

Scottish Young People's Survey 1985

Sweep 1 of the cohort who were in S4 in session 1983-4

Questionnaire version: C2

(sent to members of the cohort expected to leave school after attempting O-grade qualifications)

SCOTTISH SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY

HOW TO ANSWER

This questionnaire is about leaving school. We would like to learn about what happens at school and about what you have done since leaving school. Because we are asking a large number of people, it is not possible to interview everyone personally. In this postal questionnaire we have tried to make the questions easy and quick for you to answer.

For a few questions we ask you to write your answer in.

For most of the questions there is a list of possible answers, with a box printed beside each one. Please choose your answer and put a tick in the box beside it.

For example, if the possible answers to a question are 'yes' or 'no', and your answer is 'no', answer like this:

yes 1
no 2

If none of the answers exactly fits the answer you want to give, choose the one that comes nearest. If you want, you may write comments beside the question, but please always tick an answer as well.

Ignore the numbers in the boxes, and in the right hand margin. They are just there to help us.

Thank you for your help in answering this questionnaire. We hope it lets you express your own views on school and leaving school. If you would like to tell us more in your own words, please write on the inside of the back cover.

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1. Did you have a paid part-time job in term time, during your last year at school? yes.
no

The next section is about the work you did in fourth year and the exams you took.

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2. While you were in fourth year did you study for exams such as CSEs (Certificate of Secondary Education), RSAs, City & Guilds, SCOTBECs and SCOTECS? Please don't count your 0 grades or 0 levels here

YES 1

NO 2 → If NO, please go to question 3

If YES:

Please write down the name of each subject, the qualification you studied for and the result of any exam you took. Please don't list your 0 grades or 0 levels. We will ask about these later

<u>subject studied</u>	<u>type of qualification</u>	<u>result</u> (eg pass/fail, grade, 'exam not sat')
See rec 42 - other subj		
.....
.....
.....

linkers v

3. Some schools arrange for their pupils to take courses at college while they are still at school (eg link courses, taster courses). Did you ever go on a course like this in your fourth year? yes. 1
no 2

wkxtry v

4. Some schools run 'work experience' schemes: that is, short periods of unpaid work with an employer. Did you ever do this type of work experience while you were at school? yes. 1
no 2

There are two parts to this page.

Part 1 is about your subjects in third and fourth year. Part 2 is about the exams you took

PART 1 SUBJECTS

Go through the list of subjects below. Tick each subject that you had lessons in during third year and during fourth year:

See rec 36 - scasubj 2

	third year	fourth year
eg Greek	3rd <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4th <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
84 PE (Physical Education)	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
18 RE (Religious Education)	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
01 English	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
50 Arithmetic	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
53 Mathematics	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
63 Chemistry	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
66 Physics	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
62 Biology	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
61 Anatomy, Physiology and Health	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
13 Geography	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
14 History	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
15 Modern Studies	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
02 French	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
04 German	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
71 Art and Design	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
35 Secretarial Studies	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
33 Home Economics:		
Food and Nutrition	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
32 Home Economics:		
Fabric and Fashion	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
41 Technical Drawing	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
46 Woodwork	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
43 Metalwork	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
30 Accounting	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Writes here all your other third/fourth year subjects		
.....	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
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Now go to PART 2

PART 2 FOURTH YEAR EXAMS

For each subject you had lessons in during fourth year:

1. Tick if you sat prelim in it
2. Tick if you sat O grade in it,
3. Ring your O grade result.

(Then fill in the box at the bottom of the page)

	tick if sat prelim	tick if sat O	ring O grade result (n=no award)
eg Greek	sat prelim <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A B C D <u>E</u> n
English	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Arithmetic	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Mathematics	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Chemistry	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Physics	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Biology	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
APH	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Geography	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
History	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Modern Studies	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
French	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
German	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Art and Design	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Sec Studies	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Home Economics:			
Food and Nut	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Home Economics:			
Fab and Fash	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Tech Drawing	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Woodwork	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Metalwork	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Accounting	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Other subjects you took for exams			
.....	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n _ _
.....	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n _ _
.....	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n _ _
.....	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat O <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n _ _

Please write here the total number of subjects you sat at O grade in fourth year...

