

Is taking a gap year after highschool a smart choice?

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a year out before entering college/university is a great idea. Some people, take the year off to 'travel the world'. Overseas travel can be an intense mind opening experience and put you in contact with diverse cultures, customs, people, and just a different way of seeing and doing things.

Enjoy adventures to Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and India). Alone with a back pack I am keen to explore what I had never seen before.

Travel abroad can be a heady tonic. Away from one's parents. Away from classic responsibilities.. To get the most out of such a journey, you should have a plan and actually read and study about the places that you intend to visit.

Let's face it, this type of experience is not open to everybody. If you can afford to do so and have the mindset and independence, then you can go for it. Steve Jobs did so before founding Apple. This type of travel can be a real catalyst. The sky is the limit.

Another way of taking a year out is to work for an NGO. This type of experience similarly to travel can expand your horizons, particularly if you choose an exotic location. NGO work is hard and can be trying to the less mature. It will test you and make you examine your values and what you believe in. It will also give you the pleasure that you have done something which can help somebody other than your self (an important lesson everyone of us should learn).

These are just two examples of what you could do. The list is endless. What I wouldn't do is waste away a year doing nothing because you lack motivation and direction.

Some people say that taking a year out is a waste of time. They are wrong. At your stage in life there is no rush. Understanding the meaning of life, who you really are, and what you really want to do is a big step. Some people never answer these questions and just go through life sleepwalking.

Life is a journey, not a destination. Take this opportunity to learn to spread your wings and fly.