

Sometimes school is a good laugh, but most of the time it is boring. When I'm out of school and in my own clothes, I feel older and as if I've been let out of prison, because when I'm in school I feel and look so small and have to wonder whether everything I do is allowed in our pathetic list of rules. We are 15 years old and are treated like ten year olds, our uniform is the worst thing. It is the most strict uniform in Plymouth and is meant to look smart, but I don't think tents as skirts look very smart!

Education of some sort is important and I am glad I've been able to be educated, although some things we learn are useless. There aren't many jobs around nowadays and there is more of a chance of getting one if you have qualifications. A lot of people get really good exam results and can't get a job, that is really bad and a waste of time. On the whole, it is much safer to look for a job with qualifications, because you definitely won't get a good job without any.

Being educated is so boring and dull, I hate most subjects. I think the school hours should be cut down because we spend so much time there. Some teachers are o.k. but others are bad; I am more willing to work for a teacher I like and they are the not so strict ones. A couple of teachers are right Hitlers, and I don't work so good as I could with them because they make me feel so small and a criminal and always wrong. I hate the teachers who think they are always right and us pupils never have any opinions about anything.

I have such a horrible feeling Monday morning, just thinking about all the lessons ahead that week. If we weren't made to do so much writing and more talking, then it would be better. Another really boring thing in school is assemblies. We are made to stand and listen to a teacher or the head going on about something that usually turns out religious. I bet more than 6 out of 10 girls in our assemblies don't believe in God or Jesus and we still have to stay so silent and listen.

The things I like most about school are the Games lessons and the dinner times where we all pile in the bogs and get shouted at by the dinner bags who come in every minute and try and catch us smoking or doing other things we shouldn't be doing.

Sometimes we have school field trips which we don't have to pay for, so that is quite good.

Near the end of a term at school it is better. The timetable is changed, so we don't have so many lessons. On the very last day of term it's bad because we are not allowed out in the playground 'cause the boys next door bung eggs and water over the wall. The teachers think that our parents would go mental if we had any egg stains on our uniforms. Some parents would mind, but most of 'em don't care coz the uniforms are washed at the end of terms anyway.

I think we should be allowed to wear make-up because most girls like to wear it and it wouldn't harm anyone if we did wear it. Some girls wear a little make-up but usually get 'caught' and are told to wipe it off.

I also think that the 16 year olds should be allowed to smoke at dinner times with the parents' permission if they wanted, coz it's their health they're ruining.

My personal feelings about school are, I would enjoy it more if it wasn't so strict.