

Transiting Post High School



-High School is Over, What Next?-

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Introduction

The primary aim of this book is to expose you to a range of challenges and opportunities as well share some nuggets of realities beyond school life. In the end, the book should stimulate your thinking to start reflecting on these realities. In this regard, we will discuss:

- ✓ What we need to do just before you leave school.
- ✓ What to expect out of school.
- ✓ Challenges facing high school graduates.
- ✓ What to do out of school.

“The secret of your future is hidden in your daily routine.”

-Mike Murdock-

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IT IS OVER! WHY DON'T YOU CELEBRATE?

It has been four or five tiresome years since that day you started high school education. This, I bet, has been a long time and that you have successfully come along since that day, truth be told, deserves a thumb up! Those times you did punishment, those you went late to class, the ones you found yourself on the wrong side with your prefects or teachers, the ones you never felt like waking up and the others I have not mentioned. You are justified to celebrate. Congratulation for the time well spent. Life is like that, a maze of problems and successes.

BUT WILL YOU REMEMBER TO DO THIS BEFORE YOU LEAVE SCHOOL?

As a student in their final year, these are some milestones you should try to do:

- ***Appreciate the time you spent in school***-While most students take high school as just a chore, a passage of time, something to get through and leave behind, it is time you realize that it is the last border line to cross before the responsibility of adulthood takes over. You will miss the relatively carefree time of life that it is. It is after this the real life begins.
- ***Maintain good relationship with your high school teachers***-These are the people who will be the first bridge to a better future. Take time to tell your teachers how they have made a difference in your life. Everyone likes being appreciated. Consider maintaining contact with them too.
- ***Participate in leadership activities***- Such roles will prepare you for your future life. Be a team or a group leader for some time. You may not see its impact

immediately, but you will when you start working.

- ***Get your friends' contacts***-This will help you stay in touch with many of them as possible. Establishing a long lasting and meaningful friendship with your schoolmates will help you later in life.
- ***Have a get-together party***-This is one way of telling guys goodbye. I remember we did one in class eight. It made such a difference. You can choose to have a road trip to some cool place as a class or have that camping experience. Some schools have made it a tradition to have a get together for the fourth forms. Just ensure you are playing by the school rules.
- ***Solidify existing friendship and work on making important new friendships***-You have now grown big and mature enough to start fighting for small issues and keeping those from one grudges. Solidify friendships and clear those enmities you created when in form one
- ***Have a photo session***-You will be looking at that photo and be amazed come some years later. Before you part ways you should ensure you have some time to take a group photo of your class. Do not forget your favourite teachers.
- ***Take time to thank your non-teaching staff***-Just a quick 'thank you' will not take much from you.
- ***Take part in school activities which are interesting to you.***
- ***Make an exit plan for the future.***

NUGGETS WORTH KNOWING

“For paths and times may be different, but trust me that core values, core skills and core experiences required to brace yourself up will not change”

- Once you graduate high school, responsible life begins and how that life is charted out is shaped by what you decide to do after high school.
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- Many people will come into your life with various opinions of what they want you to do. Each one of them will want you to take something of their own, hence it is important if you already know what you want out of your life. Anyway, be open-minded and listen to their advice, but never allow them to make a decision for you.
- The fact that you are through with high school is a big deal. Life will never be the same again. Changes will come either from your design or by other means. You need to be ready psychologically for such changes.
- Unlike when you were in high school, carefree learning will end and a more focused learning begins.
- After school, discovering your own path and not following the crowd is fundamental.
- Anyone with dreams, talents or passions which do not really involve post-secondary education has still got valid dreams.
- Many students drop out of campus due to school fees or discipline related issues. Others do drop because they just went to college or university because they were forced.
- It is true that you can manage to get a job with just a form four certificate, but having a university degree will increase your flexibility and pay. It is also easier to progress your education when you have a college or university degree.

- A university or college is meant to prepare your mind to a wider base of thinking. You are taught about many knowledge areas for the purpose of expanding your mind to enable you reason and understand much as a professional. This differs from a technical school where they mostly focus on a particular course.
- Try as much as possible to study what you love and have interest in. No degree course guarantees you a job, but pursuing what you love will increase your chance your success.
- Everyone, irrespective of where they will study, will be needed to have a high level of understanding, competence, capacity and skills.
- You need to prepare well to handle life problems. This will help you progress well and achieve what you want.
- Always strive to post mature content in your social media accounts. You never know who will be looking at them and one day it may haunt you. This may be when you need that job so much and in front of an interview panel.
- Getting out of school can be an anxious process. Being free for the first time can be more confusing than the actual celebration.
- Be vigilant on the kind of friends you want to have. You will be meeting different kinds of people each day and it is, therefore, very important for you to be careful on how you relate to different people. Take quite a considerable time before you totally befriend some people else you will find yourself in a mess.
- It is good to know that not everyone will like you. Some people will immediately hate you even before you talk. Do not worry yourself- that is all part of life.
- Having a solid plan for your life after school increases the chances of succeeding and being satisfied in life. It also increases chances to settle in life early.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCUMENTS YOU

Some of the documents mentioned here may appear so trivial and sometimes looks like they are just there to be stored in a safe place. This is true until one day when, all of a sudden, you will need a particular document if any help is to be given. Hence, even if you are not always using any of the documents all the time, it is prudent of you to ensure that you have them at your disposal. Work on these particular documents among others:

A Birth Certificate

This document is given after birth to show that you are born in a particular country and at a particular date. Have the original copy and ensure you make a copy of it. Apart from documenting the birth process, the document is a proof of identity and age and can be used when you do not have an identity card. It is required for school registration, getting an identity card and also for you to get access to social funds.

An identification card

The Registration of Persons Act, which is a law in Kenya requires anyone who has attained the age of eighteen to apply for registration and be issued with an identity card as a right. Failure to do so constitutes a criminal offense. An identity card is a prerequisite document in:

- Giving you ability to enjoy the fundamental rights and freedoms within the borders of the country, e.g. voting, purchase of property, obtaining employment.

- When applying for a grant, loan or any monies from government bodies, banks and other institutions.
- When applying for permits and other related documents.
- When you want to exercise any functions as a representative of the government.
- When in need to show 'proof' of Kenyan citizenship.

Driver's license

A driving license is a document issued to authorize you to drive a certain class of vehicles. Unless one possesses a driving license, no one is allowed to drive. Get time to train or learn how to drive. This will help you be flexible since you can cater for your travel when given a car. By the way, this is one of the most important documents you may be asked in an interview. Driving is also a career someone can consider pursuing.

