

Since schools started way back in the past, children have hated it, be it the service military style of Public schools, or the boredom of an ordinary comprehensive system. As for me I've experienced both styles of education.

Firstly, came the Public school. This I did enjoy, although there was an undoubted feeling of discipline in the air, almost a fear, keeping us from misbehaving, it made people become friends with each other more easily, but also very loyal to one another. The teachers were strict, giving out corporal punishment to one after slack work. At no matter what type of school it is, I think this should not be administered. Many a time friends had hoped to receive the 'STRAP' rather than stay behind after the school had closed to write some silly little explanation as to why they were sitting there. The only time physical punishment will work is when used upon a 1st year student. Although the sound of the Public school seems bad, people came out with a good education and a certain arrogance, both of which I think are needed more than ever in today's society.

After three years, and some hard work, my school turned comprehensive. It was a sad time for us all, lost was everything. We left the great old building with its grounds and went to a structural monstrosity. Friends became divided, and a hatred which had always been withint the pupils began to show. Vandalism, fighting and a carefree attitude came about as if to blame the teachers. The teachers weren't unaffected, they became slack and the whole education of many pupils went steadily downhill. I think it's just depressing, although I know there is no real solution. Public schools should hever have been wiped out like they have.