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Phew! Its over... for now. The dreaded exams are over and the results are known. Now that you know the cards you've been dealt, how do you play the game?



You may have been given a lousy hand (to continue the analogy) but you don't have to quit the game. Here's some ideas of what to do with your exam results:

- **Results better than expected –** Take time to consider the opportunities that have opened up for you. Look again at your career choices; perhaps its time to aim higher.
- **Results as expected –** Take a deep breath and stick to your plan. Choose the University/ College/employer that best suit your career needs (not just the one that looks cool). Stay focused and you will achieve your goal.

Disappointed with your results – Don't give up on yourself, just re-evaluate your options. Consider your natural talents and make the most of them. Not everyone is an academic and you can be well rewarded and have career satisfaction by taking up a trade (electricians, plumbers etc are in high demand). Of course, there is always those@#*\$!! exam retakes!

By the time you've read this article, you have probably made your decisions. Write and tell us how it's turned out.

CV.Tips.
A good CV can be the key to the job of your dreams.



Here's a short guide:

1. These days you can write your CV in the first person (i.e. I have) or the third person (i.e. he/she has). However, you do not need to use 'I', 'he' or 'she' in a CV because its use is implied.
2. Do mention things you are good at, but do not go over the top. You can oversell yourself.
3. Don't mention things that you are bad at or say negative things about yourself in your CV.
4. Make sure that the CV you write conjures up the right image of you and your skills, capabilities and achievements. If you do not match the picture you have painted with your CV at the interview, then your application will not be taken further.
5. Be careful when you use abbreviations - they can be misunderstood.

Bible Bites

Psalms 37:4 – 5
Romans 8:28

What's Going On?



Not a week goes by without some alarming report or some depressing news story about teenage behaviour in the UK. Teenage drinking (third highest in Europe) teenage drug taking (among the worst in the world) teenage pregnancy (highest rates in Europe) the stats pile up to create a bleak picture of British youth.

As reported on the BBC website this month...

"On every indicator of bad behaviour - drugs, drink, violence, promiscuity - the UK was at or near the top, said the Institute for Public Policy Research." [UK youth among worst in Europe. 02-Nov-06].

Why has this happened? Is there an answer? One suggestion in the same article states; "Nick Pearce, from IPPR, said these figures pointed to an "increasing disconnect" between children and adults.

He said youngsters were learning how to behave from one another instead of from adults.

"Because they don't have that structured interaction with adults, it damages their life chances," he said.

"They are not learning how to behave - how to get on in life - as they need to."

The researchers concluded that the lack of adult interaction has left British teenagers increasingly vulnerable to failure."

If that is the case, what are the ways that adults and teenagers can interact? Send us your thoughts and ideas. Perhaps CANDL can be the catalyst to make it happen.

WASSUP!

My Rock *A personal view of Solid As A Rock*

Solid As A Rock is a wonderful Organisation set up for young people. I enjoy coming to the SAAR projects because I find it exhilarating partaking in workshops with other young people. Being taught by someone who knows what they are saying, and can help people when they are in a dilemma makes participating in SAAR'S activities interesting and easy going.

Solid As A Rock provides exercises that involve practical work that is very exciting, especially ones like drama and dance, that's why I have no qualms about taking part in any of them. All of the workshops are very good to take part in.



Computing allows you to design certain things that could be used in the real world, i.e. contact cards. Dance & Drama gives the chance for people to express themselves in creative ways. Arts and Crafts give the chance for young people to make drawings or material designs, which could make good household products.



The activities are group based and give young people a chance to work together as a team to achieve their goal of winning. I feel that these bring us together as a group and improve relationships between each another.



Solid As A Rock is a great Organisation that gives young people a chance to socialise and interact with each other. Each and every person knows one another. I feel that this is the main reason why SAAR has become successful over the years, because knowing whom you are working with, increases the level of trust between the group. This enables us to make big strides in terms of progress.



