

## Thinking about your future (completed example by Sam, 15)

Think about	Answer here
What school/college subjects are you best at and why?	Science and maths. I did well in my mock exams for these subjects.
What school/college subjects do you enjoy the most and why?	History and science (particularly chemistry). I like chemistry because I enjoy the experiments and it's very logical. History is really interesting because there are lots of stories and I learn something new every lesson.
What do you enjoy doing outside of school/college?	I like swimming, reading sci-fi books, watching films and playing computer games.
Are there any jobs you'd like to do in the future?	An engineer like my uncle.
Why would you like to do these jobs?	It means I can use my science knowledge and I think the money is quite good.
What qualifications do you need to do these jobs?  If you don't know what qualifications you need, how can you find out?	I don't know. I need to ask our school careers adviser.
What work experience do you have? This could be paid work, or volunteering.  What can you do to get more work experience?	None, but I will work for my uncle's company for two weeks this summer. I have done the Duke of Edinburgh's Award too.
Do you have any worries about your future because of your deafness?  What can you do to make things seem less worrying?	Yes. I'm worried about leaving school and having to make new friends. Not everyone knows how to talk to deaf people. I don't know if I will get any support at a college or a university.

<p>Do you know what options you have when you're 16/18?</p> <p>Options might include staying at school, going to college or university, or starting work or an apprenticeship.</p> <p>If you aren't sure what your options are, how can you find out?</p>	<p><b>I can stay at my school or go to my local college.</b></p> <p><b>I would like to know more about other options like apprenticeships.</b></p>
<p>What support do you need at college/university/work/apprenticeship? For example, a note-taker or sign language interpreter.</p> <p>Do you know what support is available?</p> <p>If not, how will you find out?</p>	<p><b>I think I need my Teacher of the Deaf to visit me in class and I need a radio aid. Same as now.</b></p>
<p>When will you move to adult audiology services?</p> <p>Do you know what to expect?</p> <p>Do you have questions for your audiologist about the move to adult services?</p>	<p><b>I don't know! But I need to find out so that I know who checks my hearing aids.</b></p>
<p>Do you plan to live away from home?</p> <p>Do you need any support to be independent? For example, a flashing doorbell.</p>	<p><b>Maybe! Not yet though. I think I would be okay being independent but I need to have my own vibrating fire alarm system and perhaps some other things if I live away from my parents.</b></p>