



Doing your GCSEs after an ABI

"I had a long think about if I wanted to do any exams this year or wait a year and see if I could do better then. I spoke to my teachers and educational psychologist and we thought long and hard about if I was ready.

I was doing OK at my schoolwork. I was still struggling from time to time and had to get extra help at home from a tutor. Mum and dad were great too but it was still difficult.

Some days I could learn things really easily and it seemed like a good idea to do exams. Other days I couldn't do anything and that was really frustrating.

In the end I decided to have a go and do a few exams but not as many as the other kids. I tried not to get too stressed though. I kind of just thought I could only do my best and I couldn't do more. I was just hoping I didn't have a headache on the day of my exam.

The school gave me a laptop so that I could do my essays and not worry about spelling things wrong. This helped a lot. I also got extra time in the exam which helped me too.

I got three GCSEs in the end. I didn't quite get the grades I wanted but I did pass them all. I'm glad I took them. I was cross I didn't get straight 'A's to begin with, but then I just thought about my ABI and was really pleased to pass."

