

Bradford Family Album

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So I'm the youngest, I've got three sisters, the oldest one, she really wanted to work because she was really good at typing so she went to do a course at college for typing.

My parents never held us back, they never said to us, 'You can't do this, you can't do that,' – there were limits, obviously, but as education and as clothes go, my parents always said we can wear what we want as long as we didn't show our body. That was the only thing they said to us.

So we used to dress how we wanted to dress really, so we mixed it up, so I've got a skirt on but I've also got trousers underneath it, and a t-shirt at the top (laughs), you know it's a mixture of both cultures.

So in a way I was doing what my parents had said, and I was being fashionable as well.