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I: Interviewer

R: Jasmine

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I: Just check that that’s recording. So what were we, oh yeah, we’re talking about favourite things for now.

R: Yeah.

I: And you were saying yeah the lipstick and the earrings, yeah? So why do you think it is those two things, why do you think you chose them and not?

R: I dunno. I don’t really have a favourite thing and they’re my most recent things that I’ve like fallen in love with, so I think that’s why.

I: Mmmmm. Did you think that like your favourite thing changes, would you say it changes quite quickly?

R: Erm, not quickly, but it lasts for a while, my favourite thing.

I: Mmmmmmm.

R: I reckon these are gonna be my favourite things for a while.

I: Mmmmmmm.

R: Lipstick lasts forever (laughs).

I: And so compared to, do you think compared to say a year ago, so like this time last year, you’d just turned 14, weren’t pregnant, what do you think your favourite thing was then?

R: My liquid eyeliner.

I: Really!

R: I couldn’t like not wear it. But then like for a while, like at school, everyone was saying you look really nice without it, so as you can see, I’ve stopped wearing liquid liner. But it keeps tempting me (laughs).

I: Yeah.

R: Because I put some on the other day and I just fell in love again, but I haven’t put it back on.

I: What is it about things like eyeliner and lipstick, what is it about make up?

R: It’s not even make up, I just love eyeliner, especially the liquid eyeliners. It’s not so much the pencil, I just love the liquid eyeliner.

I: Yeah. And do you reckon that things like your earrings and lipstick, do you think they’ll carry on being your favourite thing?

R: Ohhhhh, I don’t know, because if I picture myself when I’m older, I do picture myself earrings, lipstick, all that stuff. But I think it’s because I never used to wear earrings all the time, I got my ears pierced for my birthday when I was 10, but then one ear kept closing up, so I just haven’t been wearing earrings. And I never used to wear lipstick, I used to literally just wear a bit of bronzer and some eyeliner. Then I just stuck to bronzer, then I like, I’d have, I don’t wear any make up at, like at the moment I don’t have make up on, just left over mascara that wouldn’t come off, it’s so annoying.

But, erm, I don’t really wear make up a lot, so like when I do wear it and it’s nice make up, it excites me.

I: Mmmm, yeah. So would you just wear it, do you wear it for school?

R: Erm, not really. Sometimes I do.

I: Mmmmmm.

R: Sometimes. It depends, sometimes I have time to do it and sometimes I don’t.

I: How long do you reckon it takes?

R: Not long. Not long, because I don’t wear a lot, so I can just literally just put a little bit on and that will be alright (laughs).

I: Yeah. Do you reckon like thinking a couple of years ahead that you’re like, what do you reckon will be the like the important things to you then, what about your favourite things then?

R: Most probably, because in a few years’ time I’m gonna most probably be in college, so most probably stuff that’s going on while I’m at college.

I: Mmmmmm.

R: I’m not entire sure.

I: Are you going to stay living here?

R: Yeah.

I: Yeah.

R: She starts school when I’m 18. Wow (laughs). That’s just crazy.

I: How’s that feel to think about that?

R: It’s really weird, she’s in education and I’m in education. It’s weird.

I: Yeah. When you’re at school, do they let you take your mobiles in to the classroom?

R: Well, they usually collect them at the beginning of the lesson and give them back at the end of the lesson.

I: Okay.

R: But sometimes we just get away with keeping them.

I: Do people use them a lot during lessons, if you’d like?

R: Not really. Not as much as I thought people would.

I: Yeah.

R: We literally just use our phones for music and art, that’s about it, and then at break and lunch. People don’t really use their phones at break and lunch either.

I: Is it quite small classes or?

R: The whole school is about thirty people.

I: Wow.

R: So it’s crazy.

I: And has everyone got their babies there?

R: It’s not all erm, mums.

I: Oh, it’s not all. Oh, okay.

R: It’s like, it’s basically a centre.

I: Yeah. And what about your, is it really different from your old school that you were at?

R: Yes (laughs). I miss it so much.

I: Really?

R: Yeah, I didn’t think I could go back but then I got told I could, but I don’t see the point now.

I: Mmmmmm.

R: If I could I would, I really would.

I: What do you miss about it?

R: You just form a bond with everyone, everyone knows each other, people know what like, what you do like, what you don’t like, people know how you react to certain things, teachers know your way of learning. It’s that sort of stuff.

