

Young Mums
Transcript

JASMIN: Deciding whether to keep Jayden or not. That was my toughest decision. I kept telling myself that I couldn't do it. I think it's just pressures that people thought about you as well.

AMY: Probably mine was like, whether to come back to school, 'cause obviously I wanted to get a better life, to do well exams but I wanted to be a good mum at the same time and I felt like if I did both I'd be sacrificing.

Changes

Mother talking to child in nursery shown in italics.

OLIVIA: *Do you want to play with this?*

JASMIN: *Will we build a house?*

OLIVIA: *Will that go in there? No, that's not your bag.*

JASMIN: Everybody feels self-conscious to start with.

OLIVIA: But I think it's only because you're young. You're more scared of the judgement.

JASMIN: But now you don't care. You'll sing on the bus as loud as you want. Even if you do sound like a guy. LAUGH. I do. I pure scream. LAUGH.

Aye, You still get up in the morning and go "oh God I've got school", but when you get here it's different.

OLIVIA: I used to roll out of my bed, put my uniform on and instead of putting books in my bag I'd put different clothes in my bag. I wouldn't even look at the front door of the school. Just walk past it...

Oh Kayla. Don't eat it.

... and I'm coming here and like, having like full attendance and everything. I don't think I get a report card that's how bad...

AMY: You went from like having zero attendance and now you get pure certificates for your attendance. It's such a pure change.

JASMIN: I think you do have to stick to a routine.

OLIVIA: Like it's the bedtime routine. That was cracking when I had that in order. But then I put Kayla into her own room and it just went downhill. Now I could greet (cry) every night.

JASMIN: See Jayden always goes into a bedtime routine and it's perfect for a couple of weeks and then he always falls unwell, and then that's out of the window. So then I have to start all over again. I don't know why. It's just my luck.

AMY: People just think you just go into a routine but it takes like ages to get into it.

JASMIN: Look at the times we've come in to here and our eyeballs have been hitting the floor.

AGREEMENT

JASMIN: But close reading is... I think it's got to be one of the easiest things to do. You're just picking the answers out of the text.

OLIVIA: But I always managed to pick the wrong answers but...

BABY SHOUTS

JASMIN: *There's plenty more colours. Here look. Here. Green.*

OLIVIA: You just push yourself 'cause you know it's not for you, it's, well, for me it's for Kayla's sake. I think it was like nine out of ten people just said "you can't do this" "she's going to fail - living off benefits when she's older". Well no. It's not going to be like that at all. So it's obviously to prove them wrong and obviously to prove to Kayla like...

AMY: ... "I made the best life I could for you" kind of thing.

JASMIN: No matter how tired you are you still manage to get yourself into school.

AMY: Aye...

OLIVIA: And then you can always boast about it to other people LAUGH

AMY: I know and people are like "Oh I'm so tired. I went to bed at like 12" and it's like "Excuse me! I've been up five times..."

In an Ideal World

JASMIN: Sometimes you do wish you had the perfect family, it was like you, your baby and obviously the baby's dad. But that's not how it always turns out. The majority of time most mums are better off doing it themselves.

OLIVIA: It was the best option. Oh it was brilliant for me, when I made the decision, I thought it was best for me and Kayla. I was always thinking it was the wrong decision because every baby should be brought up maybe with their mum and dad but they don't need that.

JASMIN: People should bring up their wee boys to respect women, not just sleep with them and say "Oh see you later". It shouldn't be like that at all. I think me personally, I'll bring Jayden up to respect... Because obviously he'll know what I went through.

AMY: It's like they say, a woman brought you into this life so why would you disrespect one?

JASMIN: Which is quite a good saying.

AMY: ...'cause if you treat your girlfriend like that you wouldn't treat your mum like that would you?

Entitlement

JASMIN: We get the same as what anybody would get, like a middle-class parent, what any normal adult would get, so why do we get looked down on for having babies young when there's people out there that aren't willing to work because they can get better benefits than what they would in a job?

OLIVIA: The majority of them can't even look after their own kids.

JASMIN: So why judge other people? I hate when people do that.

OLIVIA: We're going to go into a full rant now aren't we.

JASMIN: Aye. It's like the news and the media. They do it all the time.

OLIVIA: I think it's just a story.

JASMIN: Aye. But they always look on the bad side of things

OLIVIA: Don't get me wrong. I don't mean to be offensive to any other young mums but there are some out there that just can't... It's not their thing just now. They've not got the right support.

AMY: But it's just the same as any mum. Some people that are adults can't look after their kids 'cause they've not got the support.

OLIVIA: It's because we're young

JASMIN: We get made to look worse.

AMY: Whereas teen mums aren't just teen mums they shouldn't be called that. They're just mums, just somebody's mum.

Glasgow

JASMIN: Aye, it's a dump. It's like...

OLIVIA: ...Dirty.

JASMIN: Aye it's disgraceful.

OLIVIA: They've got their priorities wrong.

JASMIN: You've got like, they want to build railways and all that, it's like what about the graffiti, what about other stuff like the young people?

AMY: What about George Square

JASMIN: Aye, George Square. That money could be used on something else.

OLIVIA: All the people living under bridges and all that.

AMY: I hate it when you take your kids walk through the park or whatever, like Glasgow Green and there's just hundreds of teenagers hanging about shouting at you and you're like why would I even want to take him there?

JASMIN: Sometimes when you look at some teenagers your mother instincts just come up right away and it's like "See if that was my son!" LAUGH You make yourself sound so old...

AMY: You think "What age am I? I'm only 17!"

JASMIN: And they're probably older than you...

LAUGHTER

JASMIN: I thought it was just me that done that.

AMY; OLIVIA: No

LAUGHTER