The following are the requirements for obtaining a driving license

- The applicant must be over 18 years of age.
- The applicant must have a copy of the National Identity card.
- You ought to provide recent valid passport size photograph.
- Must have attended a registered driving school and register for classes.
- Duly filled Forms from respective departments in your training institution.
- The applicant must have learnt how to drive at a registered driving school.
- The applicant must pass a driving test examination.

Updated curriculum vitae

Curriculum vitae is a document showing a summary of your **skills, experiences, education, and personal qualities. Its purpose is to give a potential employer a brief overview of yourself.** Your curriculum vitae should be ready each and every time. Store it in your mail or by help of cloud computing services. Add your experiences and achievements each time you do something worth mentioning.

A bank Account

It is not a document as per se, but still vital. After obtaining the necessary documents, it is wise of you to visit one of the banks and talk to them about opening a bank account in one of their branches. Most banks will be happy to help you in opening one. In most cases, students are given a student account.

A professional email Account

This is also not a document but still a vital tool for you. Create a professional email for yourself. Professional emails mostly have your names in them; a brand of a product or a company you are running.

KRA pin

In full, KRA PIN stands for: **K**enya **R**evenue **A**uthority **P**ersonal **I**dentification **N**umber. This is a number given to you so as to enable identification when you want to do any transaction, especially one touching on a commercial agency or government institutions. Quoting the KRA website (<http://www.revenue.go.ke/index.php/domestic-taxes/income-tax/about-pin>) you will need the KRA PIN for the following reasons:

- Registration of title, stamping of instruments by the Commissioner of Lands, and payment of Land Rent.
- Approval of plans, payment of water deposits, application for a business permit, payment of Land Rent by Local Authorities.
- Registration of Motor Vehicles, and licensing under the Traffic Act (Cap 403) by the Registrar of motor Vehicles.
- Registration of Business Names and Companies by the Registrars of Business names and companies.
- Trade licensing by the Ministry of Commerce.
- Application for Value Added Tax registration.
- Underwriting policies by Insurance Companies.
- To facilitate the importation of goods, Customs clearing and forwarding at the offices of Commissioner of Customs and Excise.
- Payment of Deposits for power connections at Kenya Power and Lightning Co. Ltd.
- To facilitate all contracts for the supply of goods and services to all Government Ministries and Public bodies.

How and what do you need in the process?

Applying for the PIN is an online process and you just need to visit this link: <https://itax.kra.go.ke/KRA-Portal>.

You will be required to have the following:

1. Your ID number
2. Date of birth
3. Your District
4. Your Mother's last name
5. Your Father's last name
6. Your Address (P.O. BOX)
7. Your personal email address.

Certificate of good conduct

Some people call it the police certificate. Apart from the letter from the chief, a certificate of good conduct is a prerequisite document for almost all employing institutions nowadays. This certificate communicates something important to us and that is- apart from having good academic and experience qualification, it is also good that you don't have a criminal record. It *shows that you have not engaged in any criminal activity in the preceding six months and that you have not served any jail term for a crime.*

Requirements for obtaining certificate of good conduct:

1. The applicants complete set of rolled and plain fingerprints to be taken by the Kenya police at the time of application- normally at the divisional CID office.
2. Original and a clear photocopy of your ID card.
3. Processing fees.

NHIF CARD.

This stands for the National Hospital Insurance Fund. There are various benefits you accrue from being a member of the insurance fund.

NSSF CARD

This stands for National Social Security Fund. Employees will require you to submit this to facilitate remitting your funds to the department concerned. This will contribute to your retirement savings.

Your academic certificates

Ensure you have all your certificates in a place you can easily access them. All other certifications you get along the way should as well be kept well.

SO, WHAT NEXT AFTER SCHOOL?

So, you are leaving school shortly or you are now out of school. You are happy shouting **“Yeah! I am done”**- It is quite awesome to hear that, but my question is - what next after this? Where will you go after this? What will you be doing with your life after this? Who should you keep along the way? Most of us cannot be able to answer these questions. We feel there is a complete vacuum between our life before graduating from high school and afterwards. For some few who can answer these, they still have got some few things to work on. The rest, woe unto us... we leave it for our parents and fate to decide.

While some students have some plans, it is unfortunate that most students are done with high school without having a picture of what they would really like to do with their lives and it is for this reason that most of them when they are done with high school will want to join campus and colleges not actually for the right reasons but because they feel it is the only choice available. But do you think this is the only route? You need to open up your mind and explore the different options available for you. It is true, however, that you will need the help of several people such as guardians, parents, peer and also other professional guidance.

As I clearly expounded in the preface, I would not be happy to just make you get that 'A' and fail to tell you how to go beyond that. I would really like you to be prepared to face adult life. Then, as a question to you: what will happen if you don't get an A? Does it mean you are doomed? Absolutely not! It is high time to realize that there is life after that. Life is not perfect, nor does it want perfection. What you need to do is to strive for the best and use whatever you score to do the best for yourself.

TO DO AFTER SCHOOL IN A NUTSHELL

- ✓ Try getting back to your past friends. We did it ourselves through social media and it worked well. Get to know where they are and what they are up to.
- ✓ If you are a technology geek, think of starting a blog or even a website for yourself. Here, you can post some of your work you may like sharing with the world. It can work as well as a point to sell your work or teach yourself basic programming.
- ✓ Get friends to have fun. Once in a while, call your friends in for a movie, game or anything. You can think of that 3 D movie-once in a while, you know! Just ensure you do not go too far.
- ✓ If you have not learnt to do basic cleaning and cooking, then it is high time you learn to. Teach yourself to cook, do laundry and other household chores.
- ✓ Take responsibility of your life. Do not shrug off; it is your life.
- ✓ Cultivate great decision-making and problem-solving skills.
- ✓ Work for independence. As much as you can, ensure you take responsibility of any major decision in your life.
- ✓ Take part in voluntary service in your local church, hospital, home for the aged, Children's' homes etc.
- ✓ Spend quality time with your parents, guardians and siblings. You might never get such an opportunity again.

What Are Some Factors to Consider in Making A Decision on What to Do?

What will be the underlying guide in choosing what to pursue in life? Here, there are a number of considerations and factors you ought to consider before you undertake any particular choice. Remember that while I tried to give almost an exhaustive list, this is just a portion and you can expect others.

