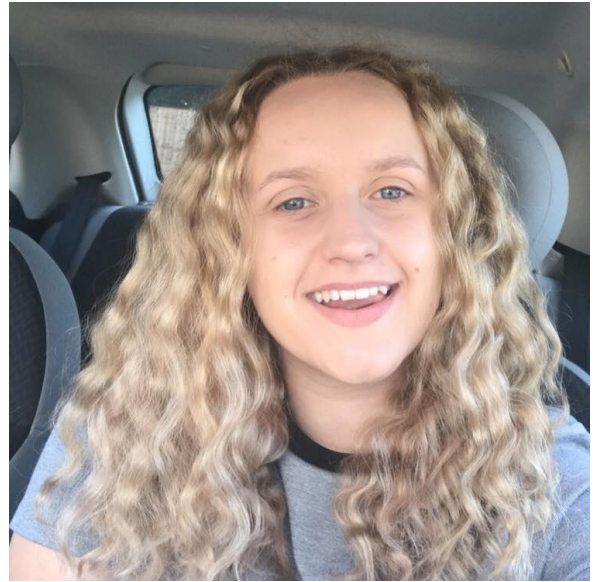


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During my time at Spalding High School Sixth Form, I studied quite a mixture of subjects; Classical Civilization, Sociology and Spanish. This was due to the fact that I wasn't sure what kind of career path I wanted to take. I wanted to share this story, though, to show that it doesn't matter if you aren't incredibly sure what you want to do during your time at school.

Although Spalding High School's careers help and advice was great, and taught me a lot about the process of finding a career, I was starting to worry that my peers seemed to have great plans for their future, and I didn't. I worked in a restaurant for a while and started to look for apprenticeship courses that were available in my area, and came across a Business Administration course at a series of Peterborough community magazines. The job description sounded like something I could really enjoy, though I had next to no experience in Business! I decided to give it a go, and I'm so glad I did.



The transferable skills that I learnt during my time at Spalding High School meant that I was confident in my ability to try new things, enabling me to begin this apprenticeship with the confidence that I could learn something new. I started my role with the job title 'Content, Design and Marketing Executive', and after only 6 months, my job title changed to 'Content Manager'. My job is really good fun and involves a huge range of tasks, from managing the posts on our social media accounts, to finding and writing local content. I have met so many new people through my job and I'm really loving it. The positive learning experience that I had during my time at Spalding High School has also reflected in my apprenticeship which I am currently around 4 months ahead of target with.

The business was brand new when I started working there, but our magazines are doing incredibly well and we're now even looking to expand in the future, which is really exciting!

The message that I am trying to convey in this piece is that if you're not sure what you're doing right now, and the "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?" questions make you tremble in your boots, that's absolutely okay! Find something that really interests you and makes you excited, and pursue it, even if it's something brand new.

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