

Scottish Young People's Survey 1985

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

Questionnaire version: C1

(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.

You and your school

frthokv

1. On the whole, do you feel your fourth year at school was worthwhile? yes. ☐
no ☐

truant2v

2. How often did you play truant in your fourth year ?
tick one box
- never ☐
a lesson here and there ☐
a day here and there. ☐
several days at a time. ☐
weeks at a time ☐

leftschv

3. Have you left school?

YES ☐ 1

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

If YES:

When did you leave school?

month:.....

year:19.....

mtyleftv
yrleftv

leavrv

4. Do you think that leaving school then was the right decision for you? yes. ☐
no ☐

ysclv1v
to

5. Why did you leave school when you did?
tick all the reasons that applied

I did not think I could get any better exam results at school ☐

I needed the money from a job. ☐

I had all the O grades needed for the job or course I wanted ☐

I was fed up with school ☐

I wanted to start a particular job while I had the chance ☐

I wanted to join the Youth Training Scheme ☐

My parents advised me to leave school. ☐

I felt I would prefer life at work or college to life at school. ☐

I wanted to get a job and be self-supporting. ☐

ysclv9v

ysclvumv

6. Which of these was the most important reason? Please underline it on the list above

jobfixdv

7. Did you have a full-time job fixed up before you left school? yes. ☐
no ☐

twinstayv
regdstyv

8. Where are you now staying?

name of town or village.....

name of Region or County.....

ptjb 4th

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.

Voc exam

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 the next page

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		

3. How did you study for these qualifications while you were in fourth year?

tick yes or no for each one

Did you study...

	yes	no
...in classes at your own school?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
...in classes at another school?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
...in classes at an FE college in school time?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
...in evening classes at an FE college?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
...in other classes?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

please say which

how std 1

to

how std 5

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 - scesubj 2

	third year SJ	fourth year S4
eg Greek	3rd <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4th <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PE (Physical Education)	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
RE (Religious Education)	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
English	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Arithmetic	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Chemistry	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Physics	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Biology	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Anatomy, Physiology and Health	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Geography	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
History	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Modern Studies	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
French	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
German	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Art and Design	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Secretarial Studies	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Home Economics:		
Food and Nutrition	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Home Economics:		
Fabric and Fashion	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Technical Drawing	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Woodwork	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Metalwork	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Accounting	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
Write here all your other third/fourth year subjects		
.....	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
.....	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
.....	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
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.....	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>
.....	3rd <input type="checkbox"/>	4th <input type="checkbox"/>

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 0 grade in it,
3. Ring your 0 grade result.

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

	tick if sat prelim	tick if sat 0	ring 0 grade result (n=no award)
eg Greek	sat prelim <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A B C D <u>E</u> n
English	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Arithmetic	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Mathematics	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Chemistry	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Physics	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Biology	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
APH	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Geography	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
History	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Modern Studies	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
French	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
German	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Art and Design	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Sec Studies	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Home Economics:			
Food and Nut	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Home Economics:			
Fab and Fash	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Tech Drawing	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Woodwork	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Metalwork	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Accounting	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
Other subjects you took for exams			
.....	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n _ _
.....	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n _ _
.....	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n _ _
.....	sat prelim <input type="checkbox"/>	sat 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n _ _

Please write here the total number of subjects you sat at 0 grade in fourth year...

Now go to PART 2

Rec 44 Card 1
(01-11) 12-74
Rec 44 Card 2
(01-11) 12-74
Rec 44 Card 3
(01-11) 12-74
75-76
77-78

The next few questions are about decisions you made and the advice you received while you were in fourth year.

1. When you were in your fourth year at school...
tick yes or no for each one

S4SSpry v
S4SSbcnv
S4SSjobv
S4SSbcyv
S4SSprnv

	yes	no
...did your parents want you to stay on for another year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...did any of your teachers advise you to leave?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...were you seriously looking for a job?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...did any of your teachers advise you to stay on?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...did your parents want you to leave?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SS friendv

2. In your fourth year, did most of your friends decide to stay on for a fifth year at school?

bursSknv

3. Did you know that it is possible to receive a grant for staying on in your fifth year at school (called a 'Higher School Bursary')?

