

Girls Attitudes Survey 2009 - SCHOOLS

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This is your chance to have your say about issues affecting girls your age. Your answers will help provide better information about what girls think nowadays, and the issues that you feel are most important. Please don't worry if you can't answer some of the questions, it is not a test, there are no right or wrong answers

To start with, some questions ABOUT YOU...

How old are you?

- 11 12 13 14 15 16+

Which year are you in at school?

- Year 7 Year 9 Year 11
 Year 8 Year 10 Other - type in below

What is the name of your School?

Type in the box below

Where do you live?

Click one only

- England Wales Scotland Northern
Ireland

B1 Who do you expect to carry out these tasks?
Click one box for each activity



Housework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Car maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Looking after the children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discipline when children mis-behave	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pay the bills / manage the finances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sorting out the TV / Internet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

B2 At what age would you consider yourself to be grown up?
Type a number in the box on the right

How old do you expect to be when you do these things?
Type a number in each box - if you don't expect to do them ever, leave the box blank

B3a **Get married**

B3b **Have your first child**

B3c **Have your own home**

B3d **Have a full time job**

At what age do YOU think young people should be allowed to...
Type a number in each box - if you don't have an opinion, leave the box blank

B4a **Smoke cigarettes**

B4b **Drink alcohol**

B4c **Get married**

B4d **Vote in an election**

B4e **Drive a car**

B5 **At what age do you think children should be held responsible for crimes they commit?**
Click one only

- 8 12 16 Don't know
 10 14 18

B6 **Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about relationships**
Click one box for each statement

	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Marriage should be for life</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Marriage should come before parenthood</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>It's okay to get married several times</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Marriage is the best kind of relationship</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>It's better not to get married at all</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Marriage is just a piece of paper</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Married couples make better parents than unmarried ones</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

B7

Which of these do you do regularly?*Click as many as apply*

- Recycle as much as you can*
- Re-use shopping bags*
- Make sure your TV and Computer are turned off at night (not on standby)*
- Turn lights off when you leave a room*
- Walk or cycle instead of going by car*
- Put on an extra jumper instead of turning up the heating*
- Something else - type in below*
- None of these*

B8

Which of these would you do, if it helped the environment?*Click as many as apply*

- Give up having foreign holidays*
- Give up some of your pocket money each week*
- Keep your mobile phone handset for longer e.g. 3 years*
- Not have a family car*
- Not buy food that is flown in from abroad e.g. no strawberries in winter*
- None of these*

EDUCATION & TRAINING

B9

Which of these words best describe how you feel about school?*Click up to three*

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Fun</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cool</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Pointless</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Boring</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Challenging</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Important for my future</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Stressful</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Easy</i> | |

B10

Which of these subjects do you enjoy at school?*Click up to three*

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Art</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Maths</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>English</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Science</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Foreign languages e.g. French, German etc</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Technology</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>PE</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>None of these</i> |

B11

And which do you dislike?

Click up to three

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Maths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign languages e.g. French, German etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PE | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |

B12

Which of these things worry you about school?

Click as many as apply

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being bullied | <input type="checkbox"/> Being able to afford to go to college or university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Having to sit exams - e.g. SATs | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting a job when you finish school, college or university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Falling out with friends | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers who are unfair | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The journey to and from school | |

B13

At what age do you think children should be able to leave school?

Type a number in the box below

B14

Which of these qualifications do you hope to achieve?

Click all that apply

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> GCSEs | <input type="checkbox"/> NVQ / BTEC / OCR Nationals (Vocational qualification) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> University or College Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AS / A Levels | <input type="checkbox"/> Something else - type in below |

B15

How has the 'credit crunch' affected your views about staying on in full time education in the future?

Click one only

- More likely to stay in education
- Less likely to stay in education
- Not had any affect on me
- Don't know

B16

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Click one only






- Accountant
- Actor
- Army / Navy / Airforce
- Artist / Fashion Designer
- Builder / Electrician / Plumber
- Charity worker
- Childminder / Childcare
- Doctor / Nurse
- Fire Service
- Hairdresser / Beautician
- IT / Computers
- Journalist / writer
- Lawyer / Solicitor
- Police
- Politician
- Scientist / Engineer
- Sportsperson
- Teacher
- Vet
- Something else - type in below

SOCIETY, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

B17

How happy are you?

Click one only

-  Very happy
-  Quite happy
-  Not very happy
-  Not happy at all
-  Don't know

B18

Which of these do you think is most important?

Click one only

- Success at school
- Having a boyfriend / girlfriend
- Having nice things e.g. coolest gadgets and clothes
- Being fit and active
- Having good friends
- Being beautiful
- Getting on well with family
- Being kind / helping people
- Being good at sport / music / art
- Being rich

B19

How would you describe yourself?
Click one only

- British*
- English*
- Welsh*
- Scottish*
- Irish*
- European*
- Something else - type in below*

B20

How much do you agree with this statement?
Click one only



I AM PROUD TO BE BRITISH

-
-
-
-
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-
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B21

Why do you feel like this?
Type in below

B22

Do you have friends from different backgrounds? e.g. religions, cultures, races
Click all that apply

- Yes - close friends*
- Yes - friends, but not close*
- No*

B23

Have you been to their house, or have they been to yours in the last month?
Click one only

- Yes*
- No*

B24

Where do you mostly go to meet friends?
Click all that apply

- Local park / play area*
- Youth club*
- Somewhere else - type in*
- Shopping mall*
- Each others houses*

B25

Which activities do you do outside of school?

Click all that apply

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> After school club | <input type="checkbox"/> Music /singing lessons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Army / Air / Sea Cadets | <input type="checkbox"/> Rainbows / Brownies / Guides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast club | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing / Water sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church (Sunday School) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer club / lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports club / team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming lessons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra lessons outside of school | <input type="checkbox"/> Something else - type in below |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gym / fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse riding | |

B26

By the time you are 30, which of these do you most want to happen?

Click up to three

- Own your own house
- Have a good car
- Earn a lot of money
- Have a worthwhile job
- Have children
- Have a partner / be married
- Be famous / make a name for yourself
- Having a personal achievement in sport / the arts / travel etc
- None of these

B27

How important do you think it is for Britain to continue to have a Monarchy (Royal Family)?

Click one only

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Very important | <input type="radio"/> Not at all important |
| <input type="radio"/> Quite important | <input type="radio"/> The monarchy should be abolished |
| <input type="radio"/> Not very important | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

B28






Which of these best describes your beliefs about God

Click one only

- I believe in God and always have
- In the past I didn't believe in God, but now I do
- I believe in God some of the time, but not at others
- I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a higher power of some kind
- I used to believe in God, but no longer do so
- I don't believe in God, and never have
- I don't know

B29

How happy are you with the way you look?*Click one only*

-  *Very happy*
-  *Quite happy*
-  *Not very happy*
-  *Not at all happy*
-  *Don't know*

B30

If you could change one thing about the way you look, which would you choose to change?*Click one only*

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Face</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Taller</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Teeth</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Not so tall</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Nose</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Thinner</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Hair</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Not so thin</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Skin / Spots</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Something else - type in below</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Eye colour</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Nothing</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Eyesight</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Don't know</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Body shape</i> | |

B31

Would you ever consider surgery of any kind to change the way you look?*Click all that apply*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cosmetic surgery</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Dental brace</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Botox</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Something else - type in below</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gastric band / weight loss surgery</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Laser eye surgery</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Don't know</i> |

! You can skip this question if you don't want to answer it

B32

Which of these have you ever done...

Click all that apply

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Been on a very strict diet</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cut yourself on purpose</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Watched what you eat / cut down on certain foods</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Smoked cigarettes</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Been very underweight</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Drunk too much alcohol e.g. so you threw up / lost control</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Been very overweight</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Been really stressed</i> |

B33

Do you ever feel pressured by your friends or other people your age, to do things that you wouldn't normally choose to do?

Click one only

- Often*
- Occasionally*
- Hardly ever*
- Never*

B34

Do you feel there is enough support and advice available for girls your age?

Click one only

- Yes*
- No*
- Don't know*

B35

Which of these women do you think is the best role model for girls your age?

Click one only



Michelle Obama US First Lady



Cheryl Cole Music Artist & Presenter



Katie Price / Jordan Model & Author



JK Rowling Author



Stella McCartney Fashion Designer



Madonna Music Artist



Jacqueline Wilson Author



Karen Brady Football Club Chairperson & Businesswoman



Kate Moss Model



Kelly Holmes Athlete



Rebecca Adlington Athlete



Baroness Scotland Attorney General

Other - type in below

Don't know

B36

Do you think it is better to be a boy or a girl?

Click one only



It's better to be a boy



It's better to be a girl

B37

Why do you think it is better to be a boy?

We know this is a bit of an odd question, but we really want to know what you think

Type in below

B37

Why do you think it is better to be a girl?

We know this is a bit of an odd question, but we really want to know what you think

Type in below

B38

Do you think you're given the same chances and opportunities to do things as boys your age?

Click one only

- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- Hardly ever
- Never
- Don't know

ABOUT YOU

B39

Who lives in your house with you?

Click all that apply

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mum | <input type="checkbox"/> Younger brothers | <input type="checkbox"/> Cousin(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dad | <input type="checkbox"/> Older sisters | <input type="checkbox"/> Niece / Nephew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmum | <input type="checkbox"/> Younger sisters | <input type="checkbox"/> Carer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stepdad | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Older brothers | <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt / Uncle | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - type in below |

B40

In the last week, which of these family members have you seen?

Click all that apply

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mum | <input type="checkbox"/> Brother / Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> Cousins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dad | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Step-mum / Step-dad | <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt / Uncle | |

B41

How would you describe your ethnic background?

Click one only

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> <i>White British</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Any other black background</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Any other Asian background</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>White Irish</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Indian</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Mixed heritage</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Any other white background</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Pakistani</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Don't know</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Black British</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Bangladeshi</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Don't want to say</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Black Caribbean</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Chinese</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Other - type in below</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Black African</i> | | |

B42

What is your religion?

Click one only

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> <i>None</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Muslim</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Don't know</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Christian</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Sikh</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Don't want to say</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Buddhist</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Jewish</i> | |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Hindu</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Another religion</i> | |

B43

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Click one only

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Yes</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>No</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Don't know</i> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|

That's it

Before you finish, is there anything else that you want to tell us?

Do you think there were any questions missing, do you have any other comments or any questions you want to ask us?

If so, type in the box below