

# Life as a Student



We were sent to find out what the students of Imberhorne thought about quality of teaching, lesson and life at school. A lot of the students shared very similar sentiments. For example, 90% of interviewed pupils (year 8) agreed that their teachers put too much pressure on the importance and preparation for GCSEs despite them being three years away. Many of them also mentioned if they like a certain teacher they will often work harder. A particular student told us, "I find if I like a teacher I often enjoy lessons, concentrate and contribute more." However, another student said: "sometimes, I believe even if a teacher is strict it doesn't affect my learning." A staggering number of people (including parents) share this view and believe that having a stricter teacher can actually improve grades and learning as these teachers are much less likely to tolerate bad behaviour.



Another popular view among students is working in groups helps "get things done quicker and gives us a chance to share ideas with others".



We also found that there was a good balance between students that thought they were more creative and those who thought they were more logical. One pupil stated, "I'm much more creative and I prefer subjects where I am able to use my imagination compared to subjects such as maths and science."

We also found out that a substantial number of children admitted they do not read enough. However, many of them mentioned that they would like to read more and improve their reading level but they find it difficult to find the time as well as a book that interests them. This links in with the recent study showing only around 40% of teenagers reading for pleasure. One student asked us: "Does social media (Instagram, twitter etc.) count?" This also shows us how teens nowadays are much more involved online than they used to be. They would much rather be on social media than being productive and active and pursue hobbies, sports etc.

Finally, we asked them if they were enjoying their time at school and what they plan to do in the future. All of them assured us they enjoy school and were all very ambitious about what they were planning to do later in life.

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