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'I am going to prove that I'm not stupid. Next month I'm going to take my A level in Maths and I'm going to get an A grade. No one has ever taken an A level at our school before and the headmistress, Mrs Gascoyne, didn't want me to take it at first. She said they didn't have the facilities to let us sit A levels. But Father had an argument with Mrs Gascoyne and he got really cross. Mrs Gascoyne said they didn't want to treat me differently from everyone else in the school because then everyone would want to be treated differently and it would set a precedent. And I could always do my A levels later, at 18.'

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'And after I've taken A level Maths I am going to take A level Further Maths and Physics and then I can go to university.'

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'Then, when I've got a degree in Maths, or Physics, or Maths and Physics, I will be able to get a job and earn lots of money and I will be able to pay someone who can look after me and cook my meals and wash my clothes, or I will get a lady to marry me and be my wife and she can look after me so I can have company and not be on my own.'

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