**Why Education Is So Important**

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls.

Sometimes you may ask yourselves how education shapes your future. So today I'm going to answer that.

My name is Josh Jones and I’m in year 6. Sometimes I wonder why I need to go to school. I could be playing games, playing sports or just playing at the park all day. How fun does that sound? But if I don’t go to school, I won't be able to get the job I want. But on the other hand, if I do go to school I'll have a better chance of getting a job I want, plus I'll learn some other interesting things along the way.

Education can shape your future in other ways too. Such as teaching you skills that will be useful for when you're older like in Maths, they teach you how to add, subtract, divide and multiply. These will help with the bills when you're older.

You might be thinking: *But Josh, what if I want to be a chef or gardener?* Well, I'll answer that too. In Cooking they teach you how to follow a recipe and how to measure out ingredients, which will help when you're older and have to cook your own food. In Gardening they teach you how to grow and water plants so you can grow your own food.

In fact the whole day teaches you how to follow a timetable: you wake up, get ready for school, have breakfast (if you have time), leave for school, arrive and then play until 9:00, then line up ready to work.

In conclusion, education can shape your future in many ways.

Thank you for listening to my speech.

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