

To Uni or not to Uni?

All through school and college, it's drummed into most of us that we should be gearing up to go to university.

Questions like "what university are you going to?", "have you chosen your degree yet?" are thrown at us for years, and it's what most of us strive for through our GCSE's and A-Levels, to the point that we don't even consider there are other options.

I certainly didn't, and up until the start of 2020, I had applied to prestigious universities and had some great responses back. So why was I dreading the thought of going to university?

It wasn't until someone close to me, someone very brave, someone I try and follow in her fearlessness decided actually, she didn't want to go to uni.

So, I dropped out of college. My family were shocked and disappointed, because to them, I was wasting my potential. That's not how I saw it, though - I was **achieving** my potential.

I started my own business Copywriting for brands and businesses, and when I shared my news, most of my family weren't impressed. They couldn't understand why I'd decline great university offers to start a business when there was no guarantee I'd make it.

As it turns out, it was the best decision I could've made - my peers are now learning online and their A-Level grades won't even be determined by the final exams we were studying relentlessly for. Education has been thrown in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, whereas my workflow is steady like a gently gliding river.

So, my question to all the young people considering their future is what do **you** want? We think we know, but I didn't until I stopped thinking about what other people wanted for me.

Figure out what you want, and go and grab it with both hands.

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