

Transcript

Megan

Child of Our Time: Turning 20

Megan:

My brother's working on the farm full-time at home. My sister's working with my mum full-time at home. I'm the only one to go to Uni.

Mum:

We um, we don't go away much, we're on 24/7 beck and call.

Sister:

The bossiest is Megan.

Brother:

She gets her own way with mum all the time.

Mum:

Do you want to bed?

Megan:

No!

Dad:

She does what she wants to do and we all fit in around, we all fit in around, don't we Meg?

Mum:

You're not having another lollipop. My goodness what happened?

Oh, whoops! Whoopsie-daisy.

When Megan falls over, I don't make a fuss. I've never put a stairgate up, I'm not a believer in stairgates. They've got to learn by their own mistakes.

Do you need a hand, Meg? Do you need a hand?

Megan:

No

Mum:

Ready, go!

Megan:

I wouldn't say at all that I was spoilt in any way. Something that I wanted, I could get just from like asking mummy or daddy. I worked for what I got.

Thirty-five...forty-five.

Mum:

She's quite entrepreneurial as well.

Dad:

Last summer, her and a friend brought back about half a dozen rocks back off the beach and painted them bright orange and yellow and I don't know what the hell they were supposed to be...

Mum:

Doorstoppers.

Dad:

And she just sort of set up shop by there for the people walking past, trying to sell these stones.

Mum:

She could become anything really. She might end up taking over the farm.

Dad:

Meg can see that we are always on the move, always thinking, always moving. A child in that sort of, hopefully in that sort of environment will always use their own initiative and sort of want to be busy, I hope. You can't force it into them – either they've got it, or they haven't.

If she decides to be that sort of drop out in life, I'd be very disappointed. It's a failure and we've only got ourselves to blame.

Megan:

I'm now 19, in Uni now so living away from home. I'm studying Economics. Like, business and finance is my interest.

I still like helping mum out on the weekends.

I'm the only one to go to Uni, my brother's working on the farm full-time at home. My sister's working with my mum full-time at home. So like it's a very family business and we've all been encouraged to work from such a young age that it's just completely normal and I do kind of really like the fact that that's happened because sometimes we meet some people in the universe who just don't clean up after themselves even and you're just like eugh, like it's a bit annoying but um no I'm glad that we have, we all have that work ethic.

I definitely think my parents have played a massive role like. Everything that they've done and all the attributes that they have that they've passed on.

And I'd like to think that I have dealt well with what I've been given.

Um, I guess we'll never know if I made the right choices in my life. Obviously, they've been some questionable ones, but who hasn't made questionable choices in their lifetime?

I don't know. I think I've done all right.