

## Transcript

### Will

*Child of Our Time: Turning 20*

### Will:

The dream would be, to be Andy Murray.

I think I think my dad always liked to think of me to be like a sports person because he was he played a lot when he was younger and I kind of followed in his footsteps a little bit.

When I first started playing tennis, I was 4.  
People tell me I'm very athletic.

### Neil, Will's Dad:

I think he's got a very good hand to eye coordination. He's got a natural ability. He's definitely in the top 8 for his age group in the country.

### Will:

I feel great when I win. I want to keep going. The further you go, the better it gets. I'd like to be in Wimbledon.

But I felt a lot of pressure coming from other people, sort of my coach, just to perform and get, get the results that I needed.

I'm not going out!

### Mum:

He was travelling further than nearly anyone, he was giving up more school than nearly anyone. Half the time he had his lunch in the car, he had more meals in the car than anywhere else. And then drive off to training and he'd be there for hours, then coming back at night. And he's got to be up at school for 8 o'clock in the morning, and this isn't working.

### Dad:

You then realise that it's a bit too much pressure to be putting William through that if he's not enjoying it.

### Will:

I was just getting a bit tired of it. I just didn't want to really carry on.

So, we just decided to stop.

After a couple of years of not playing, I just realised I needed to do something because I was finding myself, just twiddling my thumbs, not really doing much, becoming a bit depressed almost.

I've just finished my A Levels.

I've started playing again and the plan is to go off to America in August, so I'll be going over there for a tennis scholarship.

I sort of expected just be able to like pick it back up and get straight back to that same level that I was at but I found it really tough actually like playing competitively for like the first year.

All my other friends being at University. Whilst there on nights out, I'm having an early night because I've got to train the next morning.

Now I'm back on track and I know where I'm at now.

I try and get a good balance. So I make sure it's not all tennis, tennis every day and it's just gonna drive me insane. So sometimes you've got to just relax and enjoy yourself as well.

The dream would be to earn a living out of it. So that's normally around top, top hundred in the world. If I got anywhere in there and I was able to earn a living from playing, playing the sport I love then yeah, I'd be happy with that.