

LSFS21 9.6.89 [NAME OF SCHOOL]

From [SOUTH ASIA], family are Muslims although not devout in sense that don't go to mosque, father (reformed alcoholic with religious conversion!) prays at home. She is quite glamorous in appearance, wearing dark eyeliner and bright red lipstick and large gold coloured ear-rings. Long black hair in curly style below her shoulders. Wearing black trouser suit and a large jacket on top of this. Clearly not school uniform. She has an older sister and various older brothers, she is the youngest and a girl. Feels her parents are less liberal with her than they have been with her sister. They are going for a holiday to [SOUTH ASIA] this summer and if her sister, or indeed herself, sees anyone that they would like to marry, than that's okay. She says arranged marriage is okay because they are allowed to say no, so they don't have to marry anyone they don't want to. But she'd prefer to marry for love so as not to end up like her mum, who complains that life has never been as good since she got married, and her parents sleep separately.

She does not want to have sex before marriage, would prefer it after, and also for sake of parents and reputation etc. Talks a bit about how they check you are a virgin on your wedding night by seeing if there is blood when you have sex. Some girls cleverly choose to get married near their period so that this will cover for them! She hasn't ever had a boyfriend, although she fancied this boy and he asked her out just before half-term (a couple of weeks ago), but at the last moment he let her down and she doesn't really know why. She was very upset about it for quite a while afterwards, and still is.

Does not feel AIDS is of much relevance to her situation, not using drugs or having sex, and says would hope to find out all about prospective partner's previous relationships to see that this all right. She goes round in the same group of girls as LSFS20 and therefore also says that she does not talk to anybody about intimate aspects of sex or relationships.

She is willing to be re-interviewed in follow-up, and possibly would keep a diary - she writes a diary anyway.