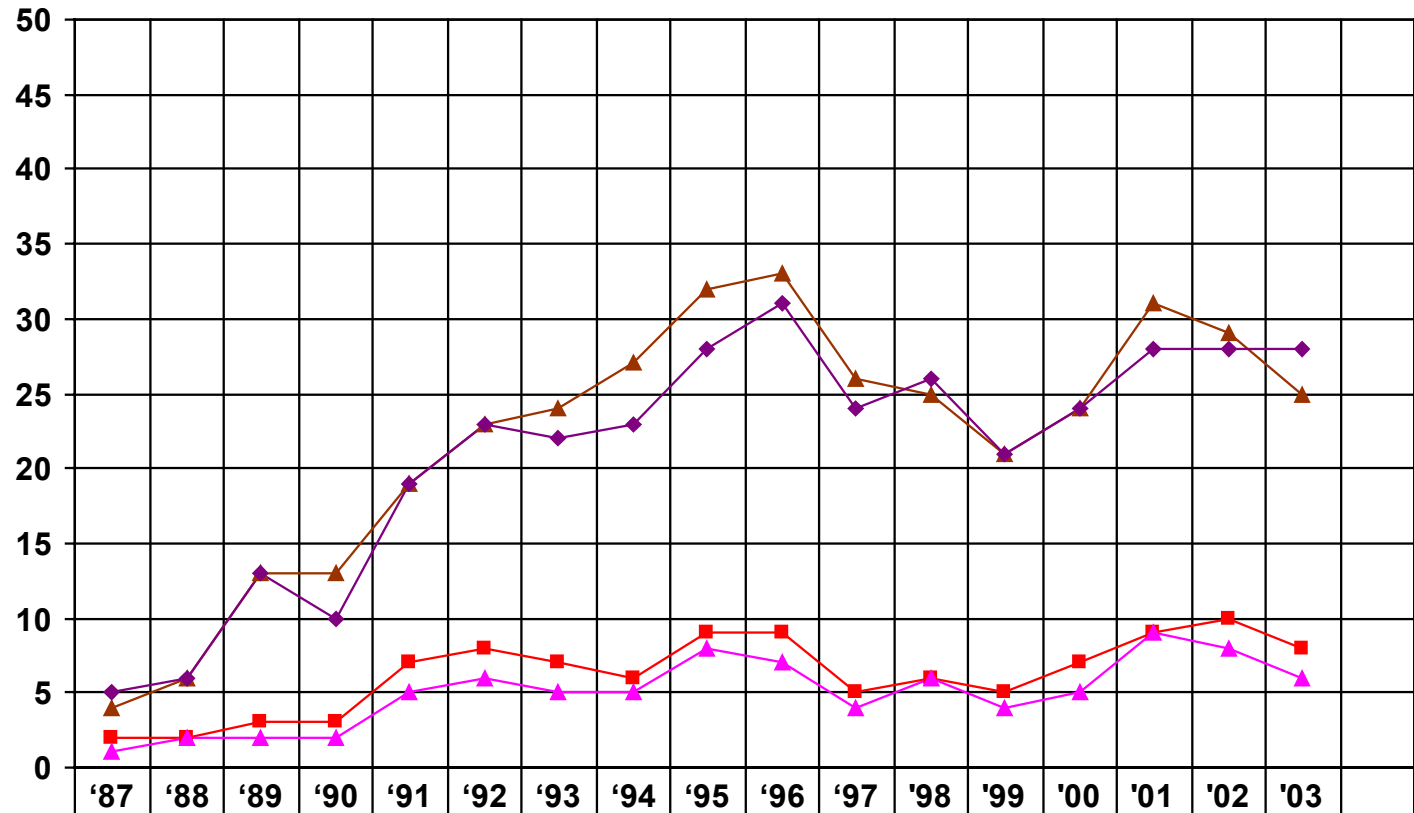


# Ever tried illegal drugs 1987-2003



■ Yr8 Male	2	2	3	3	7	8	7	6	9	9	5	6	5	7	9	10	8
▲ Yr8 Female	1	2	2	2	5	6	5	5	8	7	4	6	4	5	9	8	6
▲ Yr10 Male	4	6	13	13	19	23	24	27	32	33	26	25	21	24	31	29	25
◆ Yr10 Female	5	6	13	10	19	23	22	23	28	31	24	26	21	24	28	28	28



# Drug Education and Drug Use

- Pupil's recall and assessment of school lessons about a variety of Personal, Social and Health Education topics. **13,809** Year 10 (14-15 year old) pupils who answered this question in 2002, we find:
  - 32% said they *cannot remember* any lessons about drug education
  - 10% thought that they *were not at all useful*
  - 20% thought their lessons *were of some use*
  - 21% said *quite useful*
  - 15% said *very useful*
- There were marked differences in the drug experience of the pupils depending on how they rated their drug education.
  - If they said they **could not remember** any drug education:  
**32%** said they had ever taken a drug [other than medications, alcohol and tobacco]
  - If *not at all useful*: 40%
  - If *of some use*: 27%
  - If *quite useful*: 23%
  - If *very useful*: 23%
- So, the more useful that they thought their drug education was, the less likely it was that 14-15 year olds had ever tried drugs. [A similar association was found in the Department of Health's survey '*Drug use, smoking and drinking among young people in England in 2001*'.]



# Legalisation?

Year 10, 1998-99

N = 10,694

**Q What difference do you think it would make to you if cannabis were made legal?**

*Please circle one answer*

<b>0</b> = <i>I don't know</i>	26%
<b>1</b> = <i>It would make no difference to me</i>	64%
<b>2</b> = <i>I would use cannabis more often</i>	11%
<b>3</b> = <i>I would use cannabis less often</i>	00%

# Cannabis use and knowledge

**Table 1. Beliefs about cannabis among young people in Year 10 with different use of the drug**

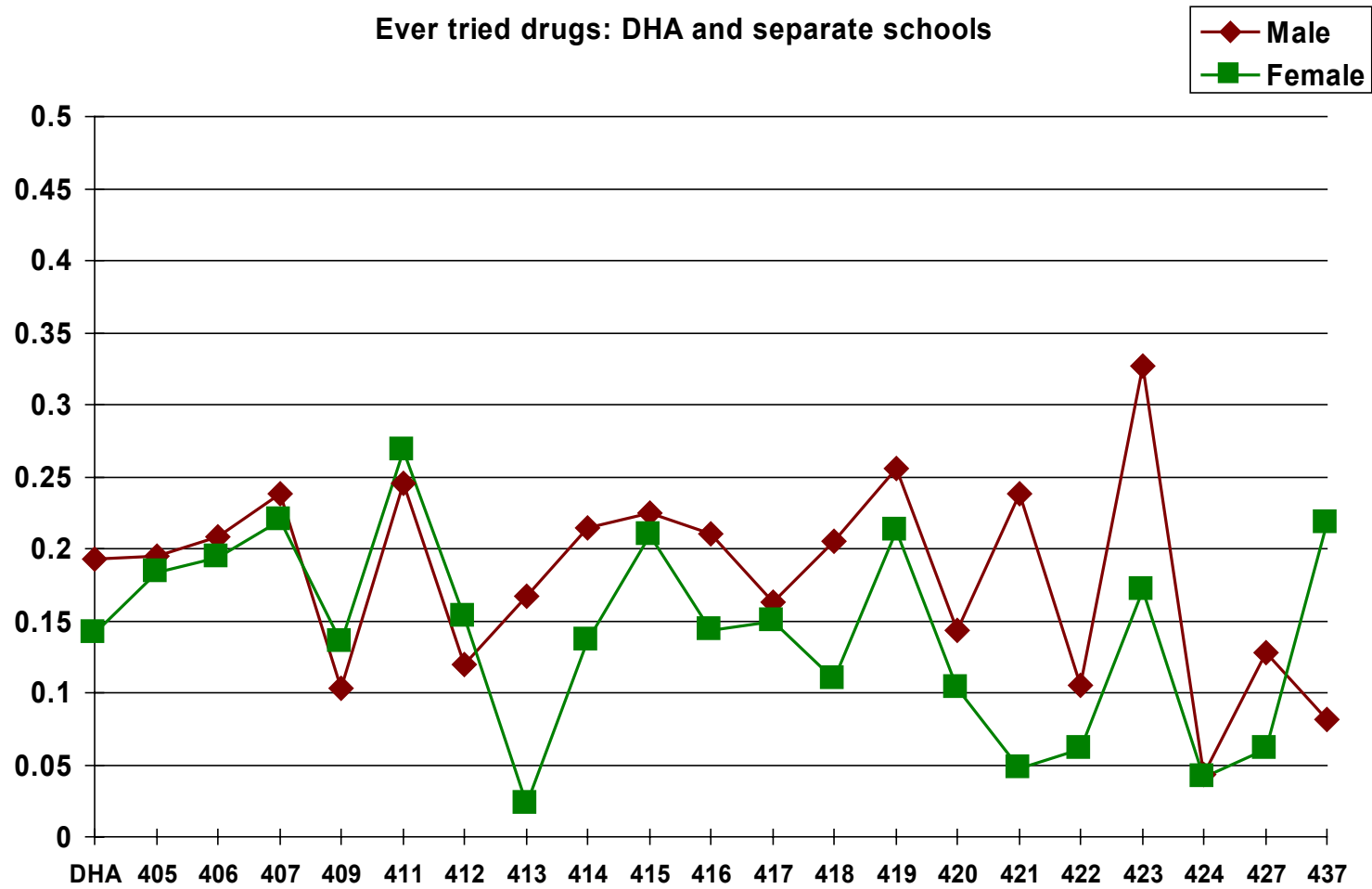
	Never heard of it	Know little about it	Safe: if proper use	Always unsafe
Never	3.9%	29.9%	31.5%	34.6%
Within last month	.9%	4.9%	83.8%	10.5%
Within last year	.9%	8.3%	77.3%	13.5%
More than a year ago	1.5%	8.0%	70.1%	20.3%

**Table 2. Cannabis use among young people in Year 10 with different beliefs about the drug**

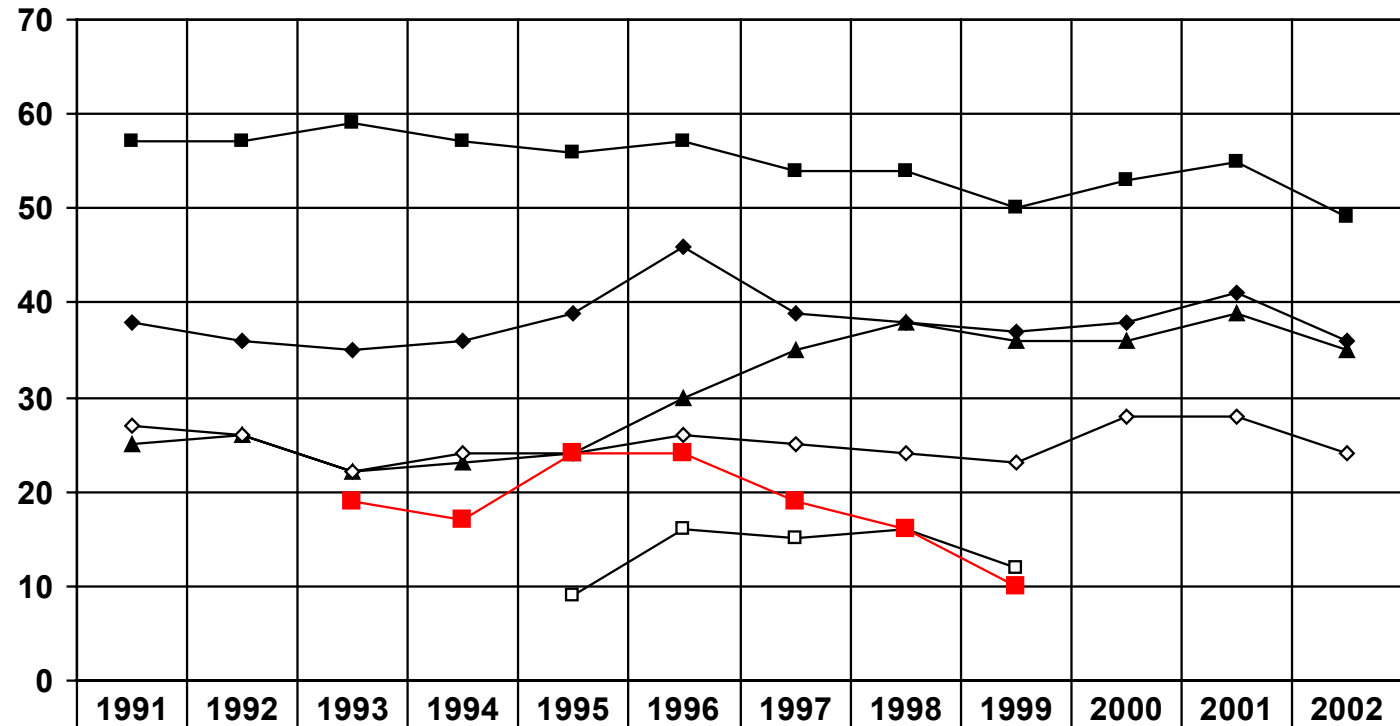
	Never heard of it	Know little about it	Safe: if proper use	Always unsafe
Never	90.7%	91.6%	49.5%	85.6%
Within last month	3.7%	2.8%	24.5%	4.8%
Within last year	2.7%	3.3%	15.7%	4.3%
More than a year ago	2.7%	1.9%	8.5%	3.9%

# Differences between schools

Ever tried drugs: DHA and separate schools



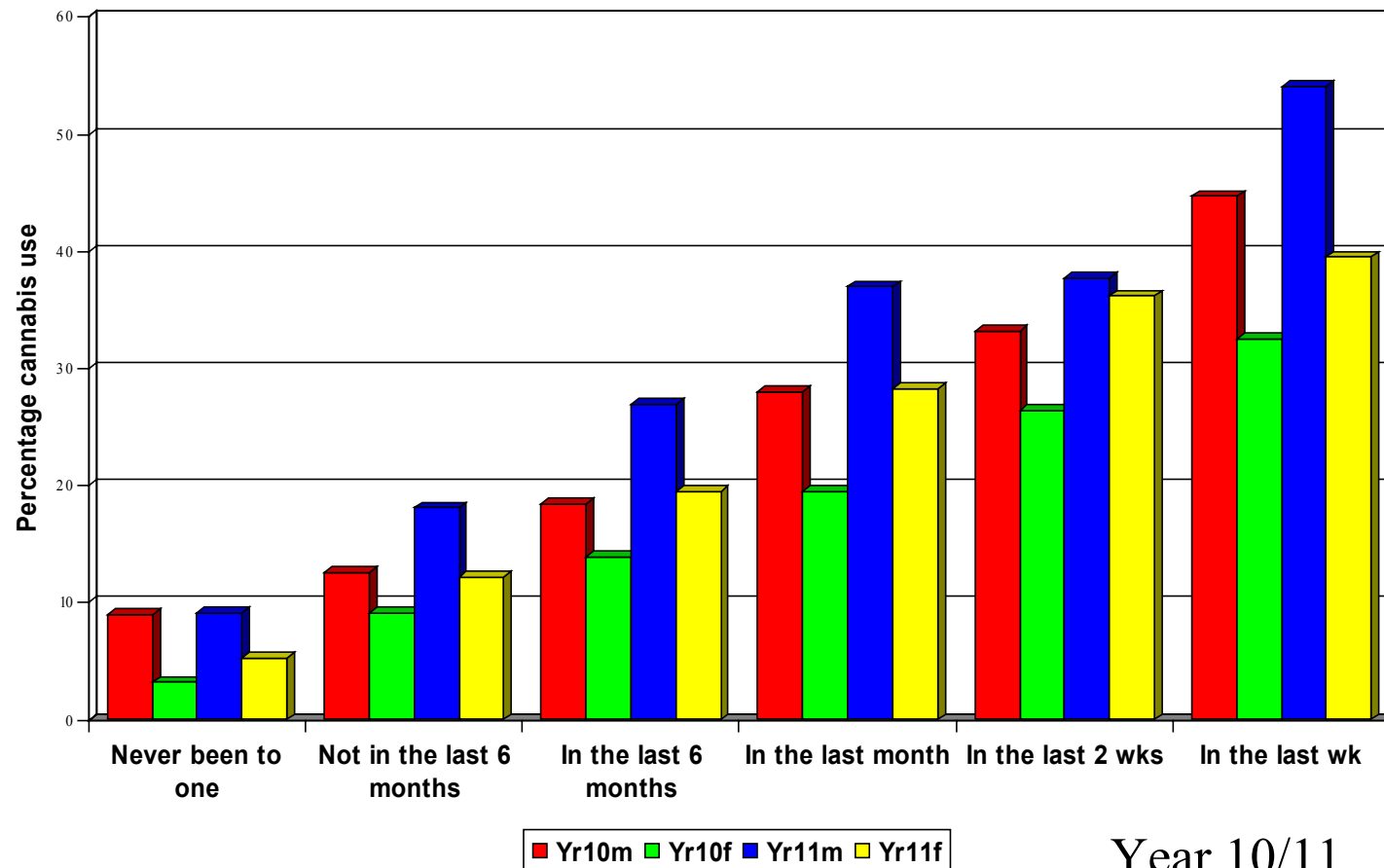
# Worry about drugs *quite a lot* or *a lot*



▲ School	25	26	22	23	24	30	35	38	36	36	39	35
◇ Health	27	26	22	24	24	26	25	24	23	28	28	24
◆ Family	38	36	35	36	39	46	39	38	37	38	41	36
■ Way you Look	57	57	59	57	56	57	54	54	50	53	55	49
□ Smoking					9	16	15	16	12			
■ Drugs			19	17	24	24	19	16	10			

# Exposure to illegal drugs

Relationship between parties/discos and cannabis



Year 10/11, 1995