

Intellectual development: From eleven to sixteen years old

Transcript of young person talking about ‘What Maya should do’

You’d ask who the boy is just cos it’s like his responsibility and it shouldn’t just be on her, it’s a two way thing, obviously.

Maybe if she told her friend, it doesn’t mean that they’re going to spread it around like, they just want to help.

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If she’s completely a 100% sure that she is like...check with the doctor and er, erm...offer to go with her if she’s not on her own because it’s probably a quite scary thing to do and she probably won’t want to do it on her own.

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Ask if she’s told her parents and if she hasn’t, then which parent would freak out like the most and go to the other one because ... you know, you just want someone to help you rather than look down on you and judge you.

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Ask what she’s planning to do if it is like 100%, like...certain because she’ll need to have some sort of plan because it’ll such a big life changing affect. The father will help as well cos obviously well, as I said before, it’s his responsibility too. It’s obviously not just her because they both did it.

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She might maybe like get a reputation for being easy or she might already have one from like, hooking up with people at parties or what-ever, erm and if their mothers are best friends, then maybe Maya and Masie were probably quite close. So there’s a reason she hasn’t told Maya loads about because erm, she just wasn’t in the right place or something because they might have been at school and they might not want anyone to overhear and they might have been in town where there’s loads of people around and they don’t want...obviously they don’t want anyone to over-hear then take it the wrong way and, like spread it around and stuff.

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but on the other hand though it could just be a lie to draw attention, but at the same time, why would you do that, because if you say you were pregnant it's not gonna really boost that much, because yeah, I guess you look more mature like because boys might think your easier and willing to try stuff or whatever, but um, they'll want to ... well not every boy, but some boys are like "yeah cool, yes, she's done this and this, oh I'll go and talk to her" but if it is true then boys won't want to deal with a pregnant 16 year old.

It kinda shows who's popular, like, she won't be socialising as much if it is true because she'll have to have new habits like looking after the kids rather than doing teenage stuff, like, going shopping or going to the movies or parties,

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Like help wise, she can go to the nurse, on her own, at, or with a friend if she doesn't want to go on her own, like, without her parents knowing which I guess... she shouldn't be as scared about that if she hasn't told her parents yet, because she is like 16 so she can go on her own and they don't have to say anything about what has gone on to her parents,

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They obviously weren't safe with contraception, if she is pregnant, or even if she's even having a scare, but she hasn't just kind of said that as well, so she should check to see if like, for diseases and stuff, just to be on the safe side, because you never know, you don't want that stuff.