I: Mmmmmm.

R: But at my new school, like, if, after like two weeks straight you know everyone for ever, like everyone is nice to everyone, everyone gets on. So it’s good, I guess.

I: Do you think you’ll probably stay there?

R: Most probably. Like I had a moment where I was saying I was going to leave there because I was not happy at all.

I: What was making you not happy?

R: Just a couple of the teachers. Like, every time I’d be at home, they’d be calling and calling and calling my sister’s phone, I live with my other sister, just constantly. They couldn’t get through to my sister to see if I was allowed to go on the trip, so they called my social worker to see if I was allowed to go on the trip, and I was like it’s a bit weird. And erm, they called and told my sister I was absent from school and it was a school holiday. They were just on my case, but they’re not as bad any more.

I: This is the centre you’re at now?

R: Yeah. They don’t really do it any more.

I: Mmmmmm. So were you at that centre before you had, erm, Rhea?

R: Yeah, I went there when I was like four and a half months pregnant, maybe five months.

I: Okay, yeah.

R: But I still didn’t have a bump, I had like this much of a bump, because I still played football until I was like three months pregnant, so.

(Baby gurgling and making noises).

I: Ahhh, that was a big stretch. Let me just check this and see if I’ve missed anything. (Rustles paperwork).

(Baby gurgles and makes noises).

I: So the only other thing was that, so one of the things I’ve been asked to do is to take photos of your favourite things.

R: Mmmmhmmm.

I: So obviously I can’t take a photo of the unicorn, because you haven’t got it.

R: Yeah.

I: You haven’t got any old photos of it have you?

R: Erm, no.

I: No.

R: Let me get the lipstick.

I: Cool. Can I see where you keep it, if that’s not a weird question?

R: Yeah.

(They walk off to find the lipstick).

R: Sometimes there’s like three make up bags, there’s two there and one there. That’s the main one, the pink and orange one, but sometimes I have it in my drawer.

I: Can I take a photo?

R: Yeah.

I: Is that weird?

R: No (laughs).

(Takes photograph).

R: And then here is my lipstick.

I: Is that it?

R: I love it.

I: Show it to me.

(Takes photograph).

I: So make is it? Mix?

R: It’s called Snow White.

I: Snow White!

R: It’s that colour.

I: Mmmmmm.

(Takes photograph).

R: It’s like my favourite thing now.

I: Mmmmmm. I’ll just take one lying like that. Get Rhea out of it, she could see it.

(Takes photograph).

I: Right, can I take a picture of your earrings?

R: Yeah.

I: I’ll show you the picture after.

(Takes photograph).

I: Oooh, let’s do one more. Hi Rhea. (Baby gurgles).

(Takes photograph).

I: Is that alright?

R: Yeah.

I: You can’t really see it’s you, can you?

R: I did use to erm, I had bleach blonde hair, like half of my hair was bleached blonde.

I: Did you? Wow.

R: Just literally, all this was bleached blonde and where I’ve tried to dye it brown, look it’s come back through.

I: Oh yeah, you can see, yeah. So this colour is dyed from.

R: Yeah, my hair is naturally jet black.

I: Yeah.

R: And then I kept it dying red and red and red and then I done half of it blonde, I loved it though.

I: Aaah. And which is your, so do you have your own room here?

R: No.

I: No, so are you in the, where do you?

R: Sometimes I sleep in Jess’s bed with Jess, but then sometimes, that’s Kinsley’s room.

I: So that’s Kinsley’s room.

(Walking around the house).

R: And usually now this is the air bed.

I: Okay. So you sleep in here normally?

R: Yeah, but I like sleeping in here because I can just watch the TV till late and I don’t disturb them, so I can make the bottles and stuff, that I can do there.

I: Yeah, yeah. So I was going to ask if I could take a photo of your bedroom, so?

R: So that’s either in here or Jess’s room.

I: So could I take a picture of this one?

R: Yeah.

I: Is that alright?

(Takes photograph).

I: And again, no-one seems them until you say it’s okay, yeah. That’s lovely.

(Takes photographs).

R: (Talks to baby: Love you. Love you drunky baby). She looks like she’s drunk off milk.

I: (Laughs). Yeah, she does. Sorry, I’m just trying to get you out of this one. Has she got those like drunk, like drunk looking eyes? Ahhh, she’s so cute.