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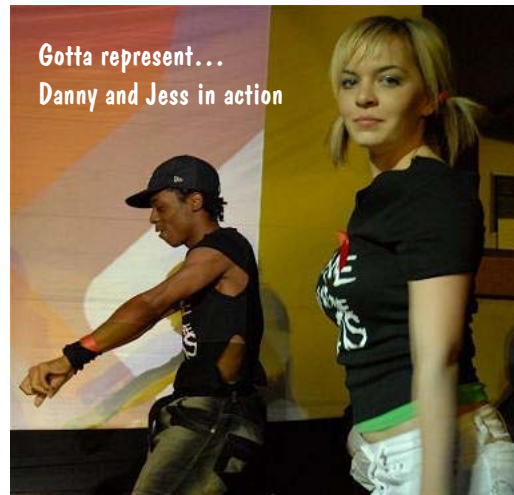
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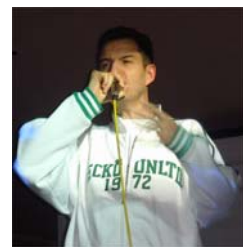
A Worldwide HIV Awareness Event

On the 25th of November 2006 a very large event, which included 8 other countries in Europe took place to raise money and awareness for H.I.V and Aids. The UK event took place at the CC nightclub in Piccadilly.

I was there on behalf of the Brit School college, we was asked to perform a dance and a monologue, which reflected the awareness of Aids.



The whole event involved taking part in a dance in unison with millions of people all over the world. It was a spectacular event and I was proud to be a part of it and would love to do it again, Tim Westwood also made an appearance and got the crowd moving on the dance floor.



All in all the event was very successful and people walked away with satisfaction in their hearts.

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Bible Bites
2 Samuel 6:14
Psalms 149:3
Ecclesiastes 3:4

Media Watch

Style or Stereotype?

Check out this report from brandrepublic.com



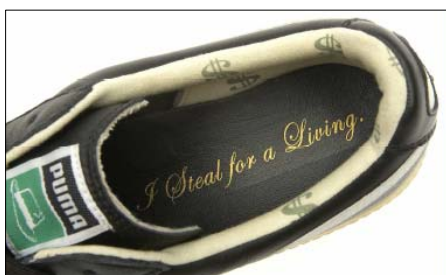
Puma risks controversy with 'tommy gun' trainer

by Staff Brand Republic 13 Nov 2006 08:30

LONDON - Sportswear firm Puma is risking major controversy with a new range of trainers that carry images of machine guns and the message 'I steal for a living'.

Anti gun-campaigners have rounded on the German sportswear firm and its new range of trainers, which are named after the US bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde immortalised in the 1967 movie starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway. The trainers are to be launched in the UK later this month and comprise a his and hers range with Bonnie for girls, featuring a golden pistol on the heel, and Clyde for boys, with a Thompson machine gun, or tommy gun, as its heel-placed logo. The trainers also carry the words "I steal for a living", the line spoken by Beatty in 'Bonnie & Clyde', famous as being one of first films to depict graphic violence and featuring the tagline "We rob banks". ...

I can almost see the attraction to the young. It's bold, rebellious, and practically certain to outrage their parents. A typical, smart, well-targeted marketing ploy it might be said. Or is there another philosophy underlying the advertising?



Are companies like Puma just playing up to the stereotype of young black Gangstas, dripping with bling and attitude, with no greater aspirations than to look good and drive a flash car. With gun and knife crime on the increase – particularly among young black males – is this the only expectation that society has for our young?

It's too easy for our youth to buy into this street culture and have a low self-image of what they can achieve and how they can achieve it. It's too easy to label, categorise and pigeonhole teenagers into a dead-end future so that the establishment can easily dismiss them as dangerous thugs. It's much harder to inspire our youth to set high standards and goals for themselves and give them a positive self-image. It seems that the multinationals are not interested in investing the time and effort to do that. Not enough profit I suppose.

Am I wrong? See it differently? Send in your views on this, and any other article here to;

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Talking Point

Christmas – What does it means now?

Nativity plays cancelled, 'Winter Lights' non-religious greeting cards; Whoa, Christmas used to be about Christ!

Although the holiday is as popular as ever, it has evolved into something else. Perhaps it's going back to its original purpose (a pagan mid-winter festival). Or it could be recognition that Britain is now a secular country. Some say that Britain is now a multi-faith society and no one religion should dominate another.

Maybe the comedian Dave Allen had the right idea when he ended his shows by saying;

"May Your God Go With You"

