

## **Allan's Story**

Allan was 12 years old when he first came to The Listening Centre. He was enrolled in a school for students with learning disabilities. Allan had a diagnosis of Attention Deficit Disorder or ADHD (a "hypo" form of ADHD) as well as a processing disability. His self-esteem was extremely low and he was below grade level in most subjects. At that time his mother wrote that "Allan's academic, personal, and social abilities seem to diminish as the year progresses as if he has given up on himself". He did two intensive sessions of listening training in the summer of '96 and has continued his voice exercises with the Listening Trainer since then.

### ***A letter from Cheryl O'Connor - February 1998***

Just a small message with the enclosures.... I have decided to send a copy of Allan's report card.... we just received it, and thought you might be interested in a copy ... another little anecdotal success story for your records!

Allan was somewhat disappointed with the fact that he did not have any A's this term ... even though his Grade Point Average had risen...

Note the difference in the English mark! (from 59 or C- in Nov./97 to 73 or B in Jan/98)... Very probably the Listening Trainer has had some impact on that!

He is very proud of the fact that he is now taller than both his parents.... it seems strange to look directly at eye level at one's own child! I better get used to it though...and worse, looking upwards! Chuckle.

All the best for Spring... We will be in touch

Cheryl O'Connor.