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Q. What are the best things that you remember about?

A. Dinner-time, because we could get out school for an hour and a half and go down town or sometimes to my gran's, where she made us all coffee.

School trips: because you could wear what you liked, have fun with your mates, and also meet other people. My best trip was when I went to Holland. This was because we visited interesting places and because we were at the age of 15 we had a lot of fun at the teacher's expense, like drinking and smoking.

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Q. What do you think of mixed schools?

A. I like this idea because there is more variety in subjects like girls and boys can both do metalwork, wood-work, etc.

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Q. What things didn't you like about school?

A. I hated having to conform with their ways like having to wear a certain uniform, not allowed to wear earrings (drop ones) which was known to be dangerous, but I have never had an accident. Having to have natural colour hair, just in case every-one else decided to do this, but to me the colour of hair doesn't affect the way you work.

On my final leaver's report it said 'I was higher than average intelligence, but was finding life difficult because I was trying to be an individual. I don't see why I should be a clock-work robot just to suit all those people who want me to.

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Q. What do you think of the education you have had?

A. A lot of the lessons I have had have been quite enjoyable, but a lot of them are a bit of a waste of time. On the whole, what I learnt at school, is what I could have learnt at home, from books, television and mixing with adults who have wide interests.