

# ON THE MOVE

A class at Bishop Kearney High School has spent the past school year studying journalism and also working on its school newspaper, the *Coronet*, under the guidance of its teacher, Amy Wilkin. The *Coronet* included an advice column, so we figured we'd have the BK students put their expert experience to use in our newspaper. Here are some of their profound insights on the actual subject of advice.

**Dear BK Student:** My parents are always trying to give me advice — who I should date, how to hit a baseball, how to hold my fork at the dinner table. I'm 16 years old and I'm sick of taking their advice. What do you suggest?

Dear Laura

First of all, you need to realize that they are your parents, and they want the best for you. Although you are old enough to make those decisions on your own, you will always be their baby. You need to talk (not yell) to them. Tell them how you feel. Parents are human beings, too. If you prove to them that you are mature enough to come to them, they will realize that you're not a baby.  
**Laura P. Green, 18, senior**



Tell them that you need to learn how to make decisions on your own. How else are you going to become independent? They may say you are still too young, but if you prove yourself in your actions they may realize that it is not healthy for them to decide everything for you.  
**Jill Principe, 19, senior**

That's a serious topic. I know how you feel about talking to your parents. I wouldn't want to either, I'd be so scared. Find a friend you totally confide in and tell that person your problems. If it's really serious, you and your friend should decide to go talk to an adult (other than your parents)



Dear Beth

**Dear BK Student:** My friend is trying to fix me up with this one guy who I am, like, totally unattracted to. She said we'd be perfect for each other. The last guy she fixed me up with was a total geek. I'm wondering, why do people who give advice on relationships think they know who's better for me than I do?



Dear Dave

Your friend is giving you advice on relationships because she doesn't want you to have a good boyfriend. If you have an ugly boyfriend, the better ones are left for her. The best advice you can follow is your own.  
**Dave Boon, 18, senior**

During your life, people will always try to hook you up with somebody. But, even though these guys are good guys, only you know who is perfect for you. So, I would give these guys a chance but, when it comes down to it, you need to decide what is best for yourself.  
**Justin Feasel, 18, senior**

Give your friend a taste of her own medicine. Fix her up with someone that is just like the guy she tries to hook you up with, and maybe then she'll quit playing Cupid.  
**Kim Gilman, 18, senior**

**Dear BK Student:** I'm 14 years old and I've got a really serious problem with my boyfriend. It's about sex but I don't want to spill my guts in the newspaper the way people do to Dear Abby. But I also don't want to talk to my parents because we never talk about sex. Isn't there somebody I can go to for advice? Who would you suggest?

about the problem. Make sure it's an adult you know well and trust.  
**Beth Castellano, 17, junior**

I suggest you call a teen hotline on something like that. Or, you could just ask a peer that you feel comfortable talking about sex with.  
**Lisa DeJonge, 17, junior**

In my opinion, I think that you have to go and be honest and open with your parents. Your parents should then be honest and open with you. If you can't talk to your parents about sex, then you are nowhere near ready to have sex. You have to be able to talk to your parents; don't be scared.  
**Justin Keller, 17, senior**

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