

**Ipsos MORI Young People Omnibus Survey - 2008
Sutton Trust Topline Results**

- 2,387 interviews were conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales
- Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 100 classroom sessions between 11th January and 28th March 2008
- Data have been weighted by gender, age and region
- Results are based on all pupils in England and Wales, unless otherwise stated
- An asterisk (*) represents a value of less than half a per cent, but not zero
- Where results do not sum to 100%, this is due to multiple responses or computer rounding.
- Where applicable, trend data has been included (*Bases: 2007=2,417, 2006=2,334, 2005=2,709, 2004=2,303, 2003=2,469*)

First of all we would like to ask some questions about you. Please remember that your answers are confidential.

How old are you?

	%
11	19
12	19
13	19
14	19
15	15
16	9

Are you male or female?

	%
I am a boy/male	51
I am a girl/female	49

Which of the following best describes you?

	%
White	83
British Black	2
Black Caribbean	1
Black African	1
Black Other	*
British Asian	4
Indian	1
Pakistani	1
Bangladeshi	2
Chinese	*
East African Asian	*
Other	4
Not stated	*

Other	5
Don't know	2
Not stated	1

What does your father/stepfather do?

	%
Works full-time	72
Works part-time	9
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	11
Other	5
Don't know	7
Not stated	2

Which year are you now in at school?

	%
Year 7	31
Year 8	16
Year 9	20
Year 10	14
Year 11	18

Who lives in your home?

	%
My mother	95
My stepmother	2
My father	67
My stepfather	13
My brother(s)	59
My sister(s)	54
Somebody else	10
Not stated	*

What does your mother/ stepmother do?

	%
Works full-time	39
Works part-time	32
Is unemployed	5
Looks after house/family	40

This section is about what you think you will do when you leave school.

Young people who stay on at school or college in Years 12 and 13, until they are 18, can usually apply for a place at university to study for a degree. This is known as 'going into higher education'.

Q1. How likely or unlikely are you to go into higher education when you are old enough?

	2008 %	2007 %	2006 %	2005 %	2004 %	2003 %
Very likely	39	37	34	34	33	40
Fairly likely	34	34	37	35	36	31
Fairly unlikely	6	8	5	7	7	8
Very unlikely	3	4	4	5	5	5
Not sure either way yet	19	17	19	18	18	14
Not stated	1	1	1	1	*	2

Q2. Why are you unlikely to go into higher education?

Base: All who are fairly or very unlikely to go into higher education (223)

	2008 %	2007 (281) %	2006 (220) %	2005 (326) %	2004 (286) %	2003 (343) %
I prefer to do something practical rather than studying from books	52	52	48	45	49	39
I want to start earning money as soon as possible	50	49	43	48	40	40
I can get a well-paid job without a degree	30	34	30	35	25	31
I do not enjoy learning	25	30	32	29	31	29
I do not need a degree to do the job(s) I am considering	25	27	21	30	25	32
I'm not clever enough	22	29	32	26	25	28
I don't like the idea of it	22	24	22	21	19	24
I won't get good enough exam results to get into a university	20	24	31	26	29	29
I don't know enough about it	16	16	16	15	15	16
I'm worried about getting into debt as a student	13	20	15	17	18	14
People like me are not expected to go to university	9	8	14	12	13	11
My family can't afford to pay for me to be a student	7	11	7	10	7	9
Most of my friends are not planning to go to university	7	9	15	12	11	9
My parents did not go to university	6	13	19	15	13	11
My family want me to start earning money as soon as possible	6	11	10	12	9	7
Someone from a university talked to me about higher education and it put me off	6	5	7	6	6	7
My teachers are encouraging me to do something else	4	5	4	3	3	3
Other	8	4	3	2	5	7
Don't know	5	3	4	5	4	1
Not stated	5	6	3	4	5	5

Q3. **How much information, if any, do you feel your teachers and school have given you about going into higher education?**

	%
A lot	12
A fair amount	42
Not very much	31
None at all	9
Don't know	6
Not stated	1
