

MORI School Omnibus Survey ~ 2005
SUTTON TRUST
FINAL TOPLINE FINDINGS (3 May 2005)

- 2,709 interviews were conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales
- Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 113 classroom sessions between 10 January and 11 March 2005
- Data have been weighted by gender, age and region
- Results are based on all respondents, 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 may be due to multiple responses, computer rounding, or the exclusion of 'Don't know/Not stated' response categories

ABOUT YOU

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

QA How old are you?

	%
11	19
12	19
13	19
14	19
15	17
16	7

QB Are you male or female?

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

QC Which of the following best describes you?

	%
White	83
British Black	2
Black Caribbean	1
Black African	1
Black Other	*
British Asian	5
Indian	1
Pakistani	1
Bangladeshi	1
Chinese	*
East African Asian	*
Other	3
Not stated	1

QD Who lives in your home?

	%
My mother	95
My stepmother	1
My father	68
My stepfather	11
My brother(s)	57
My sister(s)	54
Somebody else	9
Not stated	*

QE What does your mother/stepmother do?

	%
Works full-time	38
Works part-time	31
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	39
Other	4
Don't know	2
Not stated	*

Base: All who live with their mother/stepmother (2,598)

QF What does your father/stepfather do?

	%
Works full-time	77
Works part-time	10
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	13
Other	4
Don't know	2
Not stated	*

Base: All who live with their father/stepfather (2,158)

QG Which year are you now in at school?

	%
Year 7	27
Year 8	19
Year 9	21
Year 10	17
Year 11	16

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'.

QA1. How likely or unlikely are you to go into higher education when you are old enough?

	2005 %	2004 %	2003 %
Very likely	34	33	40
Fairly likely	35	36	31
Fairly unlikely	7	7	8
Very unlikely	5	5	5
Not sure either way yet	18	18	14
Not stated	1	*	2

QA2. Why are you unlikely to go into higher education?

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

Base: All who are unlikely to go into higher education (326)

‘Private tuition’ or ‘home tuition’ is teaching which young people receive in addition to lessons at school and which their family/guardians pay for. They usually receive the tuition in their free time, for example, in the evening, at the weekend or during the school holidays.

QA3. When, if at all, have you received private or home tuition?

	%
I received private/home tuition this year (in 2005)	6
I received private/home tuition last year (in 2004)	7
I received private/home tuition in the year before last (in 2003)	5
I received private/home tuition in 2002 and/or before that	8
I have never received private/home tuition	79
Not stated	3

QA4. In which subjects have you received private/home tuition?

	%
English	53
Maths	68
Science (for example, biology or chemistry or physics)	20
Modern Foreign Languages (for example, French, Spanish, German, Japanese or Italian)	10
Another subject (for example, music, Latin, history or geography)	15
Don't know	5
Not stated	3

Base: All who have received private/home tuition (491)

QA5. And why have you received private/home tuition?

	%
Because I am really interested in a particular subject	15
Because it is a subject my school does not provide	3
To help me do well in a specific test or exam	49
To help me with my school work in general	45
Don't know	9
Not stated	5

Base: All who have received private/home tuition (491)

QA6. **Most days, how do you travel to school?**

If you travel to school in more than one way, please tell us the MAIN way you travel to school most days. For example, if a member of your family drives you to the station to catch the train, you would tick the box which says “I go to school on the train or the underground”.

	%
I walk	41
A member of my family or a family friend drives me	24
I ride my bike	3
I go on the school bus/coach (the bus/coach only picks up people going to my school and drives them straight there)	19
I go on the public transport bus (the bus which picks up anyone who wants to go on it)	10
I go on the train or the underground	1
I go to school another way	1
Not stated	1

QA7. **Which of the following statements best describes you?**

By ‘school bus/coach’, we mean a bus or coach which only picks up people who go to your school and drives them straight there.

	%
A school bus/coach is already provided but I don’t go to school on it	26
I probably would go to school on the school bus/coach if one was provided (but at the moment it isn’t)	17
I probably wouldn’t go to school on the school bus/coach if one was provided (but at the moment it isn’t)	25
Don’t know	19
Not stated	14

Base: All who don’t travel to school by School Bus/Coach (2,183)

QA8. **How far is your home from your school?**

Don’t worry if you don’t know exactly how far your home is from your school – a good guess will do.

	%
Up to 1 mile	35
Up to 2 miles	17
Up to 3 miles	12
Up to 4 miles	6
Up to 5 miles	6
Up to 10 miles	4
Up to 15 miles	2
More than 15 miles	2
Don’t know	13
Not stated	2