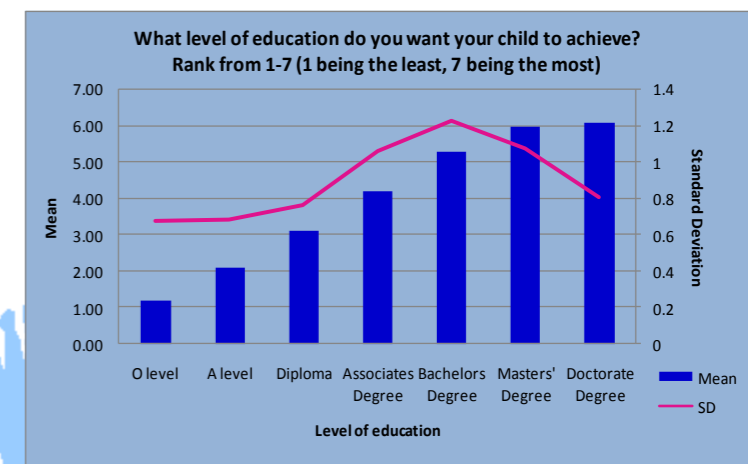
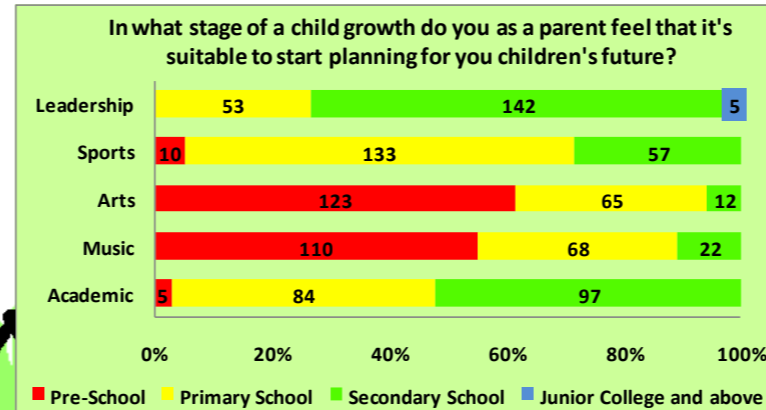
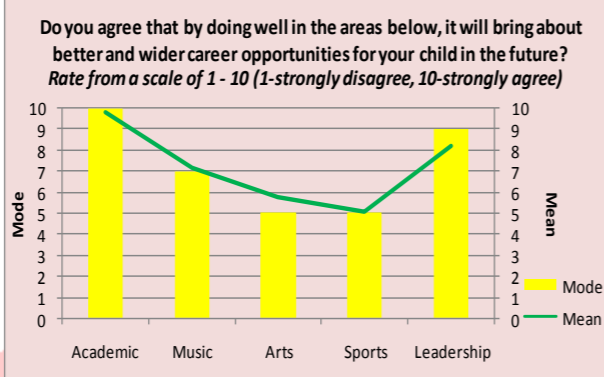
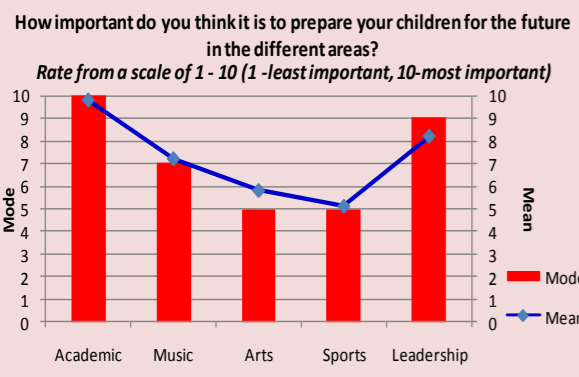


# Parents' expectations on their children

In today's world, many students feel pressurized by the expectations of their parents. Therefore, we conducted this survey so as to have a better understanding of why parents have such high expectations on their children's future. Through this survey, we wanted to find out more about the expectations of parents' on their children and whether their expectations on their children is high.



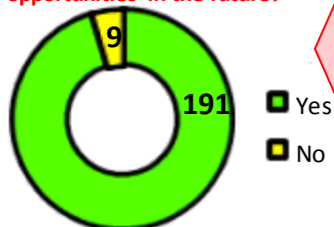
Most parents felt that it is very important to prepare their children for the future in the areas of academics and leadership. Hence, we could conclude that most parents believed that by having an outstanding academic performance and leadership qualities would definitely bring about better and wider career opportunities. For areas like sports, arts and music, most parents felt that it was not as important to prepare their children as it would not really affect their opportunities in getting a career unless they want their children to get a career which is related to sports, music or arts.

For arts and music, about 50% of parents felt that starting out in pre-school would be more productive in developing their aesthetics skills as it helps to stimulate the right side of the brain. For sports, 66.5% of parents felt that starting out in primary school would be more ideal as most parents enroll their children in sports enrichment due to of interest or leisure. For academics, about 50% of parents felt that they should start in primary school, while the other 50% felt that they should start in secondary school as they felt that starting out early would allow their children to do better when they proceed to the higher levels of education. About 75% of parents felt that leadership development is crucial in a child's cognitive development starting from secondary school, as this would give them opportunities to rise up as a leader. To conclude, most parents feel that all areas are very important and should be developed in their children's early ages.

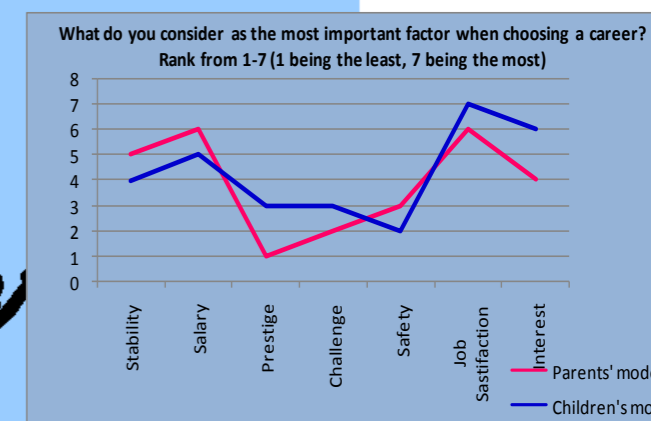
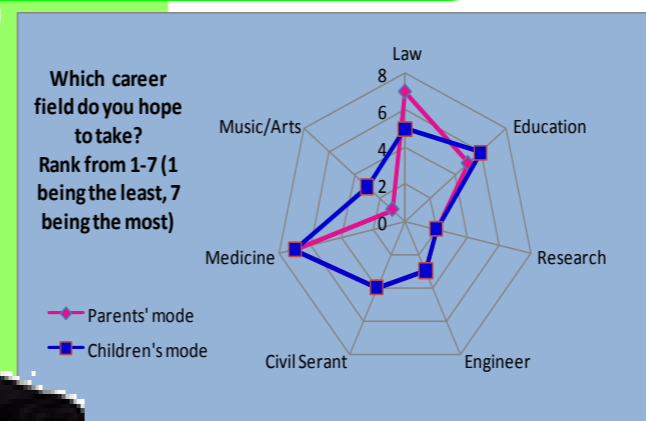
Looking at the mean ranking, most parents would want their children to get a doctorate degree or masters' degree while less parents preferred their children to get only an 'O' level. Also, the standard deviation for the doctorate degree and 'O' level is quite low, showing that the range of ranking is very small. From here, I can conclude that at both the extremes of the level of education, majority of parents have the same views and would want their children to pursue the highest level of education so that it would benefit them in the future.

Do you believe that your children being an all-rounder would mean better career opportunities in the future?

From this pie chart, 95.5% of the parents believed that their children being an all-rounder would mean better career opportunities. Therefore, we could conclude that most parents felt that it was more important to develop areas that would affect their children's career opportunities greatly in the future, showing that parents today have higher expectations on their children, especially concerning their children's future career opportunities.



Through this survey, we could better understand why parents' expectations on their children are very high. Most parents felt a need to develop their children in their early stages so that their abilities in different areas could be well developed. Some areas that parents felt would be ideal to start development in pre-school are arts and music. For the primary level, potential in sports should be developed to nurture their interest; and academics so that they would be able to cope better. For the secondary level, parents felt that leadership development is crucial as having leadership skills would help them in getting higher positions in jobs. Parents have put in a lot of effort in planning for their children's future, hence there is a higher possibility that more children will turn out to be all-rounders. Hence, we conclude that the expectations of parents today are getting higher so as to let their children have a better future.



We can see that careers involving medicine and law are more popular choices among parents as the expected salary of such careers is very high. Likewise, the children feel the same way about these careers. Ranked 2nd among parents and children are careers in the education sector, along with the careers in the civil sector. This is because careers in the education or civil sector are usually more stable and has greater job satisfaction. However, other careers involving music and arts, research and engineer are rank at the bottom. For music and arts, it depends on whether one's child has talent, hence explaining the results. While for research and engineering careers, though it can be challenging, many parents do not look out for challenge to be a factor in their children's career. Therefore, we could conclude that parents want their children to have careers that are more stable, have higher salaries and also higher job satisfaction.