

## From daydreaming delinquent to lifelong learner – Ryan’s story

### You helped Ryan to fulfil his potential

Ryan had been a happy child with a terrific sense of humour, however, that all changed when he started school. He was unpopular with the other children, lacked concentration and spent his time looking out of the window.



His headmaster said he was likely to become a delinquent.

His parents were worried and sought the help of a child psychologist, who discovered that Ryan had an IQ of 170 and was frustrated and bored in school.

With support from Potential Plus UK his parents became successful advocates for Ryan’s educational needs. Through the charity, Ryan found a friendship group and was able to explore, understand and accept himself and his abilities.



Ryan went on to be a lifelong learner – first, in Mathematics at university and later learning several languages and becoming an expert at the Chinese game of Go. He went on to live a full and happy life. He had a long and successful career as a database administrator, pioneered new computer-driven methods for off-shore drilling, and taught Mathematics at universities in Iran, England and the USA. He retired in 2019.

### Help us to support children like Ryan to fulfil their potential

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*Ryan is not his real name, but he is one of many genuine young people supported by Potential Plus UK over the last 55 years.*

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