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Are you ready for summer or part-time employment?

RESUME TIPS

- Did you know that 80% of resumes are rejected in less than 11 seconds?
- One page maximum as a youth; two to three pages if you have more experience.
- Create a bold header with easy-to-read fonts such as Arial, Tahoma, and Calibri.
- Font sizes: your name 16-20; headings 12-14; & body 10-12.
- Soft skills are in demand: Show; don't tell. For example describe 'Flexibility' (soft skill) by using keywords such as adapt, embrace, prioritize, develop, or being a quick learner. Example: Developed lawn care business in a local area with 5 clients.
- Write out words, e.g. Jan 2022 should be January 2022.
- Don't mess with the margins white space is a good thing.
- Showcase your best but **NOT** all your skills.
- Read the job description; include keywords & skills in your resume.

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INTERVIEW TIPS

- Research the company & industry beforehand.
- Many interviews are online: continue to arrive early, dress respectfully and look at the camera.
- Give evidence of your skills & qualities.
- Consider asking them questions after your job interview: Examples such as:
 - If I get hired today, what is one piece of advice you have for me that helps me succeed here?
 - What does success look like when working here?
- Be polite and show appreciation for the opportunity.

COVER LETTER TIPS

- Tailor your cover letter to suit the job description.
- Consider describing your past through your education and experience, plus what you are presently doing, and what you hope to obtain in your future in your first paragraph.
- In the second paragraph, include your reasons for applying while focusing on the key skills that the job description entails and that you possess.
- One page maximum.

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PROOFREAD VERY CAREFULLY!

CHECK OUT THE WORK TRANSITIONS TAB IN THE <u>HS+ WEBSITE</u> FOR MORE TIPS



WAITING FOR ACCEPTANCE?

- If required, update your high school marks with your institution so they can reassess your eligibility. Diploma marks are available in myPass on Feb 10, 2023.
- Institutions vary on how they want marks submitted, so be sure to read carefully or contact the institution for their process.

CHECK YOUR MYPASS FOR FINAL FIRST SEMESTER MARKS. USE YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL!

