

Future Focus ~ Sophomore Check-in



THE FUTURE IS NOW ...

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION - ARE YOU READY FOR EXPONENTIAL CHANGE?

The Future Jobscape:

- Students now in high school will work in 5+ different careers over the course of their lifetimes
- Of those 5 careers, 3+ of them don't yet exist
- The current skill set for many professions will not be relevant within the next 1-2 years
- "Future Proofing" isn't easy, but soft skills are always in demand
- Being Human is always in demand
- Learning how to learn is the mother of all skills.

Exchange “job” with “passion”

Technology

Trades &
technical

Design

Medical

Performing
Arts

Law & Social
Justice

Business

Digital Arts

Environment

Animal science

Psychology

Fine Arts

Storytelling

Service

Education

Social Media &
Communication

Planes, trains
& automobiles

Wellness, beauty
& healing

Workplace Skills for Future Careers

Sense making: Identify patterns and determine the deeper meaning or significance of information

Social intelligence: Connect and interact with others in a meaningful, direct, and productive way

Novel and adaptive thinking: Come up with “out of the box” solutions and responses

Cross-cultural competency: Adapt and operate fluidly in different cultural settings

Computational thinking: Translate vast amounts of data into abstract concepts

New Media Literacy: Critically assess and develop content that leverages new media forms

Transdisciplinary thinking: Fluidly understand concepts across multiple disciplines

Design Mindset: Creatively represent abstract ideas and develop tasks for desired outcomes

Cognitive load management: Prioritize and filter information to maximize thinking and productivity

Virtual collaboration: Work as a productive, engaged, and value-added member of a virtual team

What is a MULTI-POTENTIALITE?

A broad, varied, and interdisciplinary approach to learning, growth and life – and - is a good way to make yourself Future Proof.



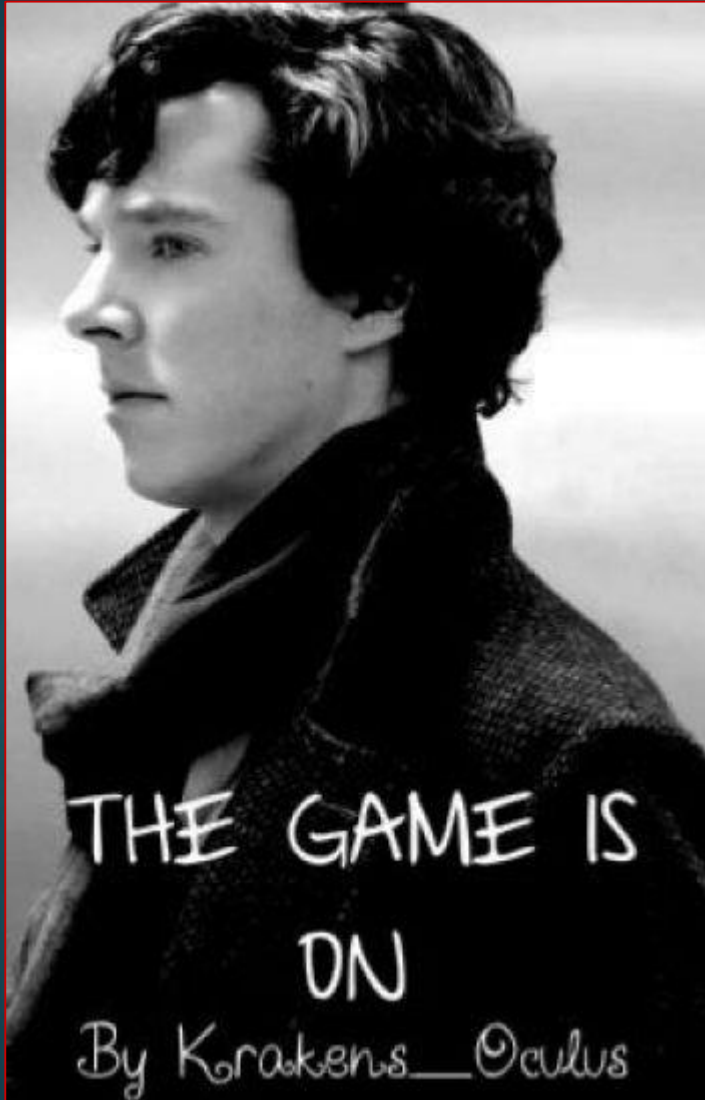
Uh, that's a lot to process. Now what?



