

FORUM RANT



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These days, success is measured entirely on exam results. For those that strive in exams this is great but for others who struggle with the pressure and stress of exams this can mean they are unfairly penalised. Despite the controversy about GCSEs getting easier, certain subjects have removed the intermediate option, and for those that are average, in between higher and foundation, exams are getting much more difficult.



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I don't think Sats tests are useful or appropriate. Testing Year 6 students is a disgrace and Sats tests in Year 9 are just used by schools to determine which 'sets' or classes to put students into. It creates unnecessary pressure for young students. However, I believe that GCSEs and A levels are important as they are the nationally recognised standard of achievement.

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Rant by EmmaGallen

Flicking through the newspaper a few weeks ago there was a story about "America's Worst Mom."

First thing I thought was, "she must be really bad if it's making the news here." Did she sexually abuse her children? No.

Did she beat them till they were at death's door? No.

She's supposedly the worst mother because when her son asked if he could use public transport alone from the centre of New York city, she said yes and gave him the

money and subway cards. I know parents are getting ridiculously over protective everywhere, not allowed out in the dark by yourself, even though you are 17. No taxis alone despite you being 19.

I know it's meant to be "for our own good" and that they trust us "it's just all the other people who we don't trust."

I just can't help but think if we were given that little more independence, we'd know how to handle ourselves and keep safe.

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