

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?

7

8

9

10

11+

Which year are you in at school?

Year 3

Year 5

Other - write below

Year 4

Year 6

What is the name of your School? Write in the box below

Where do you live? Tick one only

England


Wales

Scotland

Northern
Ireland

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

A1 Who do you expect to carry out these activities? Tick one box for each activity

					
	Mostly Men	More men than women	Both equal	More women than men	Mostly Women

Housework

Looking after the car

Looking after the children

Tell off the children when they
mis-behave

Pay the bills / manage the
finances

Sorting out the TV / Internet

A2

At what age do you think you will be grown up? Write a number in the box on the right

A3

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about relationships?

Tick one box for each statement

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
<i>Marriage should be for life</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>It's better not to get married at all</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

ENVIRONMENT

A4

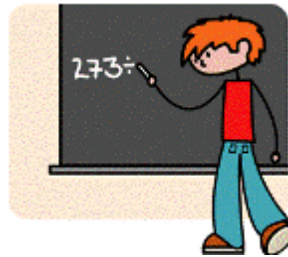
Here is a list of some things that could happen because of Climate Change. **Which one of these worries you most?** Tick one only

- Bengal **Tigers** in India could become **extinct***
- Every minute, an area of **rainforest** the size of 16 football pitches is **cut down** or burned*
- People's **homes** in low lying countries such as Bangladesh could be **washed away** if sea levels rise*
- African countries such as Somalia **won't have enough water** for people to **drink and wash** with*
- Oil and gas** will become **too expensive** in this country, so people won't be able to drive cars and use central heating*
- None of these worry me*

A5

Which of these do you do regularly? Tick 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*



A6 **Which of these words best describe how you feel about school? Tick up to three**

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

A7 **Which of these subjects do you enjoy at school? Tick up to three**

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

A8 **And which do you dislike? Tick up to three**

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






A9 **Which of these things worry you about school? Tick as many as apply**

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going to Secondary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Falling out with friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being given more homework | <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers who are unfair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being bullied | <input type="checkbox"/> The journey to and from school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Having to sit exams - e.g. SATs | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |

What do you want to be when you grow up? Tick 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 - write in below

A11 **How happy are you?** *Tick one only*

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

A12 **Which of these do you think is most important?** *Tick 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*

A13 **How would you describe yourself?** *Tick one only*

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> <i>British</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Irish</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>English</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>European</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Welsh</i> | <input type="radio"/> <i>Something else - write in below</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> <i>Scottish</i> | |



A14 **Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** *Tick one only*

'I AM PROUD TO BE BRITISH'

Agree

Disagree

Don't know



A15 **Are you allowed out on your own, or with friends?** *Tick one for each*

	Yes	No	Don't know
To the local park or play area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To play in the street / local area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To go to the local shop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To go to school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

A16 **Which activities do you do outside of school?** *Tick all that apply*

<input type="checkbox"/> After school club	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse riding
<input type="checkbox"/> Army / Air / Sea Cadets	<input type="checkbox"/> Music /singing lessons
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast club	<input type="checkbox"/> Rainbows / Brownies
<input type="checkbox"/> Church (Sunday School)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing / Water sports
<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 - write in below
<input type="checkbox"/> Gym / fitness	<input type="checkbox"/> None of these

A17 **By the time you are 30, which of these do you most want to happen?** *Tick 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

A18 **Which of these best describes your beliefs about God?** *Choose one only*

<input type="radio"/> I believe in God	<input type="radio"/> I believe in God some of the time, but not at others
<input type="radio"/> I don't believe in God	<input type="radio"/> I really don't know

HEALTH & WELLBEING

A19 **How happy are you with the way you look?** *Tick one only*

<input type="radio"/>  Very happy	<input type="radio"/>  Not very happy	<input type="radio"/>  Don't know
<input type="radio"/>  Quite happy	<input type="radio"/>  Not at all happy	

A20

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

- Face
- Teeth
- Nose
- Hair
- Skin / Spots
- Eye colour
- Eyesight
- Body shape
- Taller
- Not so tall
- Thinner
- Not so thin
- Something else - write in below
- Nothing
- Don't know

SOCIETY, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

A21

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

-  **Michelle Obama** *US First Lady*
-  **J K Rowling** *Author*
-  **Jacqueline Wilson** *Author*
-  **Kelly Holmes** *Athlete*
-  **Cheryl Cole** *Music Artist & Presenter*
-  **Stella McCartney** *Fashion Designer*
-  **Karen Brady** *Football Club Chairperson & Businesswoman*
-  **Rebecca Adlington** *Athlete*
-  **Katie Price / Jordan** *Model & Author*
-  **Madonna** *Music Artist*
-  **Kate Moss** *Model*
-  **Baroness Scotland** *Attorney General*
- Other - write in below**
- Don't know

A22

Do you think it is better to be a boy or a girl? *Tick one only*



I think it's better to be a boy



I think it's better to be a girl

A23a

Why do you think this? *We know this is a bit of an odd question, but we really want to know what you think!*

Write in below

A24

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

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

ABOUT YOU

A25

Who lives in your house with you? *Tick all that apply*

 Mum
 Younger brothers
 Cousin(s)
 Dad
 Older sisters
 Niece / Nephew
 Stepmum
 Younger sisters
 Carer
 Stepdad
 Grandparents
 Don't know
 Older brothers
 Aunt / Uncle
 Other - write in below

A26

In the last week, which of these family members have you seen? *Tick all that apply*

 Mum
 Brother / Sister
 Cousins
 Dad
 Grandparents
 None of these
 Step-mum / Step-dad
 Aunt / Uncle

A27

How would you describe your ethnic background? *Tick one only*

 White British
 Any other black background
 Any other Asian background
 White Irish
 Indian
 Mixed heritage
 Any other white background
 Pakistani
 Don't know
 Black British
 Bangladeshi
 Don't want to say
 Black Caribbean
 Chinese
 Other - write in below
 Black African

A28

What is your religion? *Tick the one that is closest to how you feel*

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

A29

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? *Tick one only*

- | | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
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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, write in the box below

Thank you very much for taking part in this survey.