

Transcript

Matt

Child of Our Time: Turning 20

Matt:

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Teacher:

Matthew, when he first started, he was very quiet and hardly spoke at all. He is shy, he's a very gentle child, very gentle and sweet. That's his individual quality that he has.

Matt:

You could see in like the earlier shows that I was like so shy um and I'd literally like whenever we did the filming I'd just be like by my mum or dad like, literally just gripping on to their hand um and I didn't really like chat much with the other kids.

Dad:

Which one shall we have a look at? Which one do you want us to have a look at? Good, you show me. Right...

Developmental Psychologist:

He's a bit reluctant to let hold of his dad, so the impression you get is of an anxious little boy.

Dad:

What's in here? We've got one of those, haven't we?

Matt:

Yeah

Dad:

Yeah

Developmental Psychologist:

He's clearly not that happy about the situation.

Dad:

Is it alright if I sit down? Where should I sit down? Where do you want me to sit down? Where do you want me to sit down? On here? I'll sit down here. You go and have a look in one of the rooms.

Developmental Psychologist:

He's just doesn't have the confidence to go off and explore it by himself.

Mum:

Although he is ready to sort of embrace the world, it's like he will do it in his own little way and in his own time.

I think it's very important for him to be you know, away from us.

(Archive) Be fine, shall I ring you later?

Suddenly it was completely out of my control in terms of just him wanting to go off to parties. And so full on and he'd be like, right well next week, I'm doing this on Friday night, that on Saturday night, and you know I'm staying at this person's house. And half of the people I didn't know at all.

Dad:

He's quite a hedonist and he's very party animal.

Matt:

Last night I went to a party and there were like 60 people there.

Dad:

He just has a go at everything, particularly like the adrenaline fuelled sports. He's definitely a thrill seeker.

Matt:

I really like extreme sport.

Skydiving instructor:

How is the pilot?

Matt:

He's good, yeah.

Matt:

I feel really excited.

You just like run off the edge of a mountain, like with the parachute already up, just like no, "whee" and then you like feel the parachute. It's really fun.

Starting a new college, um...that gave me a lot of confidence knowing not a single soul like that definitely helped because it meant I just had to, I wasn't just going to sit there in the library every day like it's boring so like kind of forced me to go out which is good, like I'm kind of happy, happy that happened. I've changed a lot.

I'm 19, I've just finished college now. Next step's Uni, so I'm going going to do Sport Management. I can't wait to have my own independence I guess, get away.

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A lot of my mates, I guess made me who I am today.