- ❖ Your interest in life- what do you like and feel happy and satisfied when you do?
- ❖ Your learning styles- how do you learn things better?
- ❖ Your motivation – what is the driving factor in life? Why do you want to do what you want to do?
- ❖ The financial realities you are facing- where are you currently as matters finance?
- ❖ Your personal experiences, goals, skills and abilities.
- ❖ An informed research on the same. Have a wider understanding of what awaits you, the careers and various opportunities. Do comparative studies of each and ensure you know the pros and cons of each option.
- ❖ Think about who you are, what you stand for and what you do not want.
- ❖ What is your fun comprised of?
- ❖ How independent do you want to be?
- ❖ What company do you want to keep? What do you share with your friends? Which values do you want the best in your friends?
- ❖ What do you want in life?
- ❖ What kind of help do you need to attain what you want in life? What kind of education or instructions will take you there? What kind of experience do you need in life?

SO, WHAT ARE THE CHOICES?

It is a norm, an established culture that we must all go to college or university when we are done with our high school life, even when we do not know what we want to pursue there. There is another group of students who, because they never attained the minimum mark required for them to join these institutions, lose hope and give up on school and the worst scenario is when they lose hope in life altogether. I think it is high time we open up our minds and know that there exist a number of options for different kind of people and hence there is not really a single entity that defines our success in life. Mind you, in life, you just need to use what you have in a wise manner and you will be on your way towards attaining what you aim. It is always about making choices. Though not small decisions to make, there are always a number of options depending on where we really want to go in life and how quickly we want to reach there. Let's look at these cases:

1. CONTINUING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

There are various paths in which you can decide to choose to continue your education beyond high school. Each level has different kind of training and training time. Below we will discuss each of the categories.

- **Technical institutions.**
- **Colleges (both civilian and military colleges).**
- **Universities.**

Before we can talk about these institutions, let us digress a bit and discuss these questions:

Who can further their education?

Anyone can further their education given they attain the required qualifications with regards to different levels of institutions. Different institutions will expect different qualifications. It is just upon the student to make a personal decision regarding the career path to pursue and must also be willing to learn for the specified period of time

What is the motivation to further your education?

Here are some key reasons why you need to further your education.

- You increase your chances of employment. Further training gives you more and better opportunities.
- It provides a better base for career advancement through enriching your skills, competence and capacity.
- To increase your knowledge on a particular field of interest. Some people will want to research on a particular field and may consider reading wider.
- Reading and learning new things may be fun to you.
- To increase your exposure and social network- great relationships have been established in colleges and universities.
- To better your communication, leadership and learning skills in a more professional manner.

What are the factors to consider when choosing a school to attend?

It is time to go to school and oh yes! You have attained the necessary qualifications, but you are mixed up on how you will

choose the institution to attend. What do you think are some of the top factors to consider? Here, I have highlighted some of the aspects you have to critically think about when making such a decision.

- What are your career goals? -does the institution provide excellent support for this? What is the reputation of the school in regard to your choice of career? What are employers and alumni saying about your school?
- What kind of study environment favours you both health wise and academically? What environment do you enjoy most? Want a city life or an upcountry life?
- Personal features- What are your strengths? What field do you like? – Some courses are offered in some specific schools only.
- Do you want to learn near home?
- Want a religious school?
- Accreditation- is the school offering a recognized and registered degree?
- Cost- can you be able to raise the fee required in a particular institution?
- Safety and security. Your safety is the first priority.

What are the challenges you are likely to encounter?

Refer to the problems encountered in high school and some additional challenges can be:

- Inadequate funds to finance your tuition and accommodation fee.
- Difficulty in choosing a career path.
- Study pressure
- Mismanagement of funds

- Drug abuse
- Indulgence in wrong relationships.

Some possible solutions to such problems.

- Visit career offices and guidance and counseling centers.
- Seek help from an experienced, trusted friend who has got better experience.
- Research about available scholarship, sponsorships and bursaries extended to students.
- You can always have assistance from the dean of students' office or the welfare docket of student leadership.

WHAT IMPORTANT TERMS SHOULD YOU KNOW?

The following terms are important:

Bridging course

Also called access course and is a training programme intended to bridge the gap between high school and higher learning institutions. It is an intensive programme which helps to prepare students, especially in their weak areas or a new subject altogether so as to enable them gain entry requirements for some courses.

Accreditation

This is a process of obtaining legitimacy, capacity and recognition to offer certain training. An accredited institution is one which has been accepted by the regulatory body as being of the status to offer training.

Apprenticeship

This is a system of learning where the learner is doing on-the-job learning. A student doing such a programme is called an apprentice. The student will agree on terms of operation with the employer.

Certificate

This is a document which is used to formally acknowledge that someone has achieved or complied with something. It is usually given after completion.

Competence

This is the ability to perform a task because you possess the knowledge, skills, attitudes and abilities sufficient to do so.

Core skills

These are skills which are necessary for you to be able to perform in a particular field or area.

Credit

This is a show that you have attained a required standard in your training both by training hours and your performance.

Credit transfer

This is an exemption given to a student in recognition of his/her earlier work or study. This happens when you enroll for a course and you had already done some substantiated work on related field. Example is a diploma holder applying for a degree course.

Degree

This is a certification award you earn after successful completion of a training program in the university. It can be a bachelors, masters or doctorate degree.

Diploma

This is a certification award you earn after successful completion of a training program in a college or a university but being below degree. Training for a diploma is usually shorter.

Distance education

This is a model of learning in which students enrolled in a course study away from school and do not have physical contact with their tutors unless for special reasons. Learning is usually done through mail communication and online tutorials.

Entry requirements

These are fundamental skills, knowledge or academic qualifications required as a prerequisite before you can enroll for an academic programme.

Aptitude test

Just like entry requirements, this is a test performed to see how well you are in both your generic and core skills as a requirement to join training or be employed.

Evening class

This is a mode of learning where students attend trainings on evening and spend the daytime attending to their personal activities.

Full-time learning

This is a model of learning where students are enrolled and expected to do full-time academic workload as dictated by laid down standards and regulations through attending lessons and having at least 80 percent contact with the lecturer per semester as per ISO standard requirements.

Short courses programmes

These are programmes taking at least two weeks and up to six months. They are specifically designed to cover a small field. These programs are good if you choose to learn something which will help you. There are a number of such programmes, especially in IT industry.

Let us now go back and look at the various institutions you can join and what they have to offer you.

❖ *Joining a Technical Institute*

Technical institutes comprise of:

- Crafts and farmers training centers
- Technical Teacher Training Schools.
- Vocational schools
- Polytechnics- national and youth polytechnics
- TIVETS-Technical, Industrial and Vocational Training Institutions and many more.

