

Transcript

Jamie

Child of Our Time: Turning 20

Jamie:

You do become an adult when you stop following the crowd and you start making your own decisions.

There's a lot of happy memories, being out with friends, playing football in the sun in the summer, going on bike rides.

Your, your mum could see you playing out and she could, she could make sure your safe. Glance out the window and see that I'm fine.

And then you get to a certain age. I got to about 12 and I stop stopped playing football.

Started going out with me mates more.

You do get introduced to new things, some of them good, some of them bad.

When you're younger and you're kids, if your friends are doing it, you're going to do it.

You start making silly decisions because you want to fit in. You wanna...you want to be like everyone else.

Sharon, Jamie's mum:

Jamie did get in with a bad lot. They were known to be naughty lads who did stupid things um, they had been previously in trouble with the police, I knew some of them were on drugs - that was frightening.

Jamie:

I'd think what if me mum found out about this? But at that age you do it anyway.

Sharon:

I didn't know what was wrong with him when I first went into his bedroom. He wasn't responsive, then all of a sudden he just went blank and started fitting and then it was obvious to me that he was in a coma, a diabetic coma.

Jamie:

A paramedic turned up and said, "Right get in the ambulance, you're coming to hospital."

That was a very big wake-up call for me.

It was after that night that I sort of grew up, made me realise that you don't have to do what they're doing just to be cool.

And that's where I think you do become an adult when you stop following the crowd and you start making your own decisions.

A lot of my friends from back at home, they decided to go to college straight after school.

I was the only one who went straight into work. I'm a chef.

You can't walk into a kitchen and just do things your way. It's all about respect and knowing what part you play in that team.

You've got to go by the rules. And if you go by the rules you will you will be successful and you will get to where you want to go.

I feel very proud about what of what I've done.

I see myself working way up to Head Chef in a restaurant. I hopefully I do want to open my own place.

I feel like my childhood has made me the man I am today.

I would not change it because I feel like every, any little thing that has happened in my childhood, has made me a better person.

And it makes me feel proud.