

British Schools Explained

AMERICAN SCHOOLS	BRITISH SCHOOLS
Private schools	
Public schools	

1. Watch the video and complete the gaps with one or two words.

Americans tend to think that the schools in Britain where students live in a (1)..... and wear (2)..... are called (3)..... Some public schools don't call themselves that, but instead they call themselves (4)..... or (5)..... schools.

Most state schools are comprehensive, meaning that they (6)..... Students of every academic ability, but there was a system that's still (7)..... in some areas, of secondary modern and grammar schools. There, kids take a test at (8)..... to see what type of school they'll go to. The grammar schools being more academic whereas the secondary modern more (9).....

Church schools

Many schools in the UK, both (10)..... and (11)....., are church schools. Oddly, this does not translate into later church (12)....., which is much lower in the UK than it is in the US.

Uniforms

The idea behind it was to create a sense of (13)..... and (14).....

Prefects

In British schools, all students can be chosen to be prefects. It mostly entails (15).....the.....and stopping younger kids from hitting each other. You do get a cool (16)....., though.

Head boy and head girl

They attend school council meetings and give a (17).....at prize giving at the end of the year. Prize giving is the closest thing that British have to the graduation ceremony.

Exams

You take GCSE's at (18).....and then A-level at (19)..... Also, in Scotland they study for Highers instead of A-levels. GCSE's used to be called O-levels.

Revision

It's what British call (20).....for.....

Juniors and Senior

Instead of America's elementary, middle school and so on, British schools are divided into juniors and seniors. Junior school, also called (21)....., is for 4 to 11 year-olds. Senior school is for 13 to 18 year-olds. In some public schools they're divided a little differently. They have pre-prep from 4 to (22)....., prep from 7 to 13 and then senior from 13 to 18.

Sixth form

The last 2 years of school is called the sixth form, divided into the (23).....sixth and the (24).....sixth. The name is a (25).....from a previous, more complicated system of naming classes, which has stuck around for some reason. In many schools sixth-formers are given a lot more freedom than the other students, often being allowed to wear their (26).....

University

You apply to do a (27)..... to British university and only study that one thing. Bachelor's degrees generally take (28).....