



A letter to my younger self

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Dear Irfan,

I am writing to you as you make decisions about what subjects to study at key stage 4. At this time I remember my grandfather Fazal and the support he provided for me at this time and I hope that you have someone similar in your life to help guide you but failing that I hope my letter provides you some support. When I was your age I lacked confidence as there were not too many people who looked like me at my school. So I encourage you to be bold and confident as you navigate through this process.

My advice to you to help you make good decisions would be:

- Look out and look ahead. This simply means to understand that things will always evolve so do not dwell too much on any mistakes as this can be a great learning opportunity for the future.
- Remember you have a right to be successful so do not allow anyone to dim your natural light or rob you of your future success.
- Do not allow others to waste your time and prevent you from doing the things you want to do.

Finally Irfan I think you must keep looking up, because the more that you look up, you will see more things that can aspire and inspire you to keep pushing forward in whatever that career might look like.

As a young person you will have good days and bad days but at the end of the day, whether you have a good day or a bad day, it is a day done, and the next day is going to be a new day, and you look forward to that day. Wishing you well on your journey.

