

My dream job

As graduation is in 8 months' time, Form 6 students like me need to consider what we want to do in the future, as the university courses that we want to take determine what jobs we are qualified to do in the future. I personally want to become an animator or an illustrator for children's books.

To start off with, I'd like to become an animator for a company that creates anime, or even a graphic design company. It would be a dream of mine to take part in Pixar or Disney movies, such as Toy Story or Snow White. You may ask: "Why would you want to become one and how can you get a stable income?" Well, personally I really love drawing and creating new pieces of art. Ranging from oil paint to digital art, I love doing them all! I've always wanted to become an artist ever since I was young, and I can see myself working in the art field in the future.

Many people will criticize teenagers for planning to work in the art field because they think we won't get anywhere in life, as well as not getting any income. This is exactly the second reason why I want to pursue this career -- to change the social condition about how the society thinks about art. My family does not support me working in the art field, and would like me to become a nurse or a doctor. I think it is absurd because, why would I do something that I don't want to do for the rest of my life? At first, I felt upset and discouraged, but I figured that I should do what I love, not by force.

I think that the best part of being an artist is that you get to be free. You can freely express yourself with different art styles, such as traditional or modern, or even cartoon-style characters. Everyone is unique, so it is very interesting to see how their ideas of an art piece develop, as well as their critical thinking skills on how they see things from their perspective. For example, when I see a music video with sad aesthetics and visuals, I would think that the director is trying to express the singer's mind and heart, how it truly feels inside, while other people would just think that it is just a normal sad song.

Though, to be fair, there are some disadvantages about being an artist, such as not getting enough income to satisfy my materialistic needs or not all people would like what I create. It is one of the things that I overthink about most: What if everyone hates my art? How can I get a stable income? Should I choose to be a nurse instead? These questions are always in my mind when I create a new artwork. But I do think that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, because if you really love your job, the drawbacks would not matter that much.

to you. It's fine if not everyone likes art, not everyone can understand, as long as you are happy.

Since being an artist requires a large social network, I brand myself on Instagram to promote myself. I post my art there, whether it is a sketch or a graphic design poster. I would post whenever I want. I have also created a website for people who want to see my thinking process for each piece. Although I do not have as many likes as famous local artists have, I still get motivation from their posts. The up-and-coming local artist OFFGOD is the same as me, and he has a lot of fans from around the world. He started off small, but now he gets to design album covers for celebrities like Justin Bieber and Juice World. He motivates people to go with the flow and never rush with things. I need to thank him if I ever see him!

I think my skills are great for this job because I am creative in my own way, and I can work on projects independently as well as cooperate with others, which is also a requirement for this job. I am always enthusiastic when it comes to lifting the employees' spirits up when stressed, as well as passionate about what I do. I think I am suitable for the job because I enjoy working with different people, and I am willing to learn more about how to improve my art skills.

The prospect of this job is getting me ready as a suitable candidate when applying for opportunities at bigger companies like Disney to create an individual movie that all walks of life would enjoy. I have no plans yet for the future, but I hope it would bring me happiness and positivity.