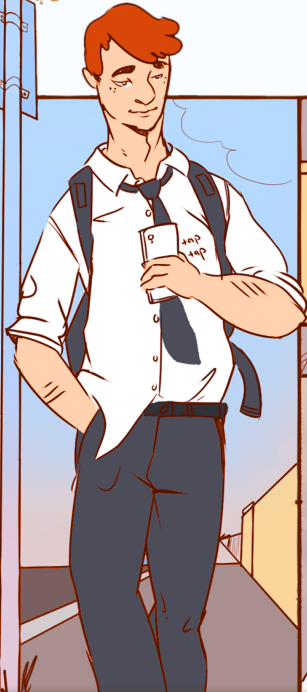


What is this mentoring thing?



What did you get up to this weekend?

Not much. Mum wasn't around a lot, cause she had to work.

I caught up with stuff and looked after my brother. What about you?

I went to this awesome art gallery with my mentor. Always wanted to check it out.

What do you mean, your mentor?

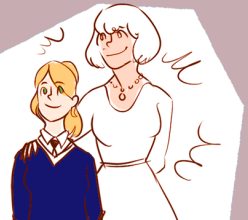
I'm talking about the Young Achievers Program, which is for Jewish teens aged 15-18.

One plus of the program is that you get an adult mentor.

My mentor's name is Sarah and she's been great to talk to about all kinds of stuff, like what I want to do when I leave school.

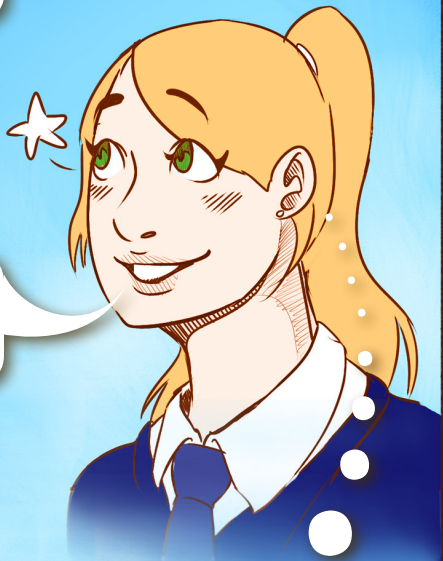
Why do you need a mentor?

Sometimes it's nice to hang out with her and get an adult's perspective. Also, she never judges or tells me what to do, though she gives advice if I ask.





What do you do together?



Sarah and I try and catch up every three weeks or so. We're both really busy so we book ahead.

There's also workshops and activities during the year. Fun things like time management, rock climbing, first aid and public speaking.

Like, I told her I am thinking of being a lawyer, so she introduced me to her lawyer mate.

