

## MORI Schools Survey 2002 Sutton Trust TOPLINE RESULTS

- 2,670 interviews were conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales
- Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 108 classroom sessions between 14 January and 8 March 2002
- 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	20
13	19
14	18
15	18
16	6

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	88
British Black	2
Black Caribbean	1
Black African	1
Black Other	1
British Asian	2
Indian	1
Pakistani	1
Bangladeshi	*
Chinese	*
East African Asian	0
Other	2
Not stated	1

**QD Who lives in your home?**

	%
My mother or stepmother	94
My father or stepfather	80
My brother(s)	55
My sister(s)	55
Somebody else	7
Not stated	1

**QE What does your mother/stepmother do?**

	%
Works full-time	39
Works part-time	34
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	36
Other	4
Don't know	2
Not stated	1

Base: All who live with their mother/stepmother (2,519)

**QF What does your father/stepfather do?**

	%
Works full-time	78
Works part-time	8
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	10
Other	3
Don't know	3
Not stated	1

Base: All who live with their father/stepfather (2,134)

**SECTION B**

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

**QB1** Young people who stay on at school or college 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".

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

	%
Very likely	35
Fairly likely	33
Fairly unlikely	6
Very unlikely	5
Not sure either way yet	17
Not stated	3

QB2 **Why are you likely to go into higher education?**

	%
A degree would improve my chances of getting a well-paid job	86
I need a degree to do the job(s) I am considering	65
I like the idea of it	61
My family are encouraging me to go to university	50
I enjoy learning	45
I am clever enough	37
I won't have to decide what job I want to do so soon	27
All/most of my friends are planning to go to university	24
People like me are expected to go to university	21
My parents went to university	19
Someone from a university talked to me about higher education and it sounds good	19
My teachers are encouraging me to go to university	17
My brother/sister is at/went to university	12
Don't know	1
Not stated	1

Base: All very or fairly likely to go into h.e. (1,837)

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QB3 **Why are you unlikely to go into higher education?**

	%
I want to get into a job as soon as possible	55
I do not need a degree to do the job(s) I am considering	42
I don't like the idea of it	41
I am not clever enough	39
I do not enjoy learning	36
I can get a well-paid job without a degree	34
I don't know enough about it	31
My parents did not go to university	28
It's too expensive	25
People like me are not expected to go to university	24
Most of my friends are not planning to go to university	22
My brother/sister did not go to university	17
Someone from a university talked to me about higher education and it put me off	12
My family would prefer me to do something else	11
My teachers are encouraging me to do something else	7
Don't know	5
Not stated	6

Base: All fairly or very unlikely to go into h.e. (325)

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QB4a Which of the following, if any, have been your sources of information about higher education?

QB4b And how useful or useless were these as sources of information about higher education?

QB4c And from which of these sources, if any, would you like to find out more about higher education?

	QB4a		QB4b					QB4c
	I have used this source		This source of information was ...					I would like to find out more from this source
	%		Very useful	Fairly useful	Pretty useless	Totally useless	Don't know	%
			%	%	%	%	%	%
Mum/stepmum	64	Base: 1670	38	48	4	1	2	24
Dad/stepdad	55	Base: 1445	40	46	4	2	2	20
Friends	40	Base: 1090	22	48	16	3	4	11
Another family member	36	Base: 990	35	45	8	2	3	13
The internet	29	Base: 775	44	33	10	2	2	13
Form tutor	28	Base: 774	28	44	13	4	3	13
TV and radio	28	Base: 743	24	42	20	2	3	11
Another teacher at school	26	Base: 717	37	43	10	2	2	12
Brother/sister	26	Base: 713	35	42	8	5	1	10
Careers teacher at school	25	Base: 722	46	33	8	3	3	18
Newspapers and magazines	24	Base: 636	24	41	17	5	3	8
Students from universities	13	Base: 370	56	29	6	2	1	13
Careers Service careers adviser	10	Base: 299	56	25	5	2	2	10
Prospectuses	8	Base: 258	50	30	9	2	1	6
A famous person (e.g. actor, singer, sportsman/woman)	8	Base: 223	33	30	17	6	3	4
Visiting a university	7	Base: 156	59	24	5	1	2	11
Boyfriend/girlfriend	6	Base: 189	35	33	9	6	5	3
Careers publications	6	Base: 181	35	33	6	4	2	5
Staff from universities	5	Base: 142	57	25	4	1	2	11
Employer	4	Base: 101	50	30	5	3	1	5
Social worker	3	Base: 71	51	20	6	6	3	3
Other	3	Base: 78	36	10	2	0	9	2
Not stated	12		-	-	-	-	-	43