

MAL Clooney is the winner — by a nose! But long before she would become the future Mrs. George Clooney, the statuesque stunner once had an oversized schnoz!

The photos, snapped in 1996 when the humanrights lawyer was

about 17, are the first to emerge of Amal's awkward school days at a posh British private school.

"She's clearly had a rhinoplasty. They narrowed her nose and did a great job of it," said renowned plastic surgeon



Dr. Lyle Back, who hasn't treated Amal, but compared the school photos to more recent ones on behalf of The National ENQUIRER.

"She also appears to have had her lower eyelids done, and had fatty deposits or bags under the eyes and they have been removed, but it's excellent work," he added.

The photos reveal Amal, now 38, was once more of an ugly duckling than the beautiful swan who stole the heart of Hollywood's hottest bachelor.

Her family fled to England from war-torn Lebanon in the 1980s, during the height of its civil war.

The family settled outside of London, and Amal was shipped off to one of the country's most expensive

private schools.

The photos show Amal dressed demurely in a red jumper with shoulder-length black hair and full lips.

While Amal was studying, husband-to-be George was wowing America - and playing the field - as dreamy doctor Doug Ross on "ER."

But George, now 54, wasn't the only one sowing his oats then, according to one of Amal's classmates. The former student claimed Amal once stole a boy from her!

The anonymous post, unearthed by The **ENQUIRER** on a parenting website, reads: "She stole my boyfriend. She told me it is fact that there is nobody better in bed than a rebellious Persian girl. ... She is a major lawyer now." NE



Clooney's wife before & after her