

Hi Lucy,

Sorry to hear your problem. Experiencing something similar is actually very hard to decide on. In my opinion, the opportunity you are offered is a once in a lifetime deal. It may be hard to receive such an offer again in the future. But on the other hand, if your parents object to this matter, it is your choice if you want to follow your dreams or listen to your parents' lecture.

If I were you, I'd start with convincing them to accept your choice. Try to make them believe that the environment industry is not all bad. It's actually very good for you because you will get publicity and your career can start early. Some famous celebrities start off as extras in low-budget films and slowly work their way up to becoming a main cast of popular films. Explain your parents that if they trust you, they shouldn't doubt your choice.

But moving back to your studies, this role may affect your studies in a very harsh way. If you really want the role in this film, you should work twice as hard because you will be dealing with two responsibilities at once. Try to find a way on how you can balance both roles – as a student and as an actress. Think carefully about the consequences on both matters. What if you would become a famous celebrity but you were too busy to graduate at a young age? These matters are what you should be thinking about. Not about your parents' objecting to your decision. Maybe you should be a student by day and an actress by night. But always remember to focus on your studies and put your mind to school. Becoming a famous celebrity won't matter if you don't have the brains. Try your best to practice both roles in a day. If you can manage to do so, then tell your parents you are ready to try a hard task in your life by yourself. If you can't manage in the end, it's always easy to go back to your usual daily life with no regrets. You never know limits until you try, right?

I hope I have got to help you with your situation somehow. Let me know how it goes and what you've decided on. Hope to hear from you soon, Lucy.

Chris