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RYAN McKENZIE
ART AND DESIGN
STUDENT

WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU DO?

My name is Ryan McKenzie and I have just completed my first year as a Graphic Design student.

WHAT YEAR DID YOU LEAVE?

2012

WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER LEAVING?

After leaving high school I went to further my studies at Priestley college, where I studied Games Design and photography.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST PROPER JOB?/WHAT COURSE DID YOU STUDY?

I have just finished my first year at Uclan Preston where I studied Graphic Design.

HOW DID YOU GET WHERE YOU ARE TODAY?

I got here by believing in myself. If you want to do something then just do it, if you try hard enough then you will succeed and get to where you want to be. My dream job would be working in house as a Graphic Designer or to work on or with cars.

WHAT DOES YOUR JOB TODAY INVOLVE/WHAT DO YOUR STUDIES INVOLVE?

My studies can be quite challenging at times but that's never a bad thing there is always something new to learn and I can always better myself, I feel my studies are gearing me up for my future job role.

AT SCHOOL, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

Games Designer.

WHAT SUBJECTS DID YOU ENJOY MOST AND EXCEL AT?

The subject I enjoyed and did very well in was Art and Design.



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WHAT DID YOU FIND DIFFICULT AT SCHOOL?

Maths was my weakest subject but it has turned out to be the most important.

LOOKING BACK, WHAT'S THE ONE THING THAT SCHOOL GAVE YOU THAT YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO USE TO GET WHERE YOU ARE TODAY?

When I was at school my teachers always said to better yourself and to never give up even when it gets tough. That has to be the best advice I have been given.

IF YOU COULD GO BACK AND GIVE YOUR 14 YEAR-OLD SELF ONE PIECE OF ADVICE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Don't follow the crowd do what you want to do and worry about what other people are doing later.