I’ll take another one without you in it.

(Takes photographs).

I: And so do you quite like having this as your room then?

R: Yeah. Yeah.

I: So would you, are you in here most of the time that you’re at home?

R: Majority of the time, yeah. I like being in here though.

I: And do you feel like or have you got your own space or is that not important or?

R: It would be nice to have my own space but, erm, I know that if I do want my own space I can literally just go in to Jess’s room and be by myself.

I: Yeah.

R: Because Jess is that person that if your need your space, you can have your space. It’s not a thing where she’s going to feel away about it.

I: Yeah, yeah, yeah. And was that, who was Lois who you were with before?

R: Lois, she’s my older sister. We’re related through our dad, so we have the same dad and different mums.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: Erm, with her I shared her room with her.

I: Okay.

R: And before that it was with my sister Donna (laughs). And I did share the bed with her, but where I was pregnant and I was getting bigger, I couldn’t share a bed with her anymore.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: Because my niece would sleep in the bed as well.

I: Okay.

R: And my niece was growing.

I: Yeah.

R: So I couldn’t do it. So then, I then slept on a mattress in the living room on the floor, erm, yeah, and then I moved from Donna’s to Lois’s, and from Lois’s to here. Ohhh. So a lot of moving around and that was like in the space of me having a baby.

I: Wow! Oh, that was all whilst you were pregnant?

R: When I first found out I was pregnant I moved from my mum’s, that wasn’t why I moved, but I moved from my mum’s to Donna’s, no, Donna was living with Lois so I basically moved to Lois’s with Donna. Then Donna moved out of Lois’s, so I moved out with Donna to Donna’s and then me and Donna had a little disagreement, so I moved to Lois’s. Then me and Lois had a little disagreement, so I stayed here with Jess. Yeah. (Laughs).

And that’s still then, I hadn’t even had the baby yet (laughs). So, it’s crazy.

I: Was that hard, all the moving, or was it alright?

R: Erm, it was so stressful. So like I’ve always been moving about, like with my mum, my dad, my mum, my dad, my mum, my dad, my sisters, my mum, my dad, my sisters. This is confusing sometimes.

I: And they’re not all exactly in the same area are they?

R: No.

I: No. So did you have to change schools?

R: Erm, I’ve never changed schools, stayed at my primary school, even when I moved. Stayed at my high school, but I’ve moved now because of the pregnancy.

I: Yeah.

R: They did make it seem like I couldn’t stay there, that’s why I left.

I: Mmmmmmm.

R: But, oh well, it’s done now.

I: Yeah. So each time you’ve moved have you kind of kept the same friends and kept in contact with the same people?

R: Yeah. But since I got pregnant, I’ve realised like who my friends are.

I: Really.

R: So I have cut off quite a lot of people.

I: Mmmmm.

R: Even some of my closest friends.

I: Why is that?

R: Because when they first found out you’re pregnant, oh, I’ll be there for you, but I don’t agree with it, and then, but some of them were like I don’t agree with it full stop. And then they start being weird with you because you are pregnant and you’re keeping the baby, but you don’t want to get an abortion.

And then you just realise well you’re clearly not here to support me, so, you just realise really. Like my friend Julie, we’ve been friends since we were eleven, like really good friends. When I told her I was pregnant, she told me she didn’t agree with it, but she’d like support me the whole way, so did her family. Like I stayed at her house for two days the other night with Rhea, like me and Rhea we go there a lot, they like having us there.

I: Mmmmm.

R: They see us a lot because I did live with them for a couple of months when I was first moving with my mum, so complicated, you don’t understand how much I’ve moved.

I: Really?

R: It’s crazy.

I: What’s the longest you’ve lived in one place?

R: Probably about six years. Five or six.

I: Mmmmm.

R: Yeah, six. Six years, because I moved with my dad when I was five and I left when I was eleven, or ten nearly eleven.

I: Mmmm. Where’s your dad now?

R: My dad, he still lives in the same place, erm, near [place name 1].

I: Do you speak to him?

R: Erm, occasionally, sometimes. On my birthday I woke up and my phone was ringing, it was my dad, I was like oh wow! I was quite shocked.

I: Mmmmm.

R: And it was like eight in the morning and I was like really shocked, and he started singing down the phone to me (laughs). But it was nice.

I: Yeah. Do you still see Lois, Donna and your mum?

