

Emile Morrow, MPhil - 'An entrepreneur's pursuits and their parents: exploring childhood parental influence on types of entrepreneurial motivations.'

I'm still in the early stages of my research for the MStE Major Project, by 3rd March I will have completed most of the interviews and I'll have initial thoughts on themes and common threads that emerge. I'm keen to hear others' thoughts on my progress so far, and the topic more broadly, particularly to get perspectives from different disciplines.

It's been shown already through previous research that there are strong links between childhood and entrepreneurial activities - particularly aspects such as how entrepreneurial the parents' careers have been. However, it isn't yet clear how certain types of childhood and certain kinds of parental influence, can shape what type of entrepreneur an individual may become. Speaking with peers in the Judge, there seems to be something there - for example, individuals who grew up in households which focused on the family unit, seem to prioritise the team unit in their businesses very highly. My aim for my research is to examine this possible influence and, if there is something there, provide the first steps in understanding this dynamic.