



## Feeling like a celebrity after your ABI

“Going back to school was really weird. I had no idea that so many people wanted to know how I was.

When I first walked through the school gates, lots of kids from my year came up to me to see how I was. They would then run off and get their friends so that a few minutes later I had more and more people around me.

It was really strange. I don't really know who anyone was but I sort of remembered their faces. They all asked me lots of things and it gave me a headache.

Now I know what it is like being a celebrity when everyone is standing around you asking stuff. My best mate came to the rescue and told them all I needed was some time to myself. We went and sat in a quiet classroom for a bit until things died down.

It was like that for a few weeks. Everyone still had lots of questions and they all wanted to know what had happened to me and what had happened in hospital. They also wanted to know what my scar was from and that was really hard.

After a while I got used to being the centre of attention and started to like it. Then, after a couple of weeks, most of the other kids started to lose interest in me. I found it really difficult when they didn't want to hang around with me so much and it made me feel unpopular and a bit lonely. Now I have got used to normal school life again and hanging around with my old mates.”

