

5 Year Plan

Finish the first year of my level 3 advanced media production course and progress onto the second year. I aim to create the best FMP possible with my group before progressing onto the second year. Upon completing my second year at this college, with the goal being to get as high a grade as possible, I will aim to go into university. This will be a 3-year process of gaining further education in the media production circle.

Once I finish the university course, I wish to work on my practical skills by gaining a position in the media/movie making industry. My hope is to do well enough in my university and college courses as to get myself as high up the occupational ladder towards directing as possible. Otherwise, I would aim to get myself into the development department through it's entry level of being a casting assistant and work my way up from there.

Career evaluations

Director skills and progression:

- Leadership – I have placed myself in positions of group leadership for every project thus far at the college and will continue to do so. When issues arise, I discuss them with the group and aim to improve my leadership abilities at every opportunity.
- Imagination – I have always been able to visualise my ideas, I wish to utilise my own ideas more going forward though I am putting this skill to work when creating group projects. I also continue to write down unique story and concept ideas as and when they arise.
- Arts knowledge - one of my favourite hobbies at home is to learn new and interesting things about the world and the media/creative circle. I enjoy learning more about basically anything and will continue to nurture this skill moving forward.
- Production: this ties in nicely with my researching hobby and general interest in the world of media production. I do not know everything there is to know, and I doubt I will ever understand all there is to know, but I will never stop learning about it and finding it all fascinating.
- Staying calm under pressure: I have been placed under many high-stress situations throughout my life and have been commended on my ability to not be shaken in the moment. I wish to work on this ability regarding more social situations but I am able to work on that on an almost daily basis due to college and other external social connections.

Casting assistant skills and progression:

- Knowledge of the industry: described above.
- Knowledge of actors and networking: my research and general interest has provided me with good knowledge regarding actors, though it is an area with which I aim to work on and improve. I am currently also working on my networking skills by getting into contact with

other people working in the media creation field, though much more time and life experience will need to be dedicated. During my research I have also placed specific interest on the art of acting.

- Video: I am currently working on my experience with video cameras and software. I find that I have better knowledge for utilising editing software due to using it more often and always looking up new methods and techniques with every project. I know how to use a camera to a satisfactory degree, though also somewhat amateurish, but aim to work on that skill over time.
- Administrative skills: I have had experience in dealing with clients in a professional manner thanks to my time working with my dad in running his own businesses, I am also currently a member of the student governor group at my college with the goal of improving these skills further. Though I do admit that a very busy spell of life currently has made that more difficult than expected.
- Communication: due to having autism, I have spent an abnormal amount of time researching psychology and working on my social skills in order to combat the difficulties caused by this diagnosis. I have now reached a point where people often forget I even have this diagnosis, though I am also aware of areas in need of improvement. I aim to work on these skills throughout my general and working life. Working with clients while helping out my father with his work has also helped me with these skills massively, especially regarding confidence.