

Total number

The group of non-smokers were asked various questions with regard to the reaction of the community on smoking. As such the following questions were asked: Do boys who smoke have more friends?, are they more appealing?, are they more intelligent or do they have a more macho appearance? 30.6% remarked that they have more friends, 25.5% thinks they are more appealing while 15.6% shares the opinion that they are more intelligent or have a more macho appearance.

When these questions were asked to the group of smokers, their reaction was that respectively% of the smokers are more attractive while 15.6% shared the opinion that smokers appear more intelligent or that they have a more macho appearance.

When these questions were asked to the group of non-smoking girls with regard to group of smoking boys, their reaction was respectively 31.7%, 24.8% and 16.1%. There are no striking differences between these groups.

When these questions were asked with regard to the group of smoking girls, the opinion of the group of non-smoking boys was 24.2%, 18.0% and 11.6% respectively. Among the group of non-smoking girls, 25.5% stated that they have more friends, 16.7% thinks they are more appealing and 12.5% shares the opinion that they are more intelligent or that they appear more sophisticated. When these questions were put before the group of smoking girls with regard to the group of smoking boys, there reaction was 21.0%, 27.6% and 26.8% respectively. There are striking differences nevertheless with regard to the opinion of smokers among boys and girls on the effect of smoking on themselves and their fellow-companions.

Table 7: Questions with regard to the reaction of the environment on smoking

	Non smoking boys		Non smoking girls		Smoking boys		Smoking girls	
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
More friends	28.3	24.2	31.7	25.5	28.7	18.7	21.0	15.7
More attractive	26.9	18.0	24.8	16.7	29.4	15.6	27.6	16.1
More intelligent/ macho appearance/more sophisticated	15.6	11.6	16.1	12.5	33.8	25.9	26.8	18.0
Helps to have a more calm feeling/at events, parties, social meetings	29.4		25.1		35.4		38.7	

Both non-smokers and smokers were asked the question as to who shared the firm opinion that smoking is bad for your health. Among non-smoking boys and girls: the answer was 59.8% and 64.6%. They were asked afterwards if they shared the opinion that smoking by others can harm your health. 36.5% of the smoking boys answered confirmatively while 53.4% of the

smoked in their presence either at home or elsewhere, within the past 7 days. 46.9% of the non-smoking boys and 51.6% of the non-smoking girls experienced this as a problem at home. The percentages among the smoking groups are higher, 68.2% for the boys and 76.8% for the girls. They were then asked if someone had smoked in their presence within the past 7 days, either at home or elsewhere. Among the non-smoking group, 60.6% of the boys and 59.6% of the girls answered “Yes”. This information clearly shows that the youngsters in the non-smoking group are passive smokers while the youngsters in the smoking group are active- and passive smokers.

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Table 8: Questions with regard to the reaction of the environment towards smoking

	Non smokers MULO		Non smokers LBGO		Non smokers LTS	
	B	G	B	G	B	G
More friends	27.7	21.0	35.8	34.0	27.5	22.6
More attractive	17.7	10.7	41.9	28.5	-	-
More intelligent/ macho appearance/more sophisticated	11.3	8.8	25.3	20.8	-	12.8
Helps to have a more calm feeling/at events, parties, social meetings	25.3		29.3		-	

Remarkable from table 8 is the fact that strikingly higher percentages were noted among non-smoking LBGO students. Table 8 shows us that both non-smokers and smokers at LBGO shared the same opinion with regard to this question. Almost a third of these students (28.5%) think that girls appear more attractive and 41.9% thinks this to be so for the boys. More than a third shares the opinion that smoking boys (35.8%) and girls (34.0%) have more friends. The non-smoking MULO students have qualified smoking lower but more than a fifth thinks that smoking boys (27.7%) and smoking girls (21.0%) attract more friends.

Surprisingly in this group of smokers is the fact that the smoking MULO students plainly share the same opinion as the smoking LBGO students with regard to being ‘more appealing’ (see table 9). A remarkable difference is nevertheless ‘having more friends’.

Twice as much LBGO students as MULO students think that boys have more friends. 38.5% and 19.2% respectively. This while the difference in percentage is even three times more among the girls. 32.7% and 10.1% respectively.

Table 9: Questions with regard to the reaction of the environment towards smoking

	Non smokers MULO		Non smokers LBGO		Non smokers LTS	
	B	G	B	G	B	G
More friends	19.2	10.1	38.5	32.7	19.4	10.5
More attractive	32.4	17.2	30.3	14.3	-	-
More intelligent/ macho appearance/more sophisticated	34.4	22.7	31.9	28.9	-	-
Helps to have a more calm feeling/at events, parties, social meetings	41.5		44.4		-	

Both non-smokers and smokers were asked about their firm opinion with regard to smoking being bad for your health. This question was asked to the non-smoking and smoking MULO students. The answer was 91.9% and 75.4%. The question was then asked if they share the opinion that smoking by others could be harmful to your health. The answer was 65.7% and 50.2% respectively. The non-smoking and smoking LBGO students were asked the same question: the answer was 75.4% and 64.5% respectively. The question was then asked whether they share the opinion that smoking by others can be harmful for your health. The answers were 53.9% and 42.2% respectively.

The question was then asked to the students whether someone smoked in their presence either at home or elsewhere, within the past 7 days. The non-smoking and smoking MULO students gave a positive reaction to the question with regard to someone smoking in their presence at home, namely 47.1% and 74.9% respectively. To the question whether someone has smoked in his or her presence elsewhere the positive reaction was 60.0% and 82.3% respectively.

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IV. Attitude towards stopping with smoking

A third of the active smokers would rather stop smoking. This means that there is a great need for help during stopping with smoking. This is also clear from the fact that 68% have tried to