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Advice to 16-year-old self

- The hard work starts now
 - get in the habit now of putting in as much effort as you can into everything you do
 - hard work does not start or end once you have made it into your profession, so starting now puts you in good stead for the future
- Educate yourself
 - whilst you should take in the things those around you say, do your own research and find out things for yourself, question and challenge sources of information
 - be proactive, using the tools at your disposal, and learn all you can about the profession you seek
- Embrace what makes you different and start developing those skills
 - people don't want to hire robots - your personality is a unique strength so don't be afraid to show it!
 - you have different characteristics and hobbies that set you aside from others – welcome them and use them to your advantage
- The only person you should compete with is yourself
 - you are running your own race in your own lane, so focus on yourself and resist the urge to compare!