Word Philosophy Day Assembly - Results of Class Vote

Thanks to everyone who took part in the World Philosophy Day assembly last Friday by discussing and voting on the issues. Here are the results of the vote from across the school. Do any of these results surprise you? Do you think the results would have been different if it had been teachers rather than students who voted?

Who should be first to get the vaccine?

58% Key workers 32% Elderly 4% Those in education 6% Other

Should wealthier countries pay for the vaccine in low and middle income countries?

80% Yes 11% No 9% Other

Should pharmaceutical companies make a profit selling the vaccine for low and middle income countries?

44% Yes 44% No 12% Other

Should all governments pay for the vaccine?

70% Yes 17% No 13% Other

Should animal testing be allowed?

58% Yes 25% No 17% Other

There has been a lot of articles in the news recently looking at the ethics of vaccines. Here is a small sample, which you might want to read/listen to if you would like to find out more about different views on the issues:

- <u>'I should get my vaccine before you'</u> (from the Huffington Post on 10th Nov 2020)
- 'Should Big Pharma profit from Covid?' (from UnHerd on 17th Nov 2020)
- 'The Morality of Vaccination' (from The Moral Maze, BBC Radio 4, 11th Nov 2020)