R: Erm, I don’t see Lois, but I still see Donna. I don’t see my mum. I literally just see Jess, Eve and Donna, they’re the only like siblings I see.

I: Mmmmmm. Is she asleep?

R: Yeah.

I: I think I’m pretty done with questions. Is there anything you wanted to ask me?

R: Erm, not really.

I: How have you found it being interviewed or talking about your favourite things?

R: Erm, I remember when I first got interviewed and it was like, erm, my football coach at school he basically training to be a PE teacher, and basically they wanted like him to interview us and cos like the way we get on with each it’s different to like a student, like, we’re like friends sort of and it was so hard to take it seriously, I couldn’t do it, like I felt so awkward. I was like I can’t do it and then he like bought of bowl if skittles in the room, like does this help, sort of thing?

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: And I was like, oh, I dunno, and I had to try, and then he’d ask me questions, I’d be like mmhmmm. He would be like you need to speak now, like this. It was so awkward I couldn’t do it.

But now, I’m just used to talking to people.

I: Yeah. Do you feel awkward today?

R: No. Because I’ve had to like speak to so many like people now.

I: Yeah. Do you mean like professionals and stuff?

R: Yeah, so I’m just used to talking (laughs).

I: Feels really normal. Does it ever feel awkward when you’re talking to?

R: Erm, no, not really.

I: So it does make a difference how, like a social worker or someone at the clinic, like how they are, do you just generally?

R: I’m an open person really.

I: Yeah.

R: I remember the first time I ever went to the clinic, cos I was really embarrassed because I was with my friend and her mum, and like her mum was there so I had to answer like questions while her mum was there. And obviously her mum doesn’t see me in that sort of way, she’s like oh a little girl sort of thing, so it was really awkward.

That’s when I like found out I was pregnant, so then my mum was like go to the clinic. Then my friend’s mum took me there.

I: Yeah.

R: But it was kind of embarrassing (laughs).

I: Yeah.

R: So, oh. I didn’t want to say like leave the room, cos I wanted people in the room with me because it was scary.

I: Yeah.

R: But I’m alright with things like that now. I’m quite an open person.

I: Yeah. Yeah. Oh. Alright, and are you still up for doing the day in the life?

R: Yeah.

I: Yeah. Alright, is there any time, sort of, that is good or bad to do that, like thinking over the next couple of weeks or the next month or?

R: Phew, I can’t think of anything.

I: Yeah. And would it be better for you to do a school day, weekend, what would you prefer?

R: Erm, mmmmm, most probably a school day.

I: Would it be alright for me to go in to school?

R: Mmmmhhhmmm.

I: And if I wanted to contact someone at the school to clear it with them, do you know who I’d have to contact?

R: Erm, I can give you the school’s number if you want?

I: Yeah, could you? That would probably be the best thing actually.

R: I saved it on my phone because when I get annoyed I call the school. I’m like it’s Jasmine and they’re like oh, hello. I’m like my cab’s let, or my cab comes too early, I’ve had it all the times. So I just call them when I want.

I: That’s nice that you can get a cab there.

R: Yeah, but you don’t have to get like your parent to call, you can literally just call them yourself.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: Oh my God! I have a pizza number saved in my phone. That’s really bad.

I: (Laughs). What’s your school called?

R: [School’s name].

I: Is that like you wear a [item of clothing]?

R: The other way. Like [re-spelled].

I: [Re-spelled], [School’s name] okay. [School’s name], okay. What’s the number? Erm, [phone number], and do you have a like a tutor or anyone?

R: I have one but I don’t know who it is.

I: Okay.

R: So you could most probably speak to Cindy.

I: Cindy?

R: Ask for Cindy or Janet.

I: Or Janet? Are they some of your teachers?

R: Janet’s the head, but Cindy is like the key worker for like the young mums, the pregnant people.

I: Okay.

R: So it’s most probably best to talk to Cindy. She’s on Mondays and Tuesdays.

I: Okay, that’s really helpful.

R: And Janet’s not in every day, but she’s in most days of the week.

I: So did you say Cindy was Mondays and Tuesdays?

R: Yeah.

I: Mondays and Tuesdays, okay, cool. Alright. What I will do is, erm, yeah, I’ll probably just check with, I’ll check with them and then I’ll, erm, what do you prefer, shall I give you a call or zap you?

R: Erm, either.

I: Yeah, cool. Alright. Am I still rolling, yep.