



**Private Schools**

**This lesson deals with the issue of private schools in Britain.**

Go through the PPT and answer the questions at the end – also, read the article ‘private schools’ which will help you with your answers.

There are roughly 2,600 private schools in the UK, which educate around **615,000** children; this makes up 7 per cent of all British children and 18 per cent of pupils over the age of 16.

Some of the most famous private schools include:

- Harrow
- Eton
- Westminster
- St. Paul's
- Charterhouse

Of course, there are also some local private schools

- Teesside High
- Yarm School

Parents have to pay to send their children to private schools.

Eton charges roughly £14,000 a term (that roughly £42,000 a year).  
It's a little cheaper at Yarm School – a bargain at only £4,400 a term!

Boris Johnson (he's the Prime Minister) went to Eton School and then studied at Oxford.

### **Something to do:**

[01] How many other members of the government went to private school?

[02] What percentage of students at Oxford and Cambridge went to private school?

# Harrow School





Eton School

# Westminster School



# Marlborough School





### **[01] Odd one out?**

- Westminster School
- Eton School
- Conyers School
- Teesside High School

### **[02] Odd one out?**

- Yarm School
- Egglecliffe School
- Conyers School
- All Saints School

### **[03] Odd one out?**

- Egglecliffe School
  - Conyers School
  - Yarm School
  - Teesside High School
- (this question is slightly harder)*

**Read the article 'Private Schools' and answer the following questions:**

[01] What is meant by **social mobility**?

[02] What are some of the advantages of going to a private school?  
(think of three points)

[03] What might be some disadvantages of attending a private school?  
(think of three points)

[04] What is meant by a **meritocracy**? (you need to find out what this means)

[05] Children who have been to the top private schools in England are far more likely to secure well paid, powerful jobs than children who have attended state schools;

Write a short paragraph on your views in this

## **[05] Do you agree or disagree with these statements?**

*Write your 'A' or 'D' answers (or 'tick' or 'cross' with the answers to the questions on the previous slide)*

Private schools . . . .

[01] Ensure that students from all social backgrounds mix with each other

[02] Enable the wealthy to remain wealthy and in power

[03] Provide greater opportunities for pupils in the British education system

[04] Enable the most talented students to get the best jobs

[05] Provide more choice for parents

[06] Motivate poorer people / families to improve upon themselves

[07] Ensure that Britain has a highly skilled workforce

[08] Should be abolished

A couple of things you may like to watch . . .

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5zjX7cQqNU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5zjX7cQqNU)

Harrow (part 8)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KH9XAdJgvo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KH9XAdJgvo)

Sunningdale prep school