

## Transcript

### Taliesin

*Child of Our Time: Turning 20*

### Taliesin:

I've always been like a fairly like individual person, I guess. My own person

I'm Rudolph, Emily daddy mummy daddy

### Olivia, Taliesin's Mum:

One minute he's a Star Wars character, and the next minute, he's an elf. And then he's the manager of a huge company and he's having a board meeting.

### Taliesin:

So interesting.  
It's a monster.

### Mum:

I do think sometimes people look at him and go, "God, that child's a bit kooky."

### Taliesin:

That was one question that really knocks all my bowling pins down.

### Mum:

They broke the mould when they made him. There will never be another Taliesin.

I don't think they understood him. They weren't really on his level. And so, he withdrew into what he found interesting.

### Taliesin:

The idea of you know, playing football break or something like that. It just wasn't really that exciting to me. So, I decided to do other things.

### Mum:

He's very good at just creating his own little scenarios and playing away by himself.

### Taliesin:

I only have one friend which I want 1000 friends but that doesn't show up in my life.  
I feel quite sad and lonely.

They've been really, horrible, nasty bullying me. They can get bullied by other children, how would they like it?

### Mum:

It got to the point where it was a daily basis of bullying. It had gone from being just one child to being a group of children.

**Taliesin:**

So, it'd be like an ultimate climate changing shoe.

**Interviewer:**

Can you tell me a happy memory?

**Taliesin:**

Um yes - when I left my old school and wasn't to be bullied any more.

I spend about 2 or 3 hours online gaming each day.  
It's not as bad as gambling but it probably is actually.

Still got it.

I kind of started out on Xbox and talking to people and then it kind of grew into something bigger.  
And then I found a community that I joined, and then I talk to people on there.

**Mum:**

It's kind of odd to think that he has friends who are in their early 20s and 30s and whatever, but they definitely have friendships there, it's not all about the game.

**Taliesin:**

I've got a few from America, I've got one from Ukraine.  
We'll just talk about anything really, I like to talk about things that are going on in the world, just 'cause I'm interested in that kind of stuff.

I've not been doubting myself as much. I think I've kind of restored myself in a way which is good.

I think that you know my childhood overall, it had some negatives, but I think those were outweighed by some really positive memories.

I went through a change and I just grew into the person I am.

Some select few people have you know, made an impact and they were friends for life.

I kind of let loose when I'm around them.

I can relax and you know, maybe let the guard down. It's just nice, to not hold back.

I just know that I kind of value like who I am and you know how I am, more than, you know what other people think of me.