

Our topics always get a lot of responses. Check out what other students had to say and join the conversation at yp.scmp.com. In our next Talking Points, we'll discuss: Should junk food come with health warnings? We are now accepting your answers for this topic. To take part, email your answer with your name, age, and school, along with a nice, clear selfie (make sure it's not blurry), to yp@scmp.com by lunchtime on Monday. Don't forget to include "Talking Points" in the subject line.



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Jody Ho, 16, Queen Elizabeth School

No. People who support the legalisation of cannabis argue that some people need the drug for medical reasons, such as to treat epilepsy. However, I think cannabis does more harm than good to young people.

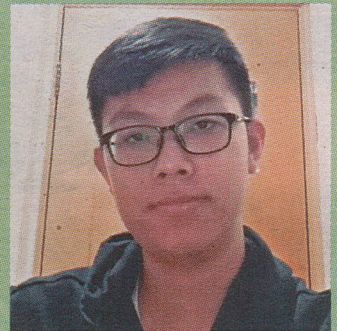
If the drug is legalised, youths may think cannabis is not so harmful. If they were interested, they could easily try it out, but the problem is, it's easy to get hooked. Some young people believe smoking cannabis can help them escape their problems without considering the long-term detrimental effects on their health. Young people are vulnerable to the harmful effects of drugs.

To protect the pillars of our future society, the government should not legalise cannabis in Hong Kong.

Sadak Meehan Ahmed Sultan, 12, HKMA David Li Kwok Po College

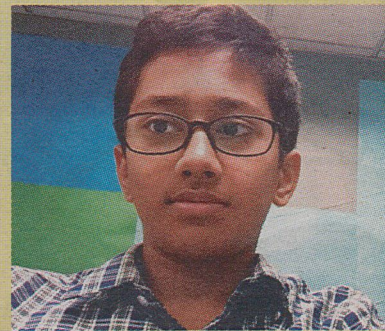
Cannabis, otherwise known as Marijuana is an addictive psychoactive drug. I think it shouldn't be legalised because it can lead to diseases such as cancer. To avoid such problems, I don't think anyone should be allowed to use cannabis, unless they need it to treat an illness.

Stay away from people who take drugs, and take care of your health.



Warwick Lai, 16, Fung Kai Liu Man Shek Tong Secondary School

I have to say no. Right now, cannabis is illegal in Hong Kong, but there are still many people and adults using the drug. Imagine how many more people would be using cannabis if it were legal! This is why I think it should remain illegal.



Hazel Fung, 12, Pope Paul VI College

I think it should for the following reasons: even though cannabis can be very harmful to your health when abused, it's also a very useful medicine. If used responsibly, it can treat a lot of illnesses such as cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and epilepsy.

I think as long as citizens don't abuse the drug and are careful not to get addicted, legalising it would be fine.



Chan Pui-kwan, 12, Pope Paul VI College

I don't think it should be legalised in Hong Kong. Cannabis can make you feel sleepy, and can also affect your memory. If it is used a lot of consistently over a long period of time, it can cause serious damage to your heart and lungs. Non-medical cannabis is bad for our health and should therefore remain illegal.



Should cannabis be legalised in Hong Kong?

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