A technical institute trains you on hands on skills and competencies towards meeting particular labour needs of a named field. Most of the training spans an average time of two for craft courses and three years for technician courses. Students do enroll for craft, diploma and even higher diploma courses in such institutions. There are various courses to train on. These may include:

- Carpentry and joinery
- Horticulture
- Welding
- Graphic design
- Catering
- Hairdressing and cosmetics
- ICT
- Engineering related courses- electricians, plumbers, construction, plant operators etc.
- Woodwork

- Machine maintenance and installations and many more

Advantages

- The nature of training allows you to acquire necessary practical job skills.
- Shorter time of training- three years maximum
- The tuition fee is comparatively cheaper
- It is easy to get a job.
- Since you possess skills, it is easier to self-employ yourself. The more your mastery of skill the greater your negotiation for higher pay.

Further training after trade school

While it is true that it is quite challenging to continue with university education after graduating from your course may be due to unavailability of your course, I want you to know that it is something possible and has been done. Also, you can consider taking a higher diploma and for you to climb the ladder up the management position of your trade, you will need management classes apart from experience. Ensure that you also know of the necessary certifications and laws you are required to play within in any job. Have licences and any other necessary documentation

❖ *Going To College*

What is the difference between colleges and universities? A college tends to be smaller and offers a limited number of courses. A university on the other hand is usually a larger institution offering variety of degrees and is made up of multiple

colleges. Colleges offer diploma, certificates and other skill-based courses whereas universities offer first degrees, masters and PhD programmes.

A good number of students will join colleges. There are a number of different colleges offering different courses. Most of the colleges specialize in doing professional courses. Having made a decision to attend a college, you need to know what you want to pursue and do your background research. Decide on a particular field of study and check out for a college which will satisfy your needs. Visit the colleges either physically, through exhibitions, through your teachers or through their websites and see if it will be able to offer what you want. Remember to check the quality of education from the chosen college and ensure there is proof of registration and that the college is of accepted standards.

After determination of your field and choice of college, it is now time to apply for admission into the colleges. Remember, you can choose more than one college depending on your choice. Fill out the admissions as early as possible and keep doing a follow up on the same. Currently, most government sponsored colleges are using the admission body KUCCPS (Kenya Universities and College Central Placement Service) hence you need to be informed on when the same is opening applications for anything regarding this.

Also pertinent is determining how you are going to pay for your fee. Will you do it yourself? Are you depending on a guardian or your parent? Is there a sponsor for you? It is worth noting this down and finding a solution early enough to ensure that you have a smooth transition period.

While joining college and universities is a great achievement to think about, you ought to appreciate the fact that there are available other better options you can be able to pursue. Do not force yourself into going to college only to drop or underperform intentionally. There are a good number of other options you can take. Some careers in various fields do not really need a degree.

❖ *Joining University*

University is a combination of various schools offering different specialized professional studies leading to a first degree normally called bachelor's degree or a graduate degree (masters or doctorate). It is the highest learning institution in the land.

It can be

- **Public**
- **Private university**

Public universities- these universities receive funding from the government. The funding is used to subsidize the tuition and accommodation fees.

Private institutions- these universities are funded by the individual owners or organizations. The cost of tuition at private universities is more expensive than public universities.

Admissions Options

You can join the university through various programs: these include

Regular admission

This is normally done by the concerned admission Board. Admission to the university on government sponsorship is a highly competitive thing process on your aggregate mark and the weighted mean obtained using the cluster subjects in regards to the kind of course you need to pursue.

Private sponsored programmes

Others call it parallel programs. These are offered in both the two categories of universities. They are offered to students who attain the minimum entry point to do a particular course but could not obtain a chance to the government sponsored programs.

Reading programs

Earlier on, it has been highlighted that you study under the following programs.

- **Full time learning.**
- **Evening programs.**
- **Weekend programs.**
- **School based.**
- **Distance learning.**

The choice of study is dependent on several factors such as:

- Availability of the programs
- Type of course you are enrolled in
- Type of studentship

Some challenges you need know.

- Learning takes a minimum of four years of study, which is quite some considerable time hence needs patience. Other courses take five and six years of study.
- It is quite costly especially for private students.
- Some of us are never prepared for the learning in these institutions and we end up dropping out.
- Some students do not have enough exposure to the courses they can take and hence most students will always want to join some popular courses which may not really tally with what they want in life.

Advantages of doing university studies

- A university graduate is likely to earn more than their counterparts for various career choices.
- It is easier for a university graduate to further their education compared to a graduate from other schools.
- There are numerous job opportunities and a great degree of flexibility when you have a graduate degree.

2. GETTING A JOB

Get yourself some job to do. Some will find great and better jobs while others have to struggle. A larger group will land menial jobs which mostly are low paid. Many a student, I included find themselves teaching as un-trained teachers.

It is not really about pay which is captivating, but what you gain from the job. You will be able to get life long experience to handle any other job challenge and as well as meet many friends

who will make a great impact to your life. Get the invaluable life lessons. Get to know how to handle customers, about how to budget both your money and company's money, about balancing your work and social life, etc. It is here that you will be able to meet business partners, great mentors, employees and many more.

The money you earn from these jobs should be put into some good use. It is through such strategies that I have seen guys enroll in training institutions and before you really know, they have worked their way up.

The hard time you face when working will also act as a motivation for you to work hard and liberate yourself from the challenges. This inspires people to work hard in their studies.

So, how do I choose or get a job?

The following are some of the factors which may determine the kind of job you will land in.

- What are your interests? What do you enjoy doing?
- Where do you enjoy working? – In office or out of office?
- What jobs are available at the time, which suites your classification?
- Do you want to be employed or self-employed?
- Have guidance from someone. Talk to people who are currently working in a job that might interest you.
- Network with friends and family members. Ensure they alert you when they see any advert or know about availability of a job.
- Be information savvy. Ensure you are always alert and

have access to the internet, newspapers, library services and many more information sources.

How do you get a job?

After identification of the job, you should immediately apply for the said post.

1. Write a cover letter and attach your CV. I hope you still remember how to write a formal letterhead. Emphasize the qualifications you have with respect to the qualifications needed.
2. Send your application letter or have it dropped at their offices. It is also important to understand that most companies nowadays use online platforms and hence you may be required to send your application through email.
3. Do a follow up. If they take too long to respond, you may consider writing them a follow up letter reminding them of the post you had applied.
4. Be prepared for the interview. If you will be called for the interview, are you ready? Prepare well for the interview. Do proper research about the company and also interview aching skills. Know the possible interview questions affront.

