

Science Debate Kit:
Unisex Toilets 

***Should schools make all
their toilets unisex?***

Starter – Think, pair, share

1. How do we define biological sex?
2. What does gender mean to you?
3. Where does gender come from?

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4. Does gender mean the same thing to you as to your parents/carers?
5. Do you think gender means the same thing wherever you are in the world?

Should schools make all their toilets unisex?

Yes

No

Don't know

Take a vote online and share your class thoughts:

surveygizmo.eu/s3/90113432/Unisex-Toilets-Debate-Kit

You can come back to this online survey throughout the debate.



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Foundation

Characters

Yes

Schools should make all their toilets unisex:

- **Nikki** - Trans teen
- **Silver** - Sci-fi author
- **Joe** - Husband
- **Robin** - Librarian

No

Schools should not make all their toilets unisex:

- **James** - Police officer
- **Caitlin** - Allergy sufferer
- **Brett** - Concerned father
- **Emily** - Teenage girl

Main debate

Split into groups (one for each character card).

1. Take a few minutes in your group to read your character card.



What are your first thoughts of this person?

Main debate

2. One person from each group reads out their **first section** to the rest of the class (stop before the fact).



What are your thoughts on the characters?

Pause the debate and do another online vote:

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3. One person from each group reads out their **fact** to the rest of the class.



Do the facts change the way you think?

Main debate

4. One person from each group reads out their **issue** to the rest of the class.



Any different feelings?

Main debate

5. Each group asks their question to the character of their choice.

Note – Character list on next slide if needed.



What might the character's response be?

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What do you think?

Do another online vote:

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Discuss your views as a class.

What do you think?

Write a sentence to show your opinion.

“I think schools should/shouldn’t have unisex toilets because...”

“I think ... is the most important thing to think about.”

Want more?!

For additional resources, student activities and references, go to:

debate.imascientist.org.uk/unisex-toilets-resources