

A letter to my younger self

Jermaine Coleman



Dear Jermaine,

I hope you don't mind me offering you some advice as you reflect on the option choices in front of you. I am so grateful that I had a supportive father, Tony, to guide me, hence why I have been successful and I hope that this letter supports you as you also make your big decisions.

As a student, I lacked the "thirst for learning" and I did just enough to get by. I would encourage you to apply yourself in every lesson and every activity, as this will yield better outcomes for you. I would also suggest that you surround yourself with friends that you can trust and who will be loyal and want the best for you. My advice to you would be to:

- Apply yourself fully to everything you want to do
- Be more selfish in regards to doing what will be good for you; don't follow the crowd
- Develop your self-belief as I often doubted myself when I was your age. If you can develop your self-belief, it will allow you to take more chances.

Jermaine, I encourage you to try new activities in school when they are offered as this will broaden your horizons and give you valuable skills. I recall wanting to join the debating club but lacked the self-belief to actually do it so don't be afraid to try new things. I wish you all the best, as I know you will achieve great things on your journey.

