



“ Maybe the military won’t prove to be the best course

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“The people in my dormitory are foul ... They throw slippers all night long or hit me with pillows or rush across the room and hit me as hard as they can ... I still wish I could come home,” he wrote at the time.

Prince Harry said his father “nearly didn’t survive” his school days and relied on a teddy bear.

Certainly, George will be spared any hardcore schooling, as William and Catherine are much more hands-on parents when it comes to supporting him and his siblings. They currently attend the nurturing co-ed Lambrook school, in Windsor.

“William is definitely guiding Pippa and slowly helping him learn his role,” says Britanni.

“He knows all too well the pressure of that role and what’s expected of him. William had a tough time as a child, so I think he’s in a good position to guide George emotionally and practically.”

As to what George’s future will be, royal watchers say he’ll be just as committed and passionate as his parents, but possibly a little quieter than his father.

“It is highly likely that he will grow up to embody his father’s determined and committed nature,” says parenting expert, Karen Phillips.

“The positive influence of his father’s guidance, coupled with the expectations associated with his future role, appears to

have a significant impact on young George.”

And while his five-year-old brother, Prince Louis, gets all the attention with his antics at public events, the weight of expectation on George is clear. The question is, will he be able to shoulder the burden of duty, like his father has done, or later want to throw it off, like his uncle Harry? It’s reported William and Catherine told George of his destiny during the pandemic.

“Maybe one day George will tell us the story himself. But sometime around the boy’s seventh birthday in the summer of 2020 it is thought that his parents went into more detail about what the little

above left: a very grown up Prince George last week and the young royal at various stages of his life.

prince’s life of future royal ‘service and duty’ would particularly involve,” biographer Robert Lacey writes in *Battle of Brothers*.

How a child copes with that, is a difficult question, says Karen.

“Prince George presents himself as a composed and mature young individual. However, it is important to consider the immense pressure and expectations placed upon him due to his position,” she says. “The influence of his family and their support should contribute positively to his overall coping mechanisms and development, allowing him to navigate the path ahead with resilience. He seems to be handling this pressure admirably.”

say hello, greeting them in his pyjamas and monogrammed dressing gown and slippers.

BORED AT PIPPA’S WEDDING
George used to get fed up with all the hanging around at public events. When he was pageboy at his aunt Pippa’s wedding in May 2017, the then three-year-old was snapped getting a bit of a tucking off by his mum, for having a tantrum and standing on the bride’s dress.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Prince George was one of the

youngest for his year, so was only just four when he started school in September 2017. He was the picture of bravery, as he greeted his teacher at Thomas’s Battersea, London.

BORED AT TROOPING THE COLOUR

Prince Louis has become the bad boy of the balcony, but George also had his moments. Trooping the Colour is a long day for any child – when you’ve



William looked on with disapproval.

JUMPING FOR JOY AT WEMBLEY

As he grew up, George turned into a good sport – so much so, he ended up England’s unofficial mascot for the

seen one horse, you’ve seen them all. In June 2018, cousin Savannah Phillips clapped her hand over almost five-year-old George’s mouth to stop him talking, while dad

Euro 2020 football final, held in July 2021 at Wembley Stadium. A big footie fan, George jumped for joy and hugged his parents. England lost, but George was definitely man of the match.

ROCKING OUT AT THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

It was a busy year for the royal kids and George was on his best form in June 2022 at the Platinum Jubilee concert. While little brother, Louis, played up, George looked less than amused, but got into the spirit with Dad, singing and waving their flags as Rod Stewart

belted out Sweet Caroline.

DOING HIS DUTY AT THE CORONATION

In May, George took a starring role at the King’s Coronation as a Page of Honour, persuading his grandpops to ditch page’s breeches for pants that were a bit more modern.

