

## Transcript

**Nathan**

*Child of Our Time: Turning 20*

**Nathan:**

You need to be yourself. You've got one life, just be yourself.

**Richard, Nathan's dad:**

The reason that we're doing this is so that they, so that we try to get them to grow up in a really well-adjusted and calm environment, that they wouldn't just be sort of pumped out to a nursery.

We didn't want to sort of palm them off on other people. We wanted to try and do it as a couple

I think Nathan's already creative, I just adore some of the stuff that he produces. I do enjoy seeing it and I do encourage it.

**Interviewer:**

So would you like to be a sculptor when you grow up? Like your dad?

**Nathan:**

Uh huh, I'd like to sculpt horses, big ginormous ones, and I'd like to sculpt a doggie and more animals.

**Dad:**

Yeah, that's a type of wood and that's called a burr.

**Nathan:**

Is it in the sea?

**Dad:**

Watch your toes.

**Nathan:**

Is it in the sea?

**Dad:**

I can't imagine somebody who lives in a household where there is creativity, not having that rub off on them in some way.

That's brilliant. That could be like a...what do you think? A mane? A dragon's mane?

I just can't imagine there not being a creative streak in Nathan for the rest of his life.

**Nathan:**

That's my mum's room, and that's my dad's room.

**Dad:**

We live in the same house, we still co-parent. Um, we've both had different partners um over that period of time but as far as the friendship's concerned it's actually grown.

**Mum:**

The kids know where they stand, they've got two parents we live together, and it's not like we hide anything. Everything's open and honest, so if they've got issues they question, and we have a discussion you know um and we try and work it that way.

**Nathan:**

It honestly had no impact on me whatsoever. Like nothing, nothing changed at all.

I like the fact that even though they're not together, they're still a family, like other families, the mum and dad split up and move away and then like the kids have to jump between houses. I like how they're there for each other and they're best friends, and they're also there for their kids.

Both my parents are role models in how they live their life and how they've influenced me.

After High School I really started focusing on my art.

High School killed my creativity and my imagination. Yeah, so I really had to like work past that. I've just found my own passions.

So I'm moving to Dundee in September.  
I'm studying Contemporary Art.

Yeah, it's the first time I'm moving away. Should be, should be exciting. A new experience. I'm looking forward to meeting people that are from like different parts of the world, like hearing their story how they're how their lives are.

I'm definitely looking forward to being more independent.

I feel like when I move out it's going to be like a kick up the arse!

I've been like cooking meals for my family and stuff, learning how to cook, just so I know how to cook when I like I move out. I still need to learn how to use a washing machine and stuff like that.