

# **My Next Steps**

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# ABOUT ME

My name is Alex and I'm a second year student at Confetti on the VFX & Animation course. So far on the course, I have completed three major projects - all of them short animations based on a prompt given as part of a brief.

The first project centered on a theme of Fantasy and for it I produced a short animation about a vampire in a cartoon style. The second project had the theme of Culture and for it I created an animation in the style of the animated series Mobile Suit Gundam.

For my final Creative Project, I made an animation about an astronaut whose spaceship crashes on an alien planet.

In this course, I have practised a variety of different skills - from 2D animation in Adobe Animate, to VFX compositing in After Effects and using Maya to create and texture 3D models.

# FIVE YEAR PLAN

**2023**

For the academic year 2023-2024 I'm taking a gap year. In this year, I hope to save up some money by working and also spend some time travelling in the summer.

**2024**

In September 2024 I would like to go to university for filmmaking. During the rest of the year, I want to develop my skills as a filmmaker by creating and editing short live-action films.

**2025**

In 2025 I would be in my second year of university, continuing to develop my skills and learning more about film.

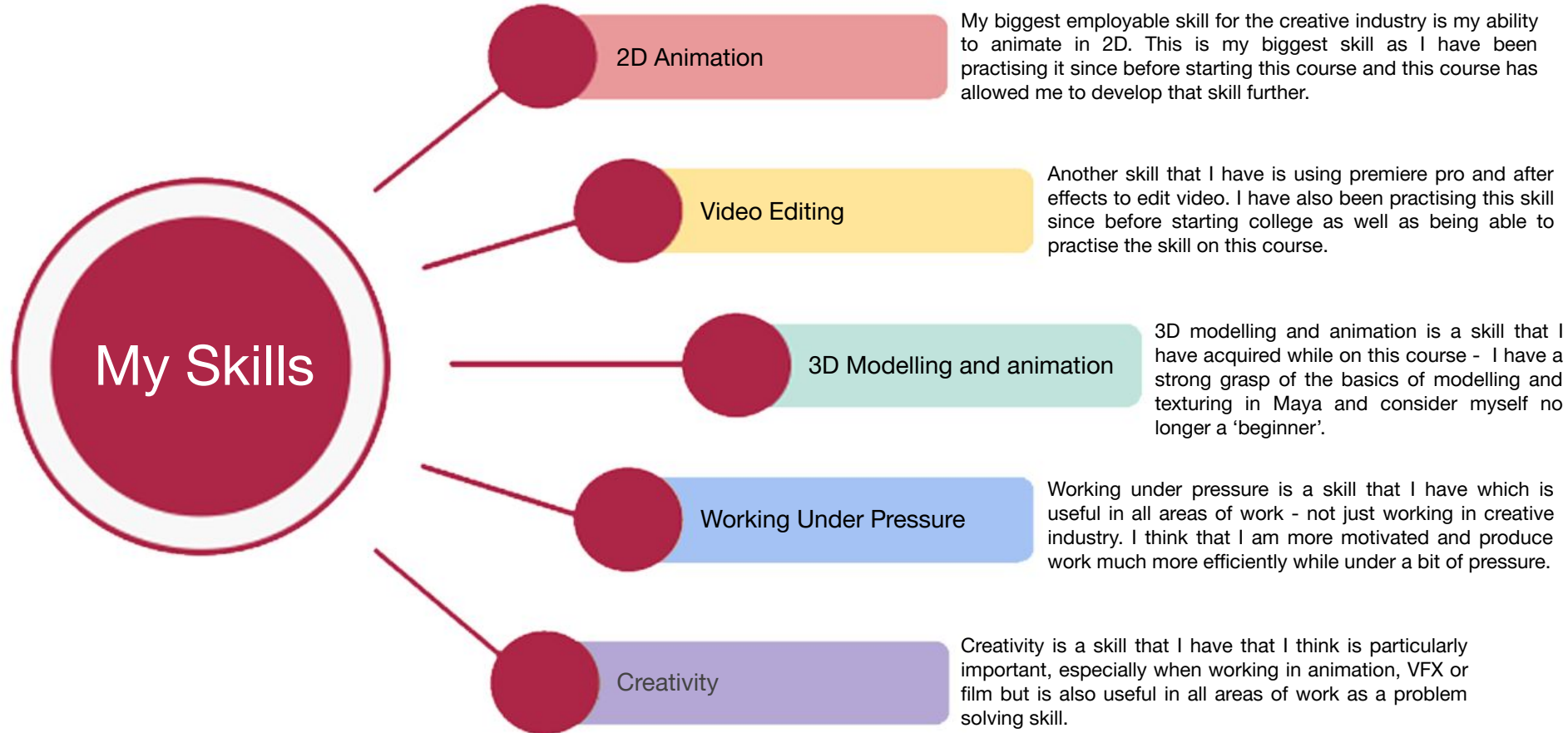
**2026**

In 2026 I would be in my final year of university. Hopefully, I would be refining my skills and becoming more experienced.

**2027**

By 2027 I would be looking for jobs in the film industry, while also creating films of my own in my spare time to build a strong portfolio. I would like to have a job as a camera operator, but any job that gets me into the industry works for me as well.

# SKILLS AUDIT



# SWOT

## Strengths

One strength of mine is that I am creative. Having this strength means that I can create interesting and eye-catching work for my portfolio, as well as being able to create projects in the future for university that get me high grades.

## Weaknesses

One weakness I have is that I don't complete as much work at home as I could. When I go to university, I'll have to complete more work outside of the course in order to get as much out of the course as I can.

## Opportunities

An opportunity for me would be if I was hired onto a film set in an entry level job role. This would give me the opportunity to see what it's like to work on a film's production, as well as provide important work experience in the industry.

## Threats

A threat to me would be if I missed the UCAS deadline for next year in January because my chances of getting a place at a university would be greatly reduced. This threat would be easy to avoid by applying for uni on-time.

# MY NEXT STEPS

As for my immediate next steps after college ends, I would like to travel in the summer and get a job so that I can save up money. I would also like to learn how to drive because I think it's a useful skill. Towards the end of this year, I would need to find some university courses to apply to as well as working on having my application finished in time for the beginning of next year. Also throughout the rest of the year, I'll be creating live-action film work for my portfolio.

Any questions?