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Rec 44 Card 2
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Rec 44 Card 3
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After school

1. We would like to know what you were doing at the beginning of last October (1984).

a. Were you then...

tick one box

dooctv

- ...on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)? 1
- ...in a full-time job but not YTS? 2
- ...unemployed and looking for work? 3
- ...in full-time education but not YTS? 4
- ...doing something else? 5

donowv

b. Are you now...

tick one box

- ...on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)? 1
- ...in a full-time job but not YTS? 2
- ...unemployed and looking for work? 3
- ...in full-time education but not YTS? 4
- ...doing something else? 5

ifjbytsv

The next few questions are for those in a job or on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS). If you are not in a job and not on YTS please go to the next page

jobsc80v

2. In what sort of business do you work? (eg department store, college, building firm)

job1v

a. What is the name of your job or YTS scheme?

jobcodev

b. Describe the actual work you do in your job or scheme

earn2v

3. Last week, what was your pay from this job or scheme? £.....:.....p give weekly amount before stoppages (eg tax and National Insurance)

hrworkv

4. How many hours did you work last week in your job or scheme, not counting lunch breaks?hours

travcostv

5. Thinking about getting to your job or scheme last week, how much did it cost? £.....:.....p give weekly amount

prefjobv

6. Would you have entered this job or scheme if other jobs had been easier to get? yes. 1 no 2

apprentv

7. Are you an apprentice? yes. 1 no 2

dobrainv

8. Are you doing (or have you done) any training in this job or scheme? yes. 1 no 2

trngyrv

If YES:

trngmthv

How long does (or did) the training last?yrs....mths....wks

trngwk v

training last?

Your courses

The questions on this page are about courses at colleges or training centres.

If you have started any course since leaving school, including those for YTS, please answer the questions below. If not, please go to the next page

anycrsev

- Please give details of any course(s) you have started: If you have started a programme of National Certificate modules, (sometimes known as 16+ or SCOTVEC modules), answer about your main area of study

subjl v to subj5 v
 qual1 v to qual5 v
 ismain1 v to ismain5 v

qualification (if any)
aimed at
 (eg C and G, RSA, SNC)
 If none write '0'

name of course or
main subject(s) studied
 (eg Electrical Engineering,
 Secretarial Studies)

.....

ybspstv

- If you did more than one course please underline your main course.

- Is this part of YTS?

yes

no

instv

- What is the name of your college or training centre? (eg Ayr College, Govan Training Centre, 'Sight and Sound')

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crstypv

- Is (or was) the course... tick one box

...full-time? 1

...sandwich? 2

...block release? 3

...day release? 4

...other part time? 5

(please say which).....

crsyrv
 crsemthv
 crstlv

- How long does (or did) the course last? If not known, write 'don't know'

.....yrs

.....mths

- Are you still taking the course?

yes 1

no 2

- Did you receive enough guidance at college when choosing your courses?

yes 1

no 2

Under the new Action Plan, many courses now include National Certificate modules (sometimes known as 16+ or SCOTVEC modules).

modknowv

- Does your course include any of these modules?

yes 1

no 2

don't know. 3

rmodpassv

- How many modules have you been awarded since leaving school? If none write '0'

rmodallv

- How many modules do you think you will have taken by July 1985? Include all modules you have taken, whether at school or at college. If none write '0'

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Jobs and YTS

numjobsu

1. How many full-time jobs (if any) have you had since leaving school? Don't include YTS traineeships here
If none write '0'

..... jobs

fjobmthv
fjobyrv

2. When did you start your first full-time job (if any) after you left school? Don't include YTS traineeships here
month.....
year: 19.....

ytsofferu

3. Have you ever been offered a place on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)?
yes.
no

4. Here are some things people have said about the Youth Training Scheme (YTS). On balance, what do you think?
tick one box for each

