

SUBMISSION FROM CHRISTOPHER

1. Hello my name is Christopher, I am at the age of 14 I have asperger's syndrome which is sometimes called mild autism. I spent my primary school years quite happily as I knew all my teachers and I had friends who tolerated and seemed to understand me. I then went to a secondary school for two years which was sheer hell. The staff did not understand me but they thought they did. They probably had read one book and they were so wrong. I am now in a specialist autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) base for part of my time at academy, which is brilliant because if I was not here I would probably be in a children's home or worse. I have been aggravated so many times that now I find it hard to control my temper but I am learning how to control my temper and have a much nicer time with some of my friends So I am grateful for what I have here because for the last eight years I have had to go with no help having to be a social outcast and being picked on. Now I am no longer a social outcast I have a majority of friends here. Another girl (not ASD), moved here as she was being bullied at her school. She is now much happier here at the academy so I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who has given me a pleasurable experience. I will continue to stay at this academy until I graduate at the end of my sixth year. I hope to go on and become a chef.

Christopher
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