

**You have read a news article about teenagers giving up their studies and entering the entertainment industry at 15 or younger. Write a letter to the editor to voice your opinion on this issue.**

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Dear Editor,

Recently, we can see more teenagers giving up their studies to enter the entertainment industry and this has sparked controversy in the society. After looking into both sides of the argument, I am writing to express my opinion on this issue.

At first glance, the entertainment industry seems irresistible as one can get fame and fortune. However, there is always a dark side behind the glory. Temptations and dangers are lurking beneath the dazzling surface which may lead our teenagers to a wrong path where there is no way back. Justin Bieber is a case in point. With his talents showcased on YouTube, he soon became a world-famous idol. However, he has weathered no shortage of scandals over these years, with some almost fatal to his career. It is obvious that teenagers are not mature enough to handle the temptations and pressure that come with the fame and fortune due to their early debut and the success that come to them too early.

Without a doubt, teenagers entering the showbiz at an early age will negatively affect their studies, putting their future in jeopardy. S.M. Entertainment is one of the top entertainment companies in South Korea and it has just released a list of their newly-recruited trainees, with the youngest at the age of 13 only. In the eyes of

many, these teenagers might have got the best luck in the world. Yet, just think about it: even some successful artists like G-Dragon have been trainees for over ten years before they could have the chance to get themselves under the spotlight, not to mention that many youngsters having spent years gritting their teeth still fail to make that far. Teenagers are too simple-minded if they think it is worth it to give up their studies to work on a career with no future guaranteed.

Of course there are always exceptions. Emma Watson rose to prominence after landing her first acting role as Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter film series. Emma split her time between working on films and continuing her studies. She is the best example to illustrate how teenagers can enter the entertainment industry with their horizons broadened while striking a balance between their career and their studies. Yet, honestly, how many examples like this can we see in reality?

I hope teens who might be considering entering the showbiz now would not make hasty decision while their parents could spend more time communicating with their kids to understand their thoughts.

Yours faithfully,  
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