Problem scenario – boys

Future Goals

Anthony hates school. When he was in Year 7 he was teased by the other students because he got the lowest marks in an English test. Ever since, Anthony hasn't bothered trying. Teachers have tried to encourage him and so have his parents but they seem to have given up on him now. The only thing he likes and is good at is cars. Anthony's uncle has taught him lots about cars. Now that Anthony is in Year 10 he wants to get a college placement working in mechanics but the school and his parents say they won't let him because of his grades and his attitude.

Questions

- Why does Anthony hate school?
- ▶ What might have helped him when he was younger?
- ▶ Why have people given up on him?
- ▶ Why hasn't his uncle given up on him?
- ▶ What does he need to do now to make his dream come true?
- ▶ Who can help him? How can he help himself?
- ▶ What advice and support would you give to Anthony now if you were his friend?



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