

Observations from GCSE success factor questionnaires

- Boys tend to get bored and misbehave more easily
- Boys have a higher - if false - opinion of their abilities
- Boys rated support from family higher
- White FSM boys made more use of homework clubs
- NON FSM boys from C and I misbehaved more when bored
- Girls have a clearer idea about future plans than boys
- Most of my friends wanted to do well at GCSE ranked 4th with all groups: peer support positive.
- Enjoyment of subjects was more important for the White FSM
- Having same sex role models ranked very low for all pupils
- Having some form of mentoring ranked low with the students at C and I and only slightly better with the White FSM

Girls C and I results

What were the most important factors in your success?

Please score each one out of 5. A score of 1 means yes that's very true of me. A score of 5 means no not true of my experience at all. Scores of 2, 3 and 4 mean somewhere in between.

Lower the score, the truer the statement

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Ave</i>
<i>I am doing 'A' levels</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<i>I hope to go to University</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1.4</i>
<i>I did well at primary school</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>1.95</i>
<i>Most of my friends wanted to do well at GCSE</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>2.09</i>
<i>I enjoyed primary school</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>2.14</i>
<i>I was always in the top sets in secondary school</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>2.14</i>
<i>I have never been in trouble with the police</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>2.14</i>
<i>I enjoyed the subjects I passed.</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>2.18</i>
<i>I felt safe at school</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>2.18</i>
<i>I found the work at Key Stage 3 easy</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>2.18</i>
<i>I felt valued and respected at school</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>2.23</i>
<i>My friends and peers supported and encouraged me at school</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>2.32</i>
<i>I have had professional advice about my future career</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>2.32</i>
<i>I know exactly what I want to do next in my life</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>2.32</i>
<i>I found a lot of the work at GCSE easy</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>2.59</i>
<i>I am going to get/have got a job when I leave</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>2.68</i>
<i>I had good teachers</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>2.77</i>
<i>I always knew I was clever</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>2.77</i>
<i>There were good school facilities</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>2.82</i>
<i>I miss-behaved when I was bored</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>2.90</i>
I had support and help from my family	67	3.05
I used after school and/or lunchtime clubs e.g. homework club.	67	3.05
I had positive role models outside of school	68	3.09
I always had plenty of space to do my homework	69	3.13
I had lots of role models who were the same sex as me	76	3.45
Most of my teachers were men (primary and secondary)	81	3.68
I had some form of mentoring to help me	84	3.82
I didn't feel safe at school	93	4.23
I pretended not to be clever to fit in	94	4.27
I got bullied and picked on for doing well	100	4.55
I am doing a Vocational Course	107	4.86

Total 22 Girl

Boys C and I Results

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	<i>Total</i>	<i>Average</i>
<i>I am doing 'A' levels</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>I always knew I was clever</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1.11</i>
<i>I hope to go to University</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>1.44</i>
<i>Most of my friends wanted to do well at GCSE</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1.66</i>
<i>I did well at primary school</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1.66</i>
<i>I found the work at Key Stage 3 easy</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1.66</i>
<i>I felt safe at school</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1.78</i>
<i>I miss-behaved when I was bored</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1.78</i>
<i>I enjoyed primary school</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>2.22</i>
<i>I had support and help from my family</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>2.33</i>
<i>There were good school facilities</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>2.44</i>
<i>I found a lot of the work at GCSE easy</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>2.44</i>
<i>I always had plenty of space to do my homework</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>2.44</i>
<i>I am going to get/have got a job when I leave</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>2.44</i>
<i>I had good teachers</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>2.67</i>
<i>I had positive role models outside of school</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>2.67</i>
<i>I was always in the top sets in secondary school</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>2.67</i>
<i>My friends and peers supported and encouraged me at school</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2.78</i>
<i>I felt valued and respected at school</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>2.89</i>
I have had professional advice about my future career	27	3
Most of my teachers were men (primary and secondary)	28	3.11
I enjoyed the subjects I passed.	29	3.22
I used after school and/or lunchtime clubs e.g. homework club.	29	3.22
I had some form of mentoring to help me	29	3.22
I know exactly what I want to do next in my life	30	3.33
I had lots of role models who were the same sex as me	33	3.67
I have never been in trouble with the police	35	3.89
I didn't feel safe at school	41	4.56
I pretended not to be clever to fit in	42	4.67
I got bullied and picked on for doing well	43	4.78
I am doing a Vocational Course	45	5

Total 9 boys

Rank order of results from 4 out of 7 White FSM boys returning the questionnaire

Statement and total score in order	Average Score 1 very true ----- 5 Not me at all
6 I enjoyed the subjects I passed.	1.5
7 I had support and help from my family	1.75
7 I used after school and/or lunchtime clubs e.g. homework club.	1.75
7 Most of my friends wanted to do well at GCSE	1.75
7 I enjoyed primary school	1.75
8 I had good teachers	2
8 I did well at primary school	2
9 I found a lot of the work at GCSE easy	2.25
10 I felt valued and respected at school	2.5
10 I always had plenty of space to do my homework	2.5
10 I always knew I was clever	2.5
10 I was always in the top sets in secondary school	2.5
10 I found the work at Key Stage 3 easy	2.5
10 I have had professional advice about my future career	2.5
11 I had positive role models outside of school	2.75
11 There were good school facilities	2.75
11 I felt safe at school	2.75
11 I had some form of mentoring to help me	2.75
11 I have never been in trouble with the police	2.75
11 I know exactly what I want to do next in my life	2.75
11 I hope to go to University	2.75
12 My friends and peers supported and encouraged me at school	3
12 I miss-behaved when I was bored	3
12 Most of my teachers were men (primary and secondary)	3
12 I am going to do 'A' levels	3
12 I am going to college to do a vocational course	3
15 I got bullied and picked on for doing well	3.75
15 I didn't feel safe at school	3.75
16 I am going to get/have got a job immediately	4
17 I had lots of male role models	4.25
18 I pretended not to be clever to fit in	4.5