The Youth Training Scheme...

ybsthksv

Agree

Not sure

Disagree

...helps unemployed people to find jobs 1 2 3

...is a source of cheap labour 1 2 3

...gives people interesting things to do 1 2 3

...is just to keep unemployment figures down 1 2 3

...is a useful way to get training 1 2 3

to
ybstak9v

ytsneveru

5. Have you ever started on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)?
Count any scheme you are now on

YES 1

NO 2 → If NO, please go to the next page

If YES:

When did you start on the YTS? month.....
year: 19.....

ytsmthrv
ytsyrv

ytsshopv

6. Have you left your first scheme?
yes.
no

If YES:

Why did you leave this scheme?

ytsyluv

goodytsv

7. Thinking about your present or most recent scheme, do you think this scheme is well run?
yes.
no

recytsv

8. Would you recommend your scheme to other young people?
yes.
no

stilytsv

9. Are you still on this scheme?
yes.
no

If YES:

When your scheme ends, do you think you will be kept on by your YTS employer or sponsor?
yes
no.
don't know.

ytsnextv

Looking ahead

pastboku

1. On the whole, do you feel that the way you have spent the past six months has been worthwhile?
tick one box
- very worthwhile
- worthwhile in some ways
- not worthwhile.

dohopev

2. In one year's time, do you hope to be:
tick one box
- a YTS trainee or on another training scheme? 1
 - in a full-time paid job? 2
 - in full-time education? 3
 - doing full-time unpaid work looking after the home (or family)? 4
 - doing something else? 5
(please say what).....
.....
.....

doexpv

3. In one year's time, do you think you will actually be:
tick one box
- a YTS trainee or on another training scheme? 1
 - in a full-time paid job? 2
 - in full-time education? 3
 - doing full-time unpaid work looking after the home (or family)? 4
 - unemployed and looking for work? 5
 - doing something else? 6
(please say what).....
.....
.....

If you are now in a permanent job, please go to the next page
If you are not now in a permanent job, please answer questions 4 and 5 below

earnex2v

4. If you got a permanent job next week, what do you think your pay would be?
write as weekly pay before stoppages (eg tax and National Insurance)
- £.....:.....p

minwag2v

5. What is the lowest weekly wage at which you would consider accepting a permanent job?
write as weekly pay before stoppages (eg tax and National Insurance)
- £.....:.....p

Your family

brothers
sisters

1. How many brothers and sisters do you have?
If none write '0'brotherssisters

staywkv

2. In your fourth year at secondary school who did you usually stay with during the school week? tick one box

mother and father	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	father only	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
mother and step-father	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	boarding school	<input type="checkbox"/>	6
father and step-mother	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	school hostel	<input type="checkbox"/>	7
mother only	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	other	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

staynowv

3. Who do you stay with now? Please underline on the list above

givekeepv

4. How much did you give toward board and keep last week? ('dig money')
If nothing write '0' f.:p
give weekly amount

5. Please tell us about your mother and father.
tick one box for your mother and one for your father

mumnowv
dadnowv

Are they now...

	mother	father
...in full-time paid employment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...in part-time paid employment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...unemployed and looking for work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...retired?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...full-time working in the home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...unable to work (eg disabled)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...dead?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Please tell us about your parents' (or step-parents') jobs.
(If they are not working at the moment, please tell us about the most recent job each has held.)

mumsc80v
mumjob1v
mumcodev
dadsc80v
dadjob1v
dadcodev

	mother	father
a. In what type of business do they work? (eg shop, school)
b. What is the name of the job? (eg shop assistant, teacher) Please also mention any qualification or rank that either parent holds
c. Please describe briefly what kind of work they do in their jobs

mummpstv
dadmpstv

7. Are your mother and father self-employed?
tick one box for each

	mother	father
yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
no	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

mumschlv
dadschlv

8. How old were your mother and father when they left school?
tick one box for each

	mother	father
15 years old or less	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 years old or more	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>