Better to be smart or popular RESEARCH

**.** In high school are nerds unpopular because they are smart or because they really don’t want to be popular?

. “*Why don't smart kids make themselves popular? If they're so smart, why don't they figure out how popularity works and beat the system, just as they do for standardized tests”?* [**http://www.paulgraham.com/nerds.html**](http://www.paulgraham.com/nerds.html) **why Nerds Are So Unpopular**

***.***Are smart kids unpopular because popular people envy them being smart?

. If being smart is not a factor in popularity then maybe they just don’t want to be smart

. Kids want to be popular so bad that they put themselves down and make themselves depressed.

. “*Telling me that I didn't want to be popular would have seemed like telling someone dying of thirst in a desert that he didn't want a glass of water.”* [**http://www.paulgraham.com/nerds.html**](http://www.paulgraham.com/nerds.html) **Why Nerds Are So Unpopular**

. Nerds want to be popular but they want to be smart even more

. Being popular can be hard work trying to keep up your reputation, you have to think about what clothes are ‘in’ at the moment and how to style your hair so that it looks cool. Everyone’s eyes are watching you and if you make a mistake it could ruin your reputation.

. In the Oxford dictionary smart means 1. To be clean, neat, tidy and dressed well 2. To be intelligent. Where as to be popular means: to be liked or admired by many people or by a particular person or group.

. It does take work to get yourself popular

.one of the reasons that nerds are unpopular is because they don’t care about clothes or the fashion of today they would rather be reading or focusing on the natural side of the world.

. “*The popular kids learned to be popular, and to want to be popular, the same way the nerds learned to be smart, and to want to be smart: from their parents. While the nerds were being trained to get the right answers, the popular kids were being trained to please.”* [**http://www.paulgraham.com/nerds.html**](http://www.paulgraham.com/nerds.html) **why Nerds Are So Unpopular**

**.** Because nerds are at the bottom of the high school food chain hey are easy targets for bullies

. Being smart will be an advantage later in life when you are out working but to be in the working environment you also have to have social skills like being able to interact with workmates.

. People who are popular have the ability to socialise better and also have more confidence in themselves.

. People who have too much confidence and then boast or make themselves superior over others are usually the people that are not liked by others bellow them.

.To be popular you also have to be a good leader and have to be strong a confident.

.*advantages of being popular:*

* *People always want to be your friend*
* *People laugh at everything you say*
* *People want to be around you*
* *You can fit in easily wherever you go*

*.Some disadvantages of being popular:*

* *If someone doesn’t like you then they will mock you behind your back*
* *People might make fun of you behind your back*
* *People WILL get jealous of you*
* *People may start to spread false information about you.*

[**http://wiki.answers.com/Q/Advantages\_and\_disadvantages\_of\_being\_popular**](http://wiki.answers.com/Q/Advantages_and_disadvantages_of_being_popular)

. It is a stereotype that popular students in school are always good looking and mean. Some people become popular because they are friendly and are easy to talk to.