Start5v

4. Did you start a fifth year at school?
- YES ☐ NO ☐ → If NO, please go to the next page
- If YES:

Please complete one line for each 0 grade subject that you were studying at the start of fifth year.
Tick if you...

subject	sat prelim	sat 0 grade	ring fifth year result
See rec36-scesubj2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A B C D E n

intend5th

5. When you started your fifth year, how many exams did you intend to sit at the end of it? If none write '0'
- number of subjects

Higher exams intended
0 grade exams intended
Other exams intended:
(please say which)

See rec43-Sch/qual

sit5th

6. In your fifth year did you sit any Highers exams?
- yes.
no

7. Write here all the other school activities, not mentioned above, which you have done or are doing in fifth year:

See rec42-othrsubj

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

a. Were you then...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Thinking about getting to your job or scheme last week, how long did it usually take to get there? (one-way journey) hours
 mins

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

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

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

If YES:

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

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

anyerseu

- 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

subjlv to subj5v

qualification (if any)

aimed at

qual1v to qual5v

(eg C and G, RSA, SNC)

If none write '0'

ismain1v to ismain5v

name of course or

main subject(s) studied

(eg Electrical Engineering, Secretarial Studies)

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ytsparbv

- 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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crstypev

- 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).....

crsxyrv
crsemthv
crsstlv

- 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).

- Does your course include any of these modules?

yes. ☐ 1

no. ☐ 2

don't know. ☐ 3

nmodpassv

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

nmodallv

- 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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.....

numjobsv

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.....

ytsoffrv

3. Have you ever been offered a place on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)?

yes. ☐ 1no ☐ 2

refytsv

4. Have you ever turned down the offer of a place on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)?

yes. ☐ 1no ☐ 2

ytsyrf1v

ytsyrf2v

If YES, why was this?

.....

.....

ytseverv

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.....

ytsmthv

ytsyrv

jnyts1v

to

jnyts6v

6. Why did you join the scheme?
Was it because you... tick all that applied

...couldn't find a job ☐...wanted to be trained. ☐...liked the idea of the scheme. ☐...wanted more money ☐...wanted something to do. ☐...thought it would help you get a job ☐

jnytemv

7. Which of these was the most important reason? Please underline it on the list above

goodytsv

8. Thinking about your present or most recent scheme, do you think this scheme is well run?

yes. ☐ 1no ☐ 2

recytsv

stilytsv

9. Would you recommend your scheme to other young people?

yes. ☐ 1no ☐ 2

10. Are you still on this scheme?

yes. ☐ 1no ☐ 2

If YES:

When your scheme ends, do
you think you will be
kept on by your YTS
employer or sponsor?

yes ☐ 1no. ☐ 2don't know. ☐ 3

ytsnextv

past6okv

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 ☐ 1
worthwhile in some ways ☐ 2
not worthwhile. ☐ 3

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

earn expv

4. If you got a permanent job next week, what do you think your pay would be?
write as weekly take home pay
- £.....:.....p

minwagev

5. What is the lowest weekly wage at which you would consider accepting a permanent job?
write as weekly take home pay
- £.....:.....p

brothers
sisters

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

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') f. p
If nothing write '0' give weekly amount

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

Are they now...

mumnowv

dadnowv

	mother	father
...in full-time paid employment?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
...in part-time paid employment?	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
...unemployed and looking for work?	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
...retired?	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
...full-time working in the home?	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
...unable to work (eg disabled)?	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
...dead?	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
...don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

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? yes mother ☐ 1 father ☐ 1
tick one box for each no. mother ☐ 2 father ☐ 2

mumschlv
dadschlv

8. How old were your mother and father when they left school? 15 years old or less mother ☐ 1 father ☐ 1
16 years old mother ☐ 2 father ☐ 2
17 years old or more mother ☐ 3 father ☐ 3
tick one box for each don't know mother ☐ 4 father ☐ 4

Thank you very much for filling in this questionnaire. Next year, we may wish to contact you again, to see how you are getting on. We do hope you'll help us again then. Please could you answer the questions below?

1. Are your name and address on the label of this questionnaire correct?

yes.....☐ 1

no.....☐ 2

If NO, please write in the correct details here.

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.....
.....
..... Postcode

Would you like to tell us more about yourself, in your own words?

Do you think that doing well at school matters? Is it important to pass exams and to get certificates? Or is it better to spend your time doing other things? How could exams be made fairer?

Do you think you'll ever want to go back to college when you're older? Will you need more training or qualifications in the future, to help you in what you want to do?

We will read very carefully what you write here.