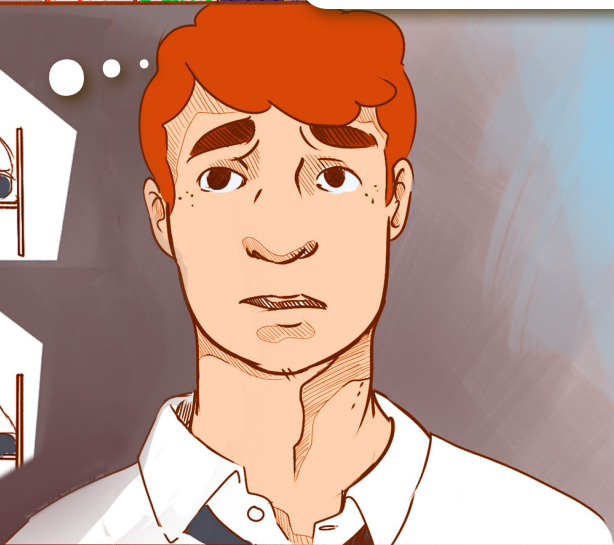


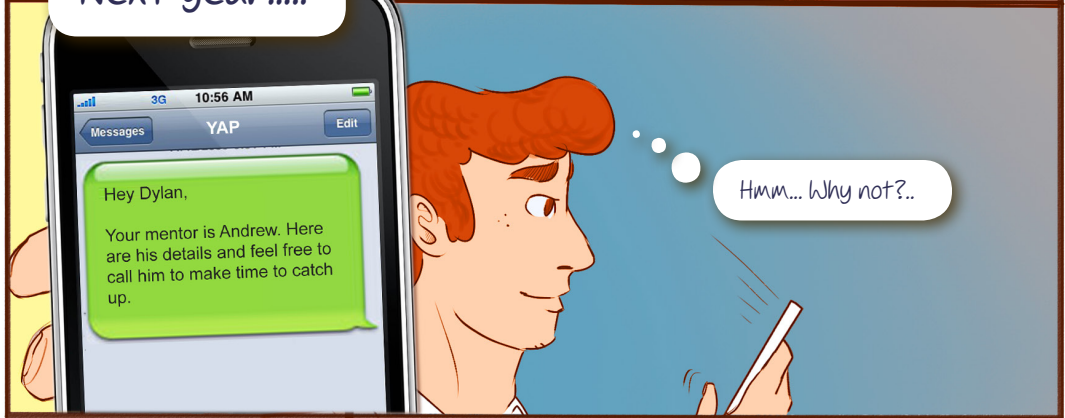
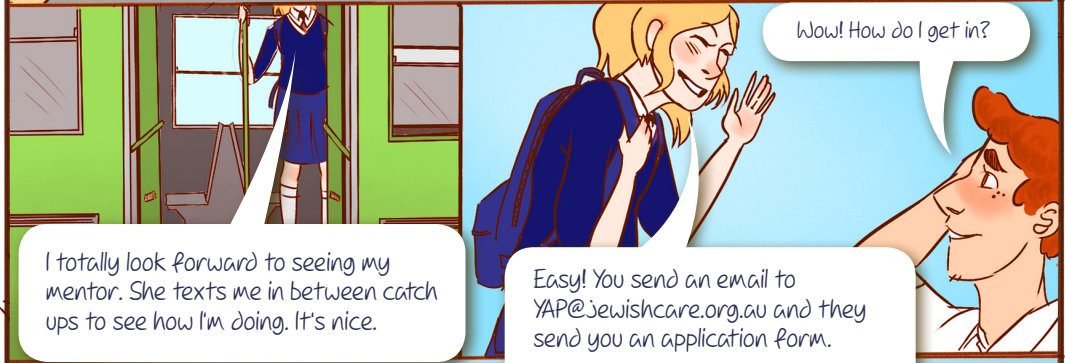
Thank you so much! It was great to meet you. I'm so glad Sarah introduced us.

I can't do this...



Where is your homework?





A few weeks later...



Hey Andrew, good to meet you too.

Hi Dylan, I'm Andrew. So nice to meet you.



I'm a father of two and I work as an engineer. I'm also a big footy fan. I've been playing it for most of my life. So what kind of things do you like to do?



Wow! He's awesome!



We can play footy, catch up for coffee, bowling, running...

Trying to juggle school, friends and sports can be tough. How are you going with that?



Yeah, well about that...

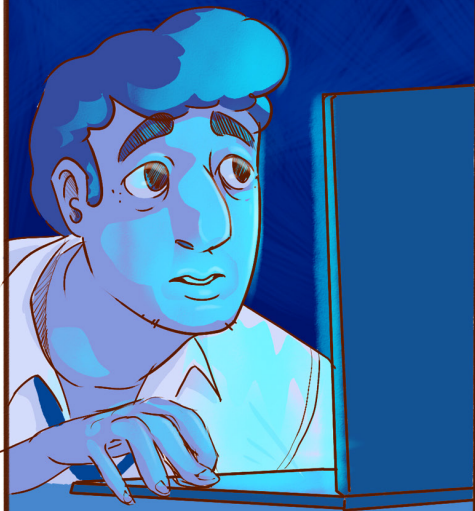


Hey, Dylan, how are you?
How's things at school?

From: Andrew
To: Dylan
Re: How are you?

Not so good. I have a huge project to do and I just don't understand the questions. I am not so good at writing.

From: Andrew
To: Dylan
Re:Re: How are you?



How are you?

Inbox x



From: Andrew
To: Dylan
Re:Re: How are you?
22:10 today

So how about I help you? We can meet at the library and start with the research. I'm happy for you to send your work, when you are ready, and we can check your grammar and spelling together.

Cheers,
Andrew

Phew, that would be great! Thank you.



A month later...

How are things?

Better, but still crazy.
The career counsellor at school is asking lots of questions, I've got exams coming up and my mum's going to hospital for an operation next week.
It's all piling up again...

Let's sit down and work it out together. We can talk about your options and come up with solutions.

Thank goodness...

Plan of action...

It was good to sit and talk to Andrew. Together we worked out some priorities and steps to tackle each item.
We're also going to a few Uni Open Days together later this year to suss out career ideas.

I think it's all looking up

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From: **Dylan**
To: **Andrew**
Subject: **Hey!**
10:31 today

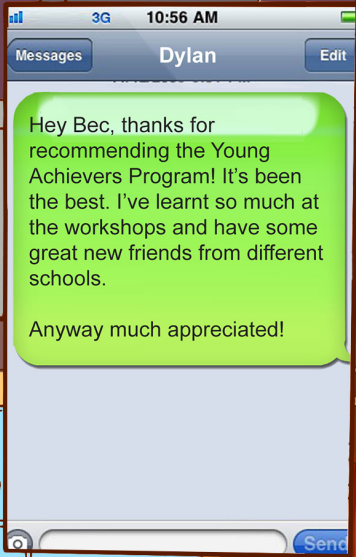
Just wanted to let you know I got an A+ for my paper! Thanks so much for your help!

Thank you,
Dylan

Anytime, well done! You did all the work!

Maybe next time we meet we can go for a bike ride.





Andrew has been great to talk to. I never thought I'd do half the stuff I've done. Mentoring has been cool.

