

I will start my project by just going back in my own mind and try and base it on what I feel, and have experienced over the last 47 years.

My Grandfather was a miner and moved from North Wales to South Wales just to work and try and keep a tidy home for his family. Education would have been of benefit to him, but unless you were a kind of supermind in those days, you had no chance of getting on, as school days ended when you were old enough to work in the mines and earn a few shillings for food and survival, but he managed to do this and had thought of his sons who when they became men would have had a better chance in life. Schooling became more of a standard thing and people wanted to learn, and they did, but not so much as they should have in South Wales, so once again you were either exam level or forgotten, and there was nothing, only the mines, for my uncles.

By now it was my time for school and I must say things were a hell of a lot better. Although my father was a miner we had equality with the upper class and from infant school to junior school every effort of the teachers was to educate every child to get to 11-Plus exam level. If you passed you would go to grammar school, even if you didn't pass you were still not left out, you went to junior school and worked hard there to achieve your goal, but my ambition was sport which I got on well in.

I tried many different jobs: factories, building, etc., but I must have had the mines in my blood, as that is what I felt I could be best at and by now the money was good.

I later on got married and had four children. By now education had speeded up and my own children were full out to learn and get on in school. Only two of my children had to take their 11-Plus; one passed and went to grammar school. They all got on well and are able to stand up in life and understand banking, buying property, family planning, income tax, holidays in the sun, etc. What an advantage education gave them!

My youngest daughter is now at a comprehensive school (another achievement, or so they say in these modern days). There is plenty to offer her as far as education is concerned, but to me sciences are very important in school these days. They really stress this to each pupil - why, I don't know - it doesn't seem to be helping the world we live in today.

So I conclude by saying that I hope my daughter will be a fine musician and bring happiness into this computer educated world.