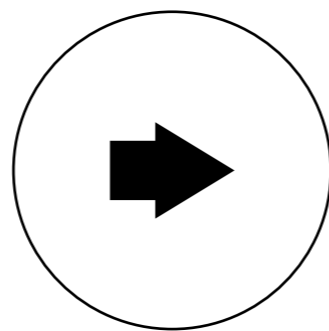


**A Day in The Life:
Earl Sweatshirt**



Earl turned 18 a couple of weeks after he returned from Samoa, but he's not quite an adult yet. He returned to New Roads, from which he'll graduate in June. Odd Future greeted him with a "welcome home check," Mr. