Have a Brexit, Have a Kit-Kat

On June 23rd 2016, the population of the United Kingdom took to the polling stations for the second time that year to decide the future of the United Kingdom’s position in the European Union (EU). On that day the public answered the question ‘Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?’ with the options of leaving or remaining. On June 23rd, 51.89% voted Leave and 48.11% voted remain. The decision was made. The United Kingdom will leave the European Union.

The country was then divided as it was a very close referendum. Protests, petitions, referendum fears and resignations. The head of the Conservative party and prime minister at the time of the referendum, David Cameron Resigned from Prime Minister after a 6 year service to the United Kingdom. Oh 13th July 2016, Theresa Mary may took charge of the country and of the transaction of the United Kingdom’s exit from the EU.

I interviewed some staff from Eastwood High School on ‘Why they voted what they did?’

Mr R. Brannan in English voted ‘Remain’ because ‘there is a lot of a separatist movement in the world. The world spent so long trying to come together and we need to defeat division and become more unified world. We tried so hard to come together with Europe after WII. Fundamentally, I like the notion of solidarity I liked the notion of having common goals and coming together. Also, a lot of the leave campaign was focused on xenophobic ideas. A lot of campaigning was aimed at immigrants being bad and had inappropriate campaigning and used fear of what would happen if we remained’

Miss C. Paterson in Modern Languages voted ‘Remain’ because ‘Being a modern languages teacher I value the ability to communicate and to learn about other cultures and being part of the EU is very important. As an individual, I have valued from Britain being part of the EU because as a student, I was given the opportunity to learn in the EU without a VISA and it made it a lot easier. I was given an Erasmus Grant which gave me money to support my work in France and Spain and through doing that I was able to improve my language skills, meet people I would never have met before ,broadened my horizons and educated me with other cultures and broken down the barriers of other cultures.’

Other teachers said they voted ‘Remain’ because ‘I feel we would be better together in terms of partnerships, trade, the economy. We would be safer together.’

Only recently has the bill been passed to allow Brexit and it has been signed by HRH Queen Elizabeth II. This means that Brexit is right around the corner.