

A student story

Daisy

Daisy has worked it out. She messed up her mock GCSEs, well she has messed up most things this last couple of years. Grandad persuades her to come to school otherwise she wouldn't bother. He brings her by car. She had her hair cut the other week and the style was not what she wanted and she thought others were looking at her and laughing. Then a teacher said something so she swore, knocked over her chair, got sent to the 'inclusion room' and they rang her grandad. It was ok though because Mrs Marchant sat with her and combed her hair for ages and talked with her and calmed her down.

But she has worked it out now. She only needs maths and English or you have to keep taking them. She is fine at English, she likes reading and the practice exam questions were easy enough if only she had turned up instead of sitting in the toilet, moping about missing the geography exam.

Maths, though, is different. She has never liked it but once you crack what they are looking for, you can get the grade 5 pretty easily. It's working. She is getting there and is quietly confident she will pass. Then she can go to college and do singing. She found out about the maths at the singing group she goes to after school two nights a week... and Saturday mornings...grandad gives her a lift. The Open School tutor had suggested last year that Daisy might like to go along and she had enjoyed it. There were people from the college just enjoying singing. That was what she did and people appreciated her voice; its clarity and power and pitch. She had been going every time without missing and had been asked to be in the performance next month.



She was a bit nervous but people said that was normal and they were too. It was one of those people who had said one day that passing maths GCSE was just a case of playing the game and doing the ones you could without getting in a stew. That's what she's doing. She needs the maths so she'll get it. She is still angry about school being like it is, top buttons, ties and hairstyles are still an issue but maybe she can show them she is not a waster.