Keeping Your Options Open

**What you do today matters!**

Your work during high school can help set your path for the future. Here are a few tips to help you keep your options open so that you can achieve your dreams.

Check off each one that you can do.

**Work hard in school**

*  Attend class every day and make sure you’re prepared.
*  Pay attention during class.
*  Join in class discussions. Show your teachers what you know!
*  Ask questions. If you don’t understand something, be sure to ask about it.
*  Keep up with your assignments. Set a schedule for big projects and do a little every day.
*  Check your assignments before handing them in to make sure they’re correct.
*  Study with a friend or a tutor if you do better working with others.
*  Find a quiet, organised place to study.

**Get Involved**

*  Join at least one activity at school that interests you.
*  Find out if you can volunteer at school – to help a teacher or tutor a younger student.
*  Get involved in activities and organisations in your community.

**Explore Your Interests**

*  Start thinking about what you’d like to do when you grow up.
*  Learn about career possibilities.
*  Read something every day: newspapers, blogs, books, or magazines.
*  Talk with your family and your teachers about your goals and dreams for your career.