I really need to go into my
MIND PALACE for this one!

- ⇒ Get to know yourself better
- ⇒ What do you care about? What are your core values?
- ⇒ What are you good at? What would you like to learn more about?
- ⇒ How can you start learning now?
- ⇒ What do you want to see more of in the world during your generation?
- ⇒ How can you participate in this vision?
- ⇒ Identify the FREE high school resources at your registration fingertips.
- ⇒ Start envisioning life after high school
- ⇒ Stay open. Stay curious.

Uh, still - that's a lot to process. What else?



Get out of your head and into your life😊

- ⇒ Identify the FREE high school resources at your registration fingertips.
- ⇒ Talk to your counselor, mentors, friends, family
- ⇒ Do some mind-mapping of passions, options and pathways
- ⇒ Start envisioning life after high school – Job? Gap year? More school? Why? What's motivating you?
- ⇒ Start scanning for a “good fit,” whether that be a gap year, work, travel, school...

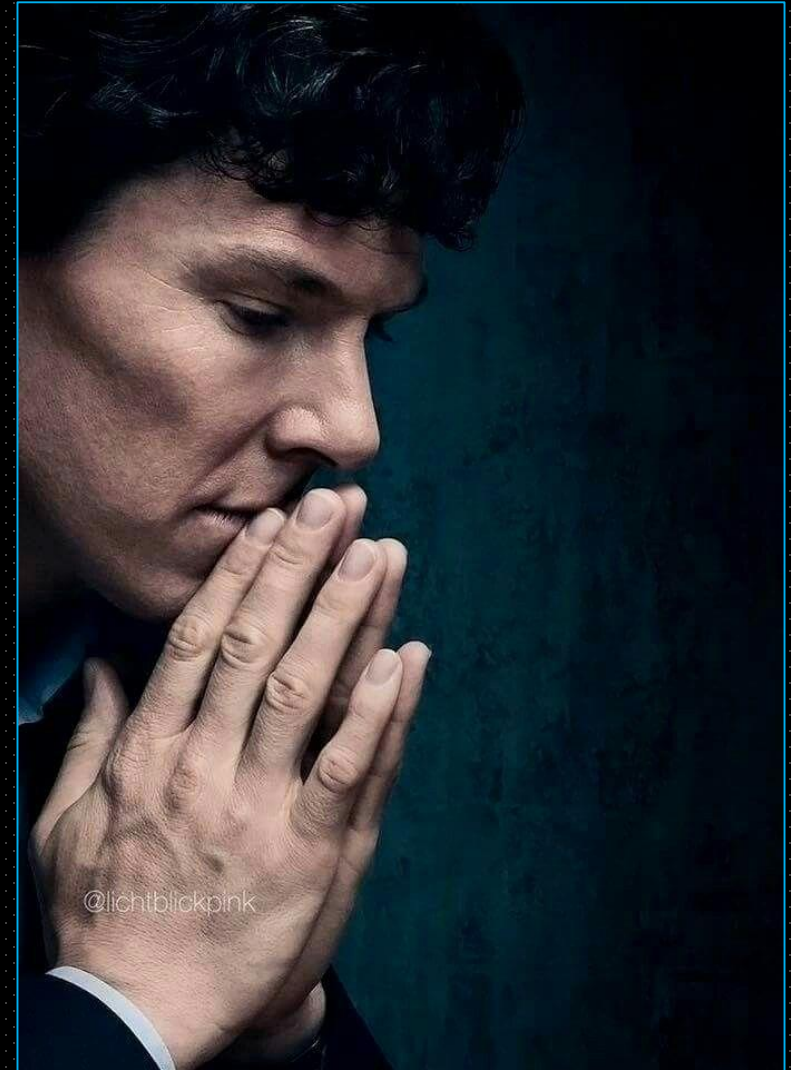
Important Factors for Marketplace Success:

