

55

52. SCHOOL

SIOBHAN. So you're Christopher's mother.

JUDY. That's right. And you're ...

SIOBHAN. I'm Siobhan. It's nice to meet you.

JUDY. Yeah. Yes. Yes. It's nice to meet you too.

SIOBHAN. Hello Christopher.

CHRISTOPHER. Hello.

SIOBHAN. Are you OK?

CHRISTOPHER. I'm tired.

JUDY. He's a bit upset.

SIOBHAN. Because of the A-level, you said.

JUDY. He won't eat. He won't sleep.

SIOBHAN. Yeah.

I spoke to Mrs. Gascoyne after you called.

JUDY. Right.

SIOBHAN. She still actually has your A-level papers in the 3 sealed envelopes in her desk.

MRS. GASCOYNE. I still actually have the A-level papers in my desk.

CHRISTOPHER. Does that mean I can still do my A-level?

SIOBHAN. I think so. We're going to ring the Reverend Peters to make sure he can still come in this afternoon and be your supervisor. And Mrs. Gascoyne is going to call the examination board to say that you're going to take the exam after all. I thought I should tell you now. So you could think about it.

CHRISTOPHER. So I could think about what?

SIOBHAN. Is this what you want to do Christopher? If you say you don't want to do it, no one is going to be angry with you. And it won't be wrong or illegal or stupid. It will just be what you want and that will be fine.

CHRISTOPHER. I want to do it.

SIOBHAN. OK.

How tired are you?

CHRISTOPHER. Very.

SIOBHAN. How's your brain when you think about maths?

CHRISTOPHER. I don't think it really works very well.

SIOBHAN. What's the logarithmic formula for the approximate

number of prime numbers not greater than x ?

CHRISTOPHER. I can't think.