Some good nuggets when it comes to working.

- Do not expect everything to be smooth for you. Life does not always give us what we want.
- Do not expect high pay at first. You must first grow and climb the company's ladder
- As much as possible, try getting jobs in companies which will provide a future for you- working in some

companies in any capacity will help you get what you want five years to come after getting your degree or certificate.

- Take pride in your job, no matter how tedious it is. Just do your best in the present job even if you are considering moving out. It is good to leave a good legacy wherever you leave a place.
- Ensure you get a recommendation letter before you leave your job. That will help you in the future.
- Check out for sponsorship programs in your company. Some companies give out scholarship programs for their employees. If you are in a position to get one, then it is good of you.
- Open your eyes and ears wide and learn as many facets as possible about your company. You can also use the opportunity to do a comparative study between your company and other companies.
- Ensure you practice good work ethics. Have integrity in your work place, treat your employer, colleagues and customers with respect and always do the right action with initiative. These are basic acts which make the whole difference.

You can get a job by:

A. Joining the military

Military training is both a college as well as a job opportunity. Here, after being trained, you will be placed in a particular field and just work there with a pay. On special occasions, one is allowed to resign from the job after a designated number of years.

The military is divided into several units: The Air Force, Army, Navy, Military police, etc. In the military, you get to learn a trade apart from the military stuff. It can be a great idea for those who have passion in it as well as those who are not sure of what they really want. You will be paid and you can be able to reinvest what you get in whatever ways that suits you. Some people have successfully made a career out of the military and have managed to take great leadership positions in the same. You must, however, do some proper thinking before going into it.

What you need is:

- Be a citizen of the said country.
- An adult of 18 years and over but the maximum age is limited differently.
- Of good emotional and physical health. Some medical tests are done to the same line.
- You should be of good conduct and not abusing drugs.
- Your form four certificates with necessary academic qualifications for the service soldiers and cadet officers.
- Availability during recruitment exercise
- A degree or diploma in a profession for the specialist.

Important Benefits you get

- Military training instills teamwork, persistence, patience, responsibility, leadership, honour, respect, independence and very many other invaluable life values. These values are a must have for an individual.
- Relatively good salary to start with. It comprises of a basic pay and allowances.

- Cater for your family's welfare, especially medical coverage.
- You can get opportunities to further your studies- in some cases you will have your tuition fee paid for.
- Opportunity to travel while in service. If you go up the ranks you will have to travel a lot.
- Retirement benefits.
- Most military retirees become of great service to the civilian world through some of their unequalled services.

B. Being an apprentice

Here, you work with an experienced supervisor or worker who will guide you towards doing what you aspire to learn. After some time, you will start doing the job under supervision and sooner you will be your own boss. Most of the apprentice jobs require learning a skill. Some trainers will pay you some few coins as you start and increase this as you increase your experience and skill. Learning here is much dependent on your ability to learn fast and your willingness to learn.

How do I join?

If you have got an interest in doing something, let us say construction, you start by seeking jobs in the construction industry. Obviously, when you set foot, the very first thing you will be given is a manual job. But having something in your heart, find time to talk to the supervisor or any employee who can help you and tell them what you want. When you have trained enough, think of now enrolling in an institution so as to enhance your certification on the same. This will help you gain more control of the field.

E.g. carpentry, electrical, plumbing,

Apprenticeship is mostly an important area for those of us who don't want a lot of general studies. As an apprentice, you will only focus on the required skills and knowledge.

C. Be an entrepreneur

Let's first define who an entrepreneur is. My definition of an entrepreneur is that person who harbours an ingenious idea and is willing to take risks by investing his time, money and energy towards making it a reality in a way that is efficient, profitable and that which will make this world a better place. Entrepreneurial spirit is a lifetime ingenuity which marks an essential component of great employers as well as employees.

“An entrepreneur is that person who harbours an ingenious idea and is willing to take risks by investing his time, money and energy towards making it a reality in a way that is efficient, profitable and that which will make this world a better place.”

Being an entrepreneur is one way of keeping yourself on toes as well as sharpening your business skills. All you need is that great idea and willingness to start and keep on to the end. If you have some interest in business, it is high time you do your research on your idea and actualize it. The greatest challenge at your age is maybe getting funding, but if you can broker support, I know you will do wonders and sooner than you know you will be on your way to a better life.

Do not be limited by age for there has been a trusted mark that the youth can also make it big. Examples of the people who

made it great while in their youth are: Steve Jobs (Apple), Bill gates (Microsoft), Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook), Kelvin Macharia (Sunrise Tracking), Trushar Khetia (Tria Group and Society Stores) Eric Kinoti (Shade Systems East Africa), Hasnain Noorani (Pride Group), Joanne Mwangi (C.E.O and founder P.M.S) and many more.

When the now deceased third president of Kenya, His Excellency Mwai Kibaki, said that it was time youth became job creators, I do believe he must have been thinking about the role entrepreneurship can play in our society. It is a major player in creating jobs, contributing to taxes, improvement of lifestyles etc.

What are some of the entrepreneurial opportunities?

There are various places you can think of investing in:

- Agriculture
- Construction industry
- Real estate industry
- Energy
- Online platforms
- Hospitality
- Transport industry
- Energy
- Education

Your talents, hobbies and skills.

What sparks the great entrepreneurs of all time?

What are the qualities which are shared by most successful

entrepreneurs? Most of these entrepreneurs have habits which have been intrinsic and a routine. Here, I discuss some of the features making the difference.

- ✓ Ability and willingness to think outside the box- great entrepreneurs are daily dreamers who are willing to come up with creative solutions to daily problems. Great entrepreneurs think beyond what is already seen as marked territories. It is about challenging themselves to do what others have not done or perfecting where they left it.
- ✓ Undeterred passion in their work- they are always a group of people who have passionate pursuits of their daily goals and dreams.
- ✓ Ability to handle frustrations and failures- an entrepreneur will always have to deal with the frustrations of life towards attaining the fruition of their ideas.
- ✓ Aptness in spotting and providing solutions to an untapped niche and problems- problems are part and parcel of our lives and any idea that can solve them has been an entrepreneur work.
- ✓ They are great thinkers and decision makers- succeeding in an entrepreneurial task needs constant creative and critical thinking as well as apt decision making.
- ✓ They are risk takers and willing to journey the road less travelled by.
- ✓ For an entrepreneur, patience pays. You ought to keep doing it even when you feel like giving up easily.
- ✓ They do enough research about what they would like to invest in. They do not rush into investing without a clear picture of what it entails.
- ✓ An entrepreneur is a constant learner. They learn every day, train always and remember to listen keenly. Asking is their norm, they want to know things from other

entrepreneurs and listen to their stories. They do accept criticism and think about them.