1. A challenging high school curriculum

- ❑ Take at least five core courses every semester
- ❑ Include AP and honors classes *if you can be successful in them*
- ❑ Be aware of your CORE GPA:
 - ✓ English
 - ✓ Math
 - ✓ Science
 - ✓ Social science
 - ✓ Foreign language
 - ✓ Computer programming

2. Grades that represent strong effort

- ✓ Slightly lower grades in a rigorous program are preferred to all A's in less challenging courses.
- ✓ Grades lower than a C will not compensate for a class with less rigor



3. Solid scores on the SAT or ACT

- High scores will not compensate for low grades
- Scores should be consistent with high school grades

4. **Passionate involvement in a few activities that demonstrate leadership, initiative, impact - and an angle**

- Depth, instead of breadth, of experience
- The MARKETPLACE looks for "angled" students with a passion, rather than "well-rounded" students.
- Substantive commitment to a few activities is preferable to participation in several mini activities--and more rewarding!
- A detailed résumé can showcase these activities.

5. Out-of-school, “real world” experiences

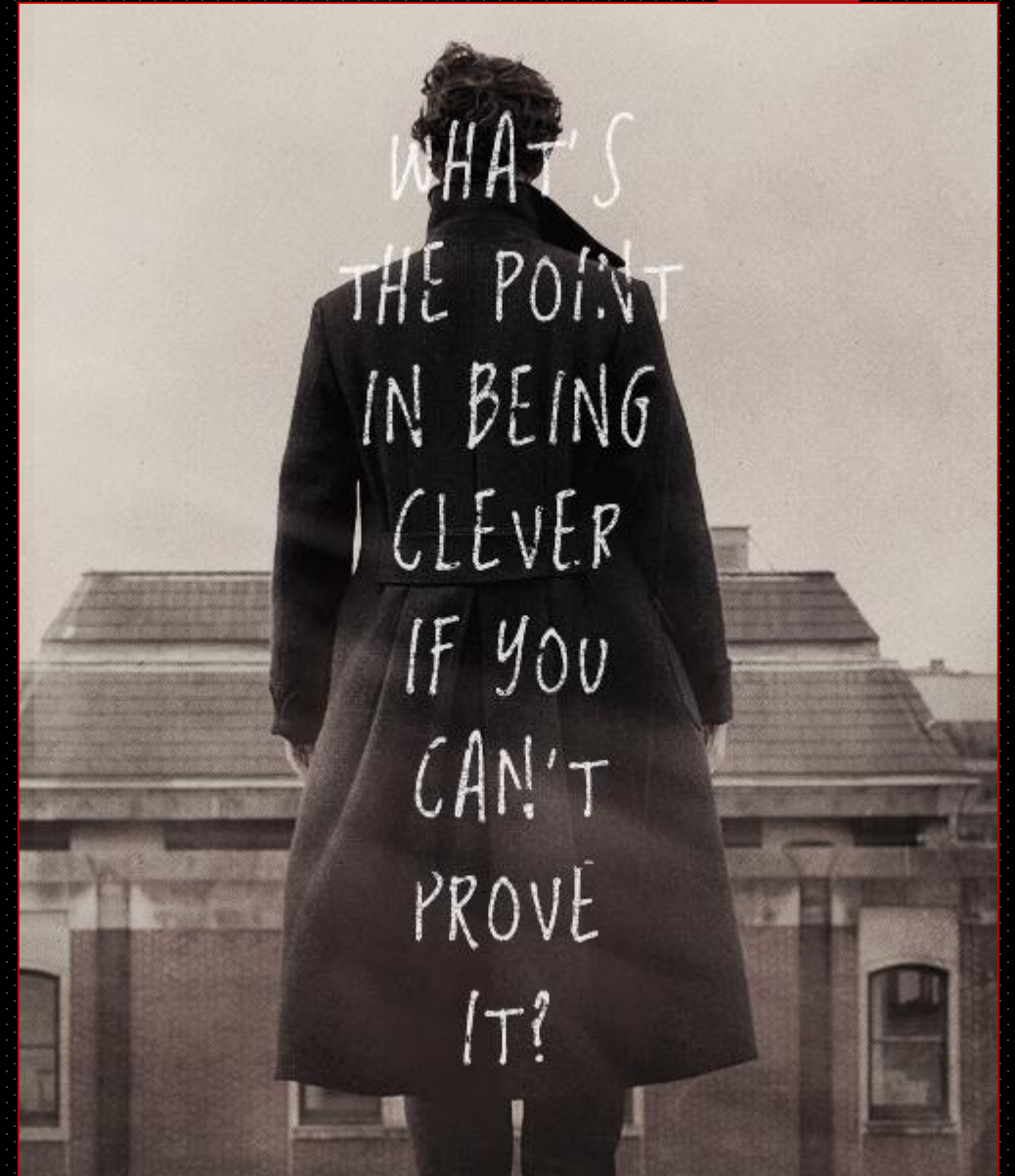
- Meaningful use of your free time matters
- Academic competitions display your intellectual curiosity (Odyssey of the Mind, Leadership, Service, Clubs, Sports, etc.)
- Summer activities, work, and hobbies reflect responsibility, dedication, and curiosity
- These commitments support everything else on your résumé

