Is Jordan a Boy or a Girl?

Hi, I'm Jordan, and I'd like to tell you about some things that have been going on with me. It seems that every day something different is happening. It's almost like I'm getting a new body! They tell me I'm going through puberty.

One of the things that is happening is that I have hair growing in places it has never been before, like under my arms. I know this is normal and everything, but it still takes a while to get used to it.

Some of the changes are pretty cool. I even like some of them. I'm taller than I was last year; I'm almost as tall as my parents. I know I'm smarter just because I'm able to think and write about what I'm going through now.

But, then there are some changes that are pretty gross - like body odor (BO). The first time I noticed it, I thought I had some kind of disease or that something was wrong with me. Now I realize it's not too bad as long as I shower and use a deodorant or antiperspirant.

The worst thing, though, is acne. I remember I was getting ready to go to a party with some friends, washing up and stuff, when I looked in the mirror and saw this huge pimple staring back at me. I held a hot wash cloth in it for a long time. It went down, but not all the way. I went out anyway even though I felt like I had a huge mountain on my face. I noticed that lots of other kids at the party had the same or worse luck with their pimples. I wonder how common this is?

There's one thing that makes me a little embarrassed. It's even hard for me to talk about this. When I was at the party the other night, I was with someone I liked (I'm not mentioning any names) and I felt kind of funny on the inside. It was strange but kind of nice. They tell me it's normal. Is it?

They tell me I'm going through puberty. That means I have to go to school with my pimples and my B.O. But I am taller and smarter… I think I'll survive. Don't you?

Do you think Jordan is a boy or girl?

_____ Boy   _____ Girl   _____ Not Sure

State your reason for your answer:

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