- ✓ They work as a team- with the right team members, their journey is made easier. Seeking help from others and steering to work with others is their core driving principle.
- ✓ They take charge and control over the business. Responsibility counts every pint of an entrepreneurial success journey. When you are the boss you know that you are responsible for the success of the venture.
- ✓ They do proper planning and conceptualization. They have a working concept of your business and a well written business plan. Also, they normally plan about the future.
- ✓ Entrepreneurship is not for those who exemplify cowardice. It is for those who are willing to act and go out of their comfort zone. You must be willing to walk your talk and make your idea a reality.
- ✓ As much as they can, they invest in producing quality. This group knows that when you do your best, it is easier for you to win the confidence of your customers and build a brand. Apart from the quality of their product, they always check to see that they treat customers well and that their brand speaks of good conduct, trusted and reliable people.

Secrets of how entrepreneurs identify great business ideas

- Explore the untapped market and opportunities
- Look at what the society needs- what is missing and urgently being needed?
- What are the problems facing the society as at the time? What solutions can you afford to offer?
- What are your personal passions and goals?

- What can you improve on the existing industry products?
- How can you pull down a better customer satisfaction?
Better product performance?
- Turning a talent into an opportunity
- Improving existing solutions
- Taking advantage of emerging technologies

To curb on the challenge of funding:

- You can join hands as a team
- Borrow loans
- Check for government's grants
- Look for employment to support your work

“Not taking action to bring your dreams into reality is being your greatest barrier to the process of success”

OTHER UNIVERSAL IDEAS

Apart from what we have discussed above, there are some other steps which are quite good for every high school graduate to ponder and practice.

Take time before Making Decisions

Take good time before rushing into conclusions. It is best to investigate, share and brood enough before rushing to a close. It is good to know that it has never been a must that you pick it right away. Though having something ready is really helpful, it is better to have some better time for yourself than rushing into a decision which will make you regret later.

Take a break.

Spend some time to relax and think. You have been in school for the better part of your life up to now. At least you are getting a break before you start other commitment. Take time to relax and think over your life. Explore what is around and refresh your brain. This will help you have some good time thinking and making up what you want to focus on in the future.

A break within transiting from one institution to the other can be used well to help at home, do community service or travel around.

Play a music instrument.

Though not a must do, it is awesome to know how to do something like playing an instrument or drawing. Try learning how to play one of your choices. Try to do something unique which can be a source of entertainment for you.

Gain some or all of these skills

There are some skills which are fundamental. These are financial literacy, computer literacy, communication skills and other life skills. These skills can manifest themselves in the form of: *Marketing, sales, programming, computer design, writing, good speaking skills, dramatization, drawing, photography etc.*

Garner life Experience

Anything in life is not worth until you get experience out of it. Let it be a tradition for you to master experience from what you go through in life, be it a successful venture or failure let it not slip by you. Remember, experience is the best teacher.

Make a career out of your hobby

If you have a talent, hobby or a skill which provides a solution or a product worth some money, you may consider mastering it and making a career from it. You just need enough passion, drive, willingness and support and you are good to go. Turning what you love into a career will make life very smooth for you. Work on what you have and maybe later plan on attending training on the same just to equip you with professional courses on the same.

Identify a group who will help mentor and guide you and join them in a bid to make your growth easy. If you do make such a decision to turn it a career, then you must treat it as a serious business.

Talents, if not identified and fed, die and become a waste. Be

quick to identify your talents and start growing them. If it is possible, you can always obtain a professional training on how to maximize your talent.

Volunteer

You can also decide to join one of the organizations to do volunteer work or just do one on your own. This is one way of giving back to the society. Here, you give your energy, skill and time so as to help someone out there without necessarily expecting to be paid back. There are various avenues you can consider volunteering in. These include:

- Talking to those younger than you to inspire and mentor them.
- Working with companies to help in hospitals.
- Doing community service, e.g. building homes, cleaning, treating and caring for the aged.
- Responding to national disasters.

Take your time and visit many industries before you settle down to what you want to do and where you want to do it. Do not limit how you can help some people out there. It is a life changing experience.

What do you get from volunteering experience?

- First, the satisfaction of having helped someone out there and changed the story of their life.
- There are companies which will pay you a stipend while you do volunteer work to enable you make ends meet.
- Other institutions also consider giving some educational sponsorship/scholarships.

- There are other companies who, along the process will consider employing you.
- The experience provides a platform to grow your skills and contact list as well as life experience. In future, this will also serve to your advantage as a working experience. Working as a volunteer is an added advantage when applying for some post.

Travel

It is also considered a learning opportunity to go out and see what is being done away from home. Travelling exposes you to different cultures, different climatic and weather conditions and different lifestyles as well as different ways of doing things. Going to various places will open up your world and your thinking. It is always a good source of insight and ideas. Adventure around the world, you never know, out of this travelling, you may have a turn of events in your life. You may find a new idea to develop or new friends to build something new.

Learn a foreign language

With the global connectivity, it is now common to interact and work with people of different races and languages, hence it will be an added advantage for you. You can as well learn a foreign language just for the fun of it.

Finish your ongoing work

Is there something you had started? It is now time you consider working on it to completion. If you had started writing a book as

I had, you had started a business, a song or any training, then it is high time you work on it before other commitments catch up with you. What are you passionate about? What is your natural talent? What are some of the skills you possess?

Build Your Brand

If you have a dream of doing some great work which requires selling your product, then it is high time you start building your brand. Market your work and ensure you garner public confidence as soon as possible. Work to ensure that you always get a quality product out and have a way of increasing the awareness of your product.

Building your brand involves developing your appearance, personality, competencies, etc. it is about presenting a quality product in the form of you. What do you stand for and what qualities would you like people to identify you with? What makes you different from others? Always be keen on how you present yourself. Do you have a professional identity? Something which identifies you from the rest? What message do you speak in life? What is your life speaking to others? How do you handle feedback?

Write.

Writing can be a good career choice for those who like spending time with the pen on paper. Grab that opportunity and dip yourself into writing maximizing the available time before other commitments come your way. There are various genres you can write on. Just decide on a particular one which interest you and start right away. Though some of what you are writing may not see the day, it will guide you towards a better way of writing. It also gives you the much-needed experience.