6. Special talents or experiences that would contribute to a college's (or marketplace's) unique and varied community

- ❖ **Going the extra mile to develop a special talent in sports, research, writing, the arts, etc.**
- ❖ **Some marketplace providers allow or even require students to submit supporting evidence of these talents with an application:**
 - ***portfolio of creative writing***
 - ***research abstract***
 - ***CD or DVD of performance***

7. A PERSONAL STATEMENT

- ❖ Your writing should be thoughtful and highly personal.
- ❖ It should demonstrate crafted and well-constructed writing.
- ❖ It's a chance to tell your story – make sure you have one to tell!



8. Letters of recommendation from teachers and a counselor giving evidence of your intellectual curiosity, special skills, and positive character traits.

- Seek out teachers who know you well enough to write about you with specific anecdotes. A mentoring relationship evolves over time.
- Other recommendations from a coach, supervisor, or someone who knows you well can help only if it sheds new light on your talents.
- Letters from family friends, even if they are well-known, are rarely given much weight.

9. Enthusiasm about YOUR NEXT STEPS

❑ For Post-secondary education routes:

Early in the process, schedule a campus visit, information session, tour, and interview if available.

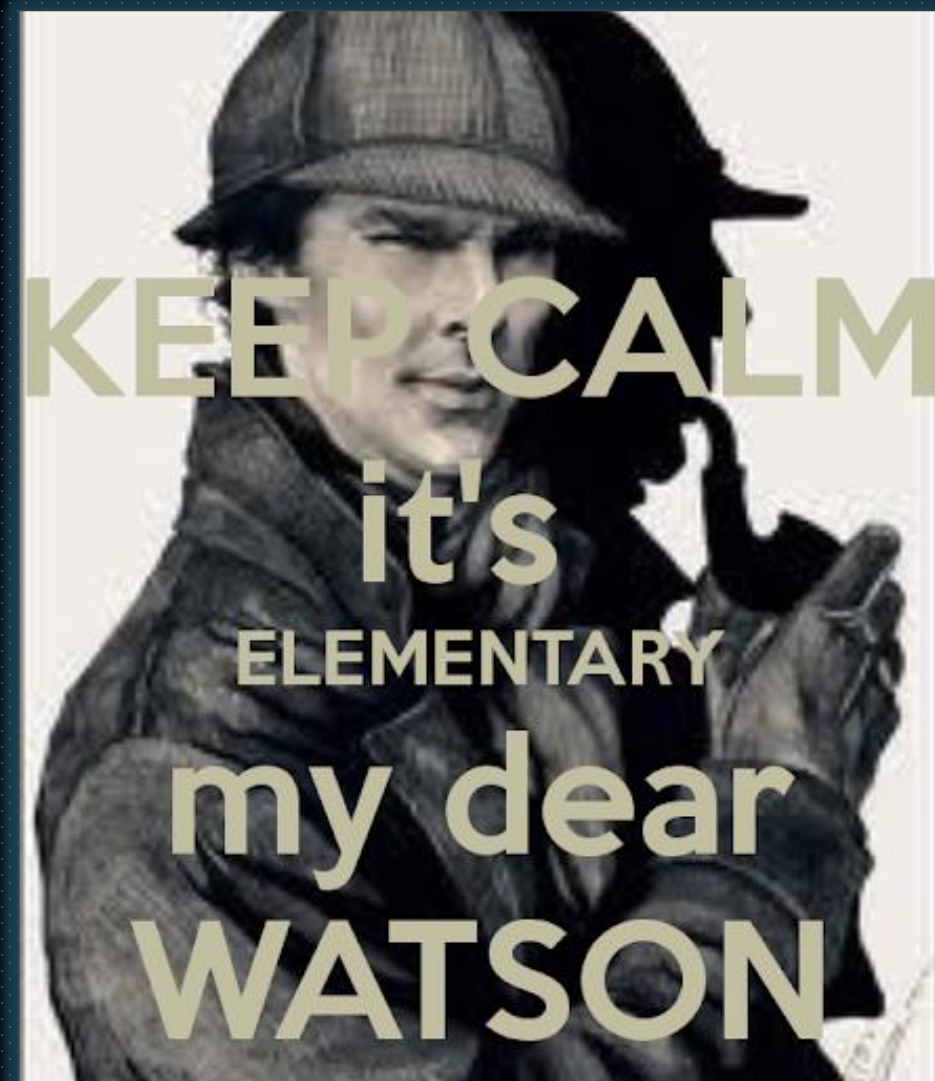
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❑ For Post-secondary marketplace routes:

