

Re: Gifted math student

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In article <4438e1bf@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Dave (from the UK) <Apr-2006@xx> wrote:

Timothy Clemans wrote:

Have you considered homeschooling him?

If you are thinking of withdrawing him from school completely and having all lessons at home, my thoughts are that creates more problems than it solves.

There was a case in England about 10 years ago when a young girl, who I think was 8 at the time, wanted to do maths at Cambridge. But they turned her down, despite the academic qualifications were as good as they would expect of anyone entering as ungrad. I think another uni took her. I can't find a reference to this on the web, so perhaps someone else recalls the details better.

I can't help feeling sorry for someone like that.

Whilst I realise the original poster was not intending this course of action, children need to grow up and experience life for themselves and perhaps too much encouragement (pushing?) is a bad thing.

It is NOT pushing; it is allowing them to go at their own pace.

As for experiencing life, they are NOT like others

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mentally, they are likely not to see things the way most others see them, and they need to get used to this when they have achieved basic understanding.

Anyone who keeps children with their age group must be considered an enemy of education. Marvin Mirsky, in one of his columns, claimed that it is bad socially to keep children with their age group, regardless of the educational aspects.

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