

GCSE English Language – Original Writing

Michael Parkinson Interview

Theme Music

Michael Parkinson enters, Applause. He speaks directly to camera

Parkinson: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. It's lovely to be back for a new season. On tonight's show, we have a wonderful line-up of guests: Bob Geldof, Mike Tyson, Alan Shearer and music at the end of the show from Katie Melua. But first we have a special appearance by someone who is just 16 years old but has made an impact with his views on life for young people in Britain today.

Please welcome Zishaan Ali Salam.

Zish enters. Applause. Theme music. They shake hands.

Parkinson: Good evening Mr. Salam, how are you?

Zish: Wagwan bred, yeah it's all good in the hood. What's wit tha Mr.Salam? Call me Zish or G, you know what I mean?

Parkinson: Okay, I do apologise G. How was the journey, not too strenuous?

Zish: Nah Nah, it weren't Parky, got tha train to London, then jumped on the underground.

Parkinson: Jolly good. So do u consider yourself as a fashionable lad? I mean these jeans with all the rips and tears in them do seem rather trendy.

Zish: Yeah bred I'm at the front of the fashions. You liking them? I'll fix you up wit a pair.

Parkinson: *Laughing.* I think I may just be able to resist, I think I'm getting on a bit now for the fashions of you youngsters.

Zish: Nah Nah Parky you're never too old.

Parkinson: So being a British Asian, that's of course if you class yourself as one, how do you feel about Romance?

Zish: Yeah yeah, I'm British Asian I'm from London but my parents are from Pakistan and moved here in the 60's. I'm usually seen around wit tha laydeez, but wouldn't tell ma mother. I've been in a few serious relationships but nutin Pop knows about. they reckon I'm having a arranged marriage after Uni.

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Parkinson: So you wont be having an arranged marriage as your parents wish?

Zish: Nah bruv, I dint say that, at tha moment I'm just havin a laugh wit the lads innit. Wen I'm older and wiser we'll see how it goes.

Parkinson: Okay, so you seem relatively undecided at the moment which is understandable for a lad your age. Having a laugh with the lads! Is it true you were suspended for 'having a laugh with the lads' and locking a goat into your Headmaster's Office whilst he was elsewhere in a meeting?

Zish: *Laughing.* Nah dint get suspended was there though, you shuda seen it, funny as you like. Bailey walks in an there's a goat in his office. Next ting Baileys runnin around goin looney.

Parkinson: Yes I can just imagine what would've happened in my day. It would have been a lot worse. So your quite a focused student. What are your future plans?

Zish: Well I wana get some decent grades in my GCSE's, the go on to Bridgewater college next year to begin my A Levels in English Lang/Lit, Law, Business an ICT.

Parkinson: That's very good, you seem to have a clear layout of what you would like to do. What do you think the future holds?

Zish: Well I wana get my A Levels then go onto Uni for a Law Degree and become a Commercial Solicitor.

Parkinson: What problems or difficulties do you face living in the Western world but coming from a very religious Muslim family? Are there ever any disagreements or conflicts within the family?

Zish: Nah nah, we know how it is an don't push Ma or Pop you no what I mean. There's some difficulties after 9/11 but not too bad in Weston. Although many British Asians are stereotyped in the media and in bigger cities there is racial conflict and tension but none in Weston It's all good round here, no troubles.

Parkinson: Well it is pleasing to hear that. Ladies and gentlemen, Zishaan Ali Salam.

Zish: Thanks.

Applause.