

Letter from your Agony Aunt

Dear *bits* 3rd year student with a 5 year course. want to get out of it 🥲,

First things first, thanks for trusting me with your message. I received your following words well and fair. 📧❤️

futility of work jyada lag rahi hai. conviction to hai hi nahi but can't get to the feeling that it's just my work and I don't have to derive all my meaning from it only

I cannot say I completely understand your frustration. It's been some time since I was last in school. So, allow me a few random musings. I am not sure what 'work' you are talking about. In my college days, I did nothing but sleep, study and meet my friends. I'm guessing when you say 'work', you are talking about studies and work involved in getting a job.

I'd suggest you take time to learn about effective planning and time management. To me, it sounds like a planning problem. I'll give you an example of what I mean by planning (all data is for illustrative purposes; you can change it as per your individual liking) –

	3rd year of school	4th year of school	5th year of school	2 year Life beyond school	5 year Life beyond school	10 year Life beyond school
MSc Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Core courses - Research to understand what kind of jobs are possible in core - Research to understand what different people with similar background do post school - Understanding the roles and responsibilities of being in core and building an intuition of my liking 			To be filled based on prev research and understanding		
BE Chemical Engineering						
Exploring Coding Career	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take some electives to understanding if I like doing these - Research to understand what kind of jobs are possible in these - Research to understand what different people with similar background do post school - Understanding the roles and responsibilities of being in these fields and building an intuition of my liking 					
Exploring Physics						
Exploring Finance Career						

I am sharing this with you to let you know that it's okay to feel disheartened about your career at times. However, It's NOT okay to give up on yourself. I'd say you're young and have a lot of energy. Channelise this energy into yourself. I'm sure you'll do great.

I have heard a great deal about BITSians. If I see any random BITSian on LinkedIn, they are always doing great in their career. Hence, I believe in them. I believe in you. I'm sure you're destined for greatness. You'll just know with time. Patience and planning are the key, my friend. ;)

I'm going to leave you with a quote from [my favourite movie of all times](#)

लाइफ़ ख़तम हो चुकी है तुम्हारी? बात ऐसे कर रहे हो जैसे मर चुके हो!

Love and Hugs,
Your Agony Aunt

P.S If you find this letter helpful, I would love a shout out. Just retweet [Shilpi's tweet](#) and spread the good word. 💙