

## MORI Schools Survey 2003 Sutton Trust TOPLINE RESULTS

- 2,469 interviews were conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales
- Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 100 classroom sessions between 15 January and 12 March 2003
- 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	15
16	8

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QB Are you male or female?

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

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QC Which of the following best describes you?

	%
White	87
British Black	2
Black Caribbean	1
Black African	2
Black Other	1
British Asian	3
Indian	1
Pakistani	*
Bangladeshi	*
Chinese	*
East African Asian	*
Other	3
Not stated	*

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**QD Who lives in your home?**

	%
My mother or stepmother	95
My father or stepfather	81
My brother(s)	58
My sister(s)	52
Somebody else	8
Not stated	*

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

	%
Works full-time	40
Works part-time	34
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	36
Other	10
Don't know	1
Not stated	*

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Base: All who live with their mother/stepmother (2,338)

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

	%
Works full-time	81
Works part-time	8
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	10
Other	9
Don't know	2
Not stated	*

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Base: All who live with their father/stepfather (1,992)

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**QG Which year are you now in at school?**

	%
Year 7	28
Year 8	20
Year 9	19
Year 10	13
Year 11	19

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<b>SECTION B</b>
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QB1 **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”.**

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

	%
Very likely	40
Fairly likely	31
Fairly unlikely	8
Very unlikely	5
Not sure either way yet	14
Not stated	2

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

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

Base: All who are unlikely to go into higher education (343)

**QB3 Thinking about your school overall, how would you describe it?**

	%
Excellent	10
Very Good	34
Fairly Good	41
Pretty Bad	5
Very Bad	1
Terrible	4
Not sure either way	3
Not stated	1

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**QB4 And thinking about being at school, which of the following statements do you agree with?**

	%
I enjoy school all the time	5
I enjoy school most of the time	66
I don't enjoy school most of the time	18
I don't enjoy school any of the time	5
I'm not sure either way	4
Not stated	2

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**QB5 Which of the following, if any, would make school more enjoyable for you?**

	%
Less homework	70
Lessons that are more interesting	54
Fewer exams or tests	41
Teachers that are less strict	39
More choice over what subjects I study	36
Easier lessons	33
Smaller classes	20
More practical or vocational courses/courses that would qualify me to do a job	19
Wider range of subjects to study	17
Narrower range of subjects to study	10
More extra-curricular/after-school/out-of-school-hours activities	4
Harder lessons	3
Teachers that are more strict	2
Other	10
Don't know	*
Not stated	2

Base: All who don't enjoy school (587)

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QB6 **Some young people go to schools that are known as “private” or “independent” schools. The families of young people who go to this type of school pay money (known as “fees”) each term. Most young people attend a “state” school which is paid for by the government. The school you attend is a state school.**

**If you had the opportunity, would you want to go to a private school?**

	%
Yes, definitely	7
Yes, probably	13
No, probably not	30
No, definitely not	39
Not sure either way	8
Not stated	2

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QB7 **Why would you want to go to a private school?**

	%
I would get better exam results	61
The school would have better facilities/ more equipment	57
I would have more chance of getting into university	55
I would be able to study a wider variety of subjects	55
I think I would enjoy it	49
Classes are smaller	48
Pupils would be better behaved	45
The school would offer more extra-curricular/after-school/out-of-school-hours activities	34
Pupils would be more interesting/ fun	17
Other	5
Don't know	*
Not stated	2

Base: All who would want to go to a private school (486)

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QB8 **Why wouldn't you want to go to a private school?**

	%
I don't think I would enjoy it	67
My friends would be at different schools	63
Pupils would be too posh/stuck-up	53
It would be too expensive	38
Teachers would be too strict	32
I would have to work too hard	19
I am not clever enough	16
People would make fun of me	9
Other	10
Don't know	*
Not stated	1

Base: All who would not want to go to a private school (1,712)

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