Polish a resume that markets your strengths, experiences, and willingness to learn and grow in a particular field

Follow up communication with the provider to demonstrate interest and commitment. For example, hand-deliver your resume and introduce yourself, call after an interview to follow up and ask a question and **CHECK YOUR EMAIL!**

Demonstrate intellectual curiosity



- ✓ Independent reading, thinking, discussion
- ✓ Academic competitions, clubs, workshops, events
- ✓ Elective class choices
- ✓ Extracurricular pursuits
- ✓ Network with peers, mentors and community
- ✓ Summer activities

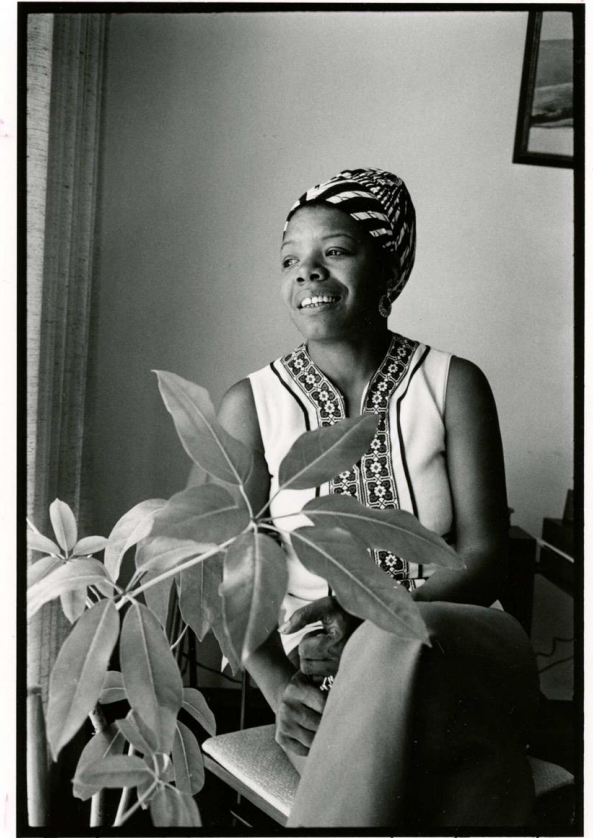
BUILD YOUR RESUME: Tell your story

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“There is no
greater agony than
bearing an untold
story inside you.”
- Maya Angelou



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But also keep in mind ~



People will forget what you
said, people will forget
what you did, but people
will never forget how you
made them feel.

- Maya Angelou

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