

Video transcripts – Make it through the month

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Money pressures

Person 1: There's always pressure to spend money that you don't have. When you're on the internet and you see adverts for amazing new brands of clothing, or a game that you really want to buy... but I think you can always work out what you do and don't need when you take a step back and look at what's important.

Person 2: My friends bought new game consoles and I didn't get mine until about a year later. That changes your social status and how you are with people. After school they would all go home and they might play something, and then talk about a live online game they had and I'd be completely lost in the mix. You can be more responsible with it: if there's an event or something new comes up in the shops... don't just fly there and go and buy it straight away.

Person 3: Because there are so many [music artists] touring, I did obviously feel the pressure because... you can't be the only person who doesn't want to go. My tip for saving money is that you don't need to spend a lot of money to have a good time. I'd much rather miss out something, or just spend money on one thing, and then save up for something big that's going to happen.

Money role models

Person 1: I have friends that are role models. I wouldn't call them tight, because that's a harsh word, but they don't spend very much. Because I usually do stuff with them, it means I don't spend as much, so all-in-all it means that I have more money.

Person 2: My biggest role model is probably my brother. Towards the end of primary school my mum trusted my brother more with money because I was a bit more reckless. When my brother got money for his birthday, or his allowance, he would always offer it to my parents. "Here's the electricity bill, here's this, here's that". He still has that same mentality. It's a good thing and I respect him a lot for it, and I've learnt a lot from him.

Person 3: My mum has always been very particular on how we use energy and water. We use appliances during the day so that they're free. The same goes for water levels; we have markings on the side of the bath for non-hair-wash baths and hair-wash baths, just to keep money in check.