If you decide to take this, then you ought to be a good reader and observer who can be able to join things up with ease. Get guidance from your peers and mentors as well as maximize the wealth of information you can access through the internet.

Always keep a positive reading culture

Reading keeps you active and informed. Great readers are great leaders. It is chiefly through reading that you are able to interact with great intellect. Books also remain a great source of entertainment.

Get in touch with technology

So much is going on online nowadays and through the internet, you can do very many things. Do research work and participate in online forums. Know how to use the computer and other technological gadgets.

Do research about the various skills and knowledge areas you would like to do or know. Visit as many websites or blogs as you can. Keep your presence in the social media. It is important, however, to keep a clean profile all through. Ensure that what you post will not lead you to trouble.

Have fun

Enjoy yourself at every stage of life. Life is a process and a journey without rehearsal. You do not have to postpone your happiness for a later day. Enjoy anything coming your way. When hard times knock on the door, learn to enjoy it too. This way, you will be less stress out!

Take some time out with your friends and treat yourself well. It has been, a long journey, remember.

Despite all the merrymaking, be responsible for your life and keep away from unbecoming behaviour. Most youths mess themselves by indulging in unproductive fun which ends up ruining them.

Document activities and information and be organized

Given the huge chunks of information you are going to come across each day and added to the various commitments you will have to do, doing a good documentation of your activities and experience will help you a great deal.

You can refer to your written documents easily than abstract ideas you keep in your memory. Writing items down helps you preserve finer details than what you can do with your memory. Get a diary and personal journal to write your stuff down. You can also make use of available technological platforms to store your data for future needs.

Keep your documents well in a place you can easily access. Have a document folder to keep your certificates. It is also advisable that you scan them and keep in an online platform such as cloud computing and email accounts.

Get a mentor

Find someone who is already successful in the industry you would like to be in and is willing to guide you through. Talk to them and seek guidance on what you want to achieve in the future.

Focus on relationships

Choose to build great relationships with people. Start right from your family. Establish a good rapport with your family members even when you are being tempted to run away. Keep great friends around you and establish other networks. When employed, always strive as hard as you can to establish good relationships with your employer and other employees.

Your schoolmates are of great help to you in various ways. Learn to establish a good relationship with many of them as you can. One day, these are the same people who will help you or may need your help. Apart from the old ties, make new friends with the people you meet along. You must, however, choose your friends well.

Do not be too busy for your family. Spend some time home with your parents and siblings. Try to establish communication with them as much as you can. Time is rushing and you will start being busy. Cherish any moment you can be there with your family.

Ask Questions

After some students complete high school, they will stop asking questions thinking asking questions was a reserve for class work. The world is a complex entity and not what we really imagine in our minds.

Ask questions to the right people. Be curious and know what you should know. Do not fear asking what you do not understand. Asking is never a sign of weakness. There is not enough time to make all the mistakes by yourself.

Online classes

With the rise in technology, you can nowadays study while at home. This is possible through online studies which are at times called distance learning. There are various courses on the same and people have done it.

Mind you, some people have gone very far with the same kind of education. These courses are offered through dedicated websites and hence need for knowing how to use a computer.

Your social media presence

Your social media presence is a good way to brand yourself apart from communicating with the world. Create an account for each social media. At least get a Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or Whatsapp account. A LinkedIn account is an added advantage. Companies check it once in a while when they want to employ. Through LinkedIn, you can be able to network with other professionals.

Start reading the news every day

Get to know what is happening around you. Have access to news. This will keep you abreast with what is happening. Sources of information:

- Social media
- Community leaders
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Television
- Libraries

- Friends

Remain inspired and cultivate a positive attitude.

Look for ways of inspiring yourself every day. A positive attitude towards life will help you have a positive perspective towards life. Positive attitude will keep you going when situations get tough as it will be soon. It is mentioned earlier that you will encounter challenges and that life will not always give you what you want.

CHALLENGES FACING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The interest is to not only highlight some key issues facing the youth in our current times, but atop give some of the actions you can take so as to solve some of these issues. So, what are some of the challenges facing our youth today?

Difficulty in choosing their career.

Joining a higher institution of learning is a great deal, but finding a career to go focus on is the main challenge. While some students know the career, they would like to join right from when they are young, others will have to juggle around for some time.

Take some good time out and explore the careers available for you. There are various avenues to do the same. Start from the widest base of careers you can ever think of then start narrowing down to your best choice.

Some actions to do when selecting a career

1. Contact people already established in the field you want to join. Get school alumni, former friends or make contact through the media.
2. Attending apprenticeship. Through internships, you will have an opportunity to have an inner connection and a clear picture of what you expect.
3. Getting yourself a mentor. A mentor is a successful person in the field you want to join.
4. Visit the internet. Research within and without about the various careers.
5. Visiting colleges and universities. Here, you will be

helped by the school careers development office who will be more than willing to guide you on the various opportunities available. This group will also guide you in the career selection process.

6. Check at the skills, talent and strengths you already possess. Some skills are a fundamental when it comes to some careers.
7. Do far and wide reading into the career world. Get as much information as you can.
8. Your academic qualifications. Some careers require higher academic performance than others.

Unemployment.

Insufficient skills and competencies is a key cause of youth unemployment. Many youth sometimes find jobs, but their skills are not up to the required standard.

Suggested solutions:

- Trainings on skill acquisition through proficiency trainings.
- Forming youth groups and participating in productive ventures.
- Linking qualified youths with the job market;
- Creating non-existent employment opportunities.
- Support for youth talents and hobbies.

Poor parenting.

Today, with the compelling demand for time by daily activities, it has become difficult for older generation to spend enough time with the younger generation so as to guide them through their

various stages of life.

Most families do not find time to do the basic social, recreational and economic activities together. Family meetings are nowadays things of the past in most families- This indeed has killed the unity among our families.

Apart from not giving you the necessary guide through life, some parents also do act as agents of moral degradation by introducing youth to some of these vices.

Some of the youth also have got issues interrelating with their parents. Quite a big challenge given that you will be spending lots of time with them. Parents will not always agree with what you want to do and this is normally the first source of problems. The freedom you wanted will now not be there again.

Solution:

- Discuss issues. Do not shrug off or dismiss your parents without respect. It is normal to miss out or fall out of something once in a while and end up in a state of misunderstanding. Take your time and explain maturely what you want to your parents giving various reasons as to why you are doing something. If you want support, solicit it in the most respectful way.
- You need to be wise enough to realize that it is your life that you must be responsible for. Do not be misled blindly into engaging in activities you know are not morally acceptable or legal.
- Get involved in family-bonding activities like hikes, camping etc.
- Improve parent-child communication.

