

Ipsos MORI, Annual Survey of Young People 2014

Topline Results - 1st July 2014

- The topline results outlined below are based on a dataset of 2,734 completed interviews conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales.
- Self-completion questionnaires were completed in classroom sessions between 3rd February and 10th April 2014.
- Data have been weighted by gender, year group and region.
- Results are based on all pupils in England and Wales, 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 is due to multiple responses or computer rounding.

In the following section we ask you to think about what might help you get a well-paid job when you are older.

QH1 Please read the following statements and tell us which comes closest to what you think.

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

	%
It is easier to get a well-paid job if you are a woman	2
It is easier to get a well-paid job if you are a man	13
It doesn't make a difference whether you are a woman or a man in terms of getting a well-paid job	74
Don't know	10
Not stated	1

QH2 Please read the following statements and tell us which comes closest to what you think.

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

	%
It is easier to get a well-paid job if you are from a rich family	35
It is easier to get a well-paid job if you are from a poor family	*
It doesn't make a difference whether you are from a rich or poor family in terms of getting a well-paid job	51
Don't know	12
Not stated	1

QH3 Again, please read the following statements and tell us which comes closest to what you think?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

	%
It is easier to get a well-paid job if you are from a black or ethnic minority group	1
It is easier to get a well-paid job if you are white	11
It doesn't make a difference whether you are from a black or ethnic minority group or white in terms of getting a well-paid job	73
Don't know	13
Not stated	1

QH4 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.

Which of the following statements comes closest to what you think?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

	%
It is easier to get a well-paid job if you have been to a private school.....	27
It is easier to get a well-paid job if you have been to a state school.....	2
It doesn't make a difference whether you have been to a private school or a state school in terms of getting a well-paid job	55
Don't know	14
Not stated	1

QH5 Thinking about the future, do you think it will be harder or easier for you to do the things listed below than it was for your parents?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Harder for me	Easier for me	About the same	Don't know	Not stated
	%	%	%	%	%
Buy my own house.....	40	16	29	14	2
Get a successful/ well-paid job.....	29	25	30	14	2
Go to university	29	29	22	18	2
Have a family of my own	12	21	46	19	3

QH6 Still thinking about the future, would you like to do the following things when you are older?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Yes	No	Don't know	Not stated
	%	%	%	%
Get married	76	5	18	2
Have children	70	5	21	4

QH7 To what extent, if at all, do you feel that your generation will have a better or worse life than your parents' generation?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

	%
Much better	12
Slightly better	25
About the same.....	17
Slightly worse.....	17
Much worse	7
Don't know	19
Not stated	3
Much/Slightly better.....	37
Much/Slightly worse	25

QH8 Here are some issues that some young people say worry them when thinking about their family. How worried are you, if at all, about the following... ?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very worried	Fairly worried	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Don't know	Not applicable/ Not stated	Very / Fairly Worried
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
That your family will have enough money to live on....	8	22	31	25	11	4	30
That one or both of your parents/ carers might lose their job	8	17	31	28	10	6	25
That your parents/ carers work too hard	11	28	27	17	11	6	39
That your parents/ carers might split up or divorce	11	10	16	34	10	20	21

QH9

Here are some issues that some young people say worry them when they think about themselves. How worried are you, if at all, about the following... ?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

	Very worried	Fairly worried	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Don't know	Not stated	Very / Fairly Worried
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
My appearance and the way I look	16	27	31	17	5	3	44
My weight.....	16	23	27	26	5	3	39
Keeping up with trends – clothes and technology/ gadgets	7	16	40	29	5	3	23
That I'll get good grades/ the grades I need	35	34	15	8	4	4	69
That there will be job opportunities when I leave school.....	28	35	18	9	7	4	63

QH10 Thinking about your local area, which four or five of the things listed below, if any, do you think most need improving?

PLEASE TICK ✓ UP TO FIVE BOXES

	%
Activities for teenagers	40
The level of crime and anti-social behaviour	35
Cleanliness of streets	35
Affordability of housing	34
Conditions of roads and pavements.....	32
Job prospects	29
Sport and leisure facilities	25
Wage levels and local cost of living	24
Public transport.....	22
Facilities for young children	21
Schools.....	21
Parks and open spaces	21
The quality of the local environment	20
Health services	18
Social care for adults and older people.....	11
Local high street facilities.....	10
The level of traffic congestion	9
Cultural facilities (e.g. libraries, museums).....	9
Don't know.....	6
None of these	2
Not stated.....	4

QH11 Thinking about the year ahead, do you think that the government will do a good job in running the country, or not?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

	%
Yes – the government will do a good job.....	14
No – the government will not do a good job	31
Don't know	47
Not stated	8

Do you think that the legal age at which you can do each of these things should be made higher, made lower or should stay the same?

	Should be higher	Should be lower	Should stay the same	Don't know	Not stated
	%	%	%	%	%
16 years old to join the army	48	6	35	7	5
16 years old to get married with your parent's permission.....	44	5	37	9	5
18 years old to buy cigarettes	42	10	37	5	5
16 years old to work full time and pay tax	40	9	37	8	6
10 years old to be arrested, charged and taken to court for a crime.....	39	9	37	9	5
18 years old to place a bet or gamble	37	9	40	9	5
16 years old to have sex	22	17	45	12	5
18 years old to buy alcohol	21	14	56	5	4
13 years old to work part time	19	10	59	6	6
18 years old to apply for a credit card or loan.....	15	23	49	8	5
17 years old to learn how to drive a car	7	30	55	3	5
18 years old to vote	5	39	45	6	5

QH13

If the law is changed and you are allowed to vote when you are 16 years old how likely would you be to vote in an immediate General Election, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote, and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

	%
10 – absolutely certain to vote	13
9	4
8	12
7	10
6	7
5	15
4	5
3	5
2	2
1 – absolutely certain <u>not</u> to vote.....	5
Don't know	17
Not stated	6

QH14

Do you generally think of yourself as a little closer to one of the political parties listed below than the others? If yes, please say which party?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

	%
The Labour Party	14
The Conservative Party	6
Green Party of England and Wales	2
The Liberal Democratic Party.....	2
Plaid Cymru (Party of Wales).....	1
Other (WRITE IN)	3
Don't know	64
Not stated	7
Any party	29

QH15 What would you say is the most important issue for the government to focus its spending on?

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

	%
NHS, heathcare and hospitals	20
Education / schools.....	15
Looking after the poor / poverty/ inequality.....	11
Military and defence (Army/ Navy/ Airforce)	9
Unemployment/ factory closure/ lack of industry	8
The economy/ economic situation.....	6
Housing	3
Welfare and benefits	2
Pensioners/ old people	2
Leisure facilities/ community spaces	1
None of these	1
Don't know	17
Not stated	6

QH16 Which two or three of the following, if any, makes you most proud to be British?

PLEASE TICK ✓ UP TO THREE BOXES ONLY

	%
Team GB (the British and Northern Irish Olympics team).....	28
The armed forces.....	27
The NHS.....	26
The arts (music, fashion, literature, theatre etc)	17
The Education System.....	15
The Royal family	14
The variety of ethnic groups living together	13
The BBC	12
British business.....	10
Houses of parliament.....	4
The Welfare State/ The poor and unemployed getting help from the state	4
Other (WRITE IN)	5
Nothing	6
Don't know	15
Not stated	6