



THE SCHOOLGIRL WHO WAS A BOY LAST TERM

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The new school term will soon begin.

For one boy in the top class it also means the start of a new life . . . as a girl.

He has changed his sex during the summer holidays. Last term the pupils at the co-ed school in Harnovand, Sweden, knew him as Torsten Bjorklund.

This term they will have to get used to calling him Ingrid. They will notice other, even more startling changes in their old friend

Dresses

He will come to school in dresses instead of trousers. And his hair will be long and salon-styled.

About the only thing they will recognise as the old Torsten will be the deep, masculine voice.

Torsten, 19, who goes back to the school's "Upper Sixth" form on Monday, said yesterday: "I feel that I have finally found myself.

"I only hope the others will accept me. At the moment, only the headmaster knows what has happened."

Unhappy

All his life, Torsten has felt unhappy being a boy.

As a small child, he always preferred to play with dolls rather than toy cars.

He often used to dress up in girl's clothes. While other boys played outdoor games, he liked

wardrobe of girls' clothes, Ingrid was born.

By the time the new girl leaves school, the sex-change treatment will be in its final stages.

Deep

Although babies are out of the question, Ingrid should eventually be able to enjoy a female sex life.

And even the deep voice of Torsten will be no more.

to sit at home sewing or knitting.

"At school they have always looked on me as a bit of a cissy," said Torsten.

Earlier this year, he told his mother that he

wanted to become known as a girl.

There were visits to psychiatrists and doctors.

During the long summer holidays, with the help of drugs and a complete new

The schoolgirl who was a boy last term. . . . Ingrid after the sex change.