Confusion

Confusion can manifest itself through:

Identity Crisis

This is the state of not knowing what you want or who you are and the cause you stand for in life. It is time to know who you are and what you stand for in life.

Not knowing what to do next.

Some of the youth do not know what kind of college they want and neither do they know the careers they want to do.

Not knowing the various laws

The gap between their mastery of laws and rules of the land brings shock to most high school graduates. This makes them land themselves in problems.

Entitlement versus Eligibility

The big difference between the outside world and what happens in school is the two. At school you will be entitled to things, but in the outside world, you will have to be eligible for something. In the outside world, you must meet a certain criteria for you to be given anything

Relationship issues.

Adolescent and teenage years is quite an issue. For ladies, men

now see you and will start approaching you for a relationship. Breakups and disappointments will come your way. Relationship with friends will strain and at times you will be called to cut ties.

Financial challenges

Your parents will not be giving you money as they did in high school. Financial constraints will hit you and you will need to be prepared psychologically for such. For the little money you will be able to get outside here, ensure you have a proper budget for its use. Again, it is important for you to learn financial literacy skills and start looking for ways you can earn money within the legal bounds.

Moral decadency.

Sometimes students find themselves immersed into destructive behaviour such as drug abuse, sex and unwanted relationships. This is a major challenge to the student world who before they can take control, finds themselves as slaves of the same.

Some of these activities have a direct link to the moral decadence in our current societies. Our value system has been eroded and our shift of belief of what is right misguided.

Drug abuse

It is a menace which has visited many youth in our societies. It is stunning to realize that some of the youth are even doing drugs while still in their primary and secondary school level. Some of drugs abused are: Alcohol, cigarette smoking, bang, cocaine, tranquilizers, heroin, etc. It is quite painful and disheartening when you hear that a group of students have been nabbed in a

club doing all these things. It has happened severally in the recent past and if the youth cannot correct this, then we are in for great trouble.

Abuse of drugs is with adverse life effects such as:

- Misuse of property.
- Relationship problems with friends and families.
- Exposure to related health problems.
- Prone to unwanted sex practices.
- Stress, low-self-esteem and other psychological problems.
- Addiction and dependence.
- Inability to perform tasks as required.
- Trouble with law.
- Exposure to risks of attack and harm.

What are the major things which introduces the youth to such?

- Being introduced to by friends, parents and relatives.
- The thought that relaxation is offered by drugs.
- Wanting to relieve stress.
- Need to be recognized and accepted by a group.
- Curiosity and desire to experiment what others feel.
- Reckless exposure to alcohol and other substances.
- Negative media influence.

Suggested Solutions

- Shunning away from tempting avenues.
- Responsible decision making.
- Self-control.
- Spiritual growth.
- Seeking help and abstaining early enough if engaged.

- Visit guidance and counseling centers as well as rehabilitation institutes if already affected.

Negative media influence

Given that most of our youth are now exposed to the internet, television and other media platforms from their tender age, it is quite normal to find that most of their worldviews, value systems and other facets of life have been greatly influenced by the same. This therefore means that while there exist positive impacts from the media, any wrong media use can lead to disastrous influence on the attitudes and values of the youth.

Challenge to you

Challenge yourself that even amidst this erosion of traditional systems and proper societal values; you will stand up and seek the truth of matter by consulting the right channel of wisdom. I want you to always seek to get the right values reflecting a high standard of moral values. While you continue to pursue your academic success, do not forget to prepare yourself on life skills encompassing leadership, critical thinking and problem solving to mention but a few.

New responsibilities and freedom of becoming an adult.

An individual becomes an adult when they become 18 years of age. Although it will take you some grace period, at such age, you will be entitled to be an adult and you need to now take responsibility for your decisions. Your parent will start drifting away from you but will always be there for any assistance needed. Sometimes, this change of events scares us as most of us are not really ready to stand for ourselves.

Discouragement

There exists a group of individuals who are so keen in derailing youth of their dreams, passions and aspirations. Apart from this group of doomsday prophets, many youth also tend to lose hope easily when they cannot be able to get what they thought was the kind of life they will lead upon their graduation.

Abuse and exploitation from various parties

It is time you get your value, look out for people who exploit you and try to take undue advantage of your situations.

Poverty

Working a way out to solve the menace, you need understand that it is a choice you can make to eradicate it.

Crime and violence.

Some youth engage themselves in criminal activities putting themselves on the wrong side of the law as well as endangering the lives of others.

HIV/AIDS and sexuality

HIV/Aids is not new to all of us. It is a threat and a national disaster which we have to evade. You need to:

- Have a responsible sexual life,
- Have health education
- Spiritual growth
- Have good self-control

Poor support systems offered to the youth

In some cases, we do not have systems which seek to help youth establish themselves. As such, youths are left into their own mayhem. What can you do in such instances?

- Talk out things with your leadership; seek help from responsible quarters.

Radicalization

With the rise in terrorism, some youth have found themselves victims of a radicalization. Be keen on who you relate to and with what you engage yourself in. Check out not to become a victim!

Team to keep along.

There are people who can help you in exploring what you want to do. These people will comprise:

- You,
- Your parent,
- Your teachers,
- Community heads,
- Relatives,
- Specialists (counselors, employers, company representatives) and
- Friends.

These people are free and willing to help you in finding your steps. What these people need from you is to be open enough and share what you have with them. Help them understand your strengths (unique ability, gifts, and hobbies), your skills, your talents, positive traits, fears, ambitions and any other thing you would like to share.

Transiting Post High School

Are you ready to step outside the classroom and into the outside world? If so, you are in for a wild ride. Life beyond school is full of challenges and opportunities, and it can be tough to know where to start. The transition is like a bumpy ride, it is full of ups and downs, but it is also an exciting and exhilarating experience.

Transiting Beyond High School delves into this period of transition as a guide for any high school student who is about to graduate. This book will give you the tools you need to make the most of your post-high school years. You will learn about the realities of the outside world, how to set goals, and how to overcome challenges. To satiate your curiosity; life beyond high school is "a lot like high school, but with more bills and less homework. To add icing to the cake, it is a place where anything is possible, and where pursued dreams can come true--given the right attitude.

Here are some of the thematic areas you'll learn in this book:

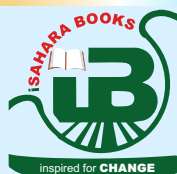
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