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KS3 Motion Bank (Year 7-9)

Fun & Lighthearted

- This House believes cats are better pets than dogs.
- This House would make every Monday a school holiday.
- This House believes chocolate is the greatest invention of all time.
- This House would ban school uniforms.
- This House believes video games are a sport.
- This House would make naps compulsory during the school day.
- This House believes summer is better than winter.
- This House would replace PE lessons with dance lessons.

School-Based

- This House would allow students to use phones at break and lunch.
- This House believes school should start at 10am.
- This House would abolish detention.
- This House believes all school trips should be free.
- This House would replace exams with coursework.
- This House believes students should choose all their subjects.
- This House would make school meals free for everyone.
- This House believes students should wear their own clothes to school.
- This House would make one lesson per week student-led.
- This House believes every school should have a debating club.

Current Issues

- This House would ban single-use plastics.
- This House believes social media does more harm than good.
- This House would make public transport free for young people.
- This House believes zoos should be banned.
- This House would ban fast fashion.
- This House believes influencers are good role models.
- This House would require everyone to recycle.



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KS4 Motion Bank (Years 10-11)

Society & Ethics

- This House believes social media companies should be responsible for online bullying.
- This House believes celebrities should not be role models.
- This House would ban beauty filters on social media.
- This House believes university is not necessary for success.
- This House would ban gambling advertisements.
- This House believes parents should limit children's screen time.

Technology

- This House believes artificial intelligence will do more good than harm.
- This House would ban AI from schools.
- This House believes students should be allowed to use AI for homework.
- This House would require social media users to verify their identity.
- This House believes smartphones have made society less connected.
- This House would limit children's access to social media.

Environment

- This House would ban petrol and diesel cars.
- This House believes climate activists are justified in disrupting public events.
- This House would make flying more expensive.
- This House believes governments should prioritise climate action over economic growth.

Fun but Challenging

- This House believes aliens exist.
- This House would make every citizen complete national service.
- This House believes money cannot buy happiness.
- This House would choose immortality over a normal lifespan.
- This House believes humanity would be better off without social media.



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Sixth Form Motion Bank (Years 12-13)

Politics & Democracy

- This House would introduce compulsory voting.
- This House believes politicians should face stricter fact-checking requirements.
- This House would lower the voting age to 16.
- This House believes protest is more effective than voting.

Economics

- This House would introduce a Universal Basic Income.
- This House believes billionaires should not exist.
- This House would heavily tax inherited wealth.
- This House would make university education free.

Environment

- This House would ban petrol and diesel cars.
- This House would make flying more expensive.
- This House believes governments should prioritise climate action over economic growth.

International Affairs

- This House believes wealthy nations should accept more refugees.
- This House believes economic sanctions do more harm than good.
- This House would prioritise diplomacy over military intervention.

Technology & Future Society

- This House believes artificial intelligence poses a greater threat than climate change.
- This House would ban facial recognition technology.
- This House believes social media companies have too much power.
- This House would require AI-generated content to be labelled.



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10 minute Filler Motions

- This House would ban weekends.
- This House believes teachers should wear school uniform.
- This House would replace all school chairs with beanbags.
- This House believes cereal is a soup.
- This House would make pets eligible to vote.
- This House believes everyone should have a four-day week.
- This House would allow students to design the school uniform.
- This House believes books are better than films.
- This House would ban group projects.
- This House believes luck is more important than hard work.
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Competition Prep Motions

These are ideal once students have completed the seven-session programme:

- This House regrets the rise of influencer culture.
- This House would ban targeted advertising to children.
- This House believes governments should regulate AI development.
- This House would introduce a four-day working week.
- This House believes the media has a responsibility to be impartial.
- This House would prioritise environmental protection over economic growth.
- This House believes social media has weakened democracy.
- This House would make voting compulsory.
- This House regrets the decline of face-to-face communication.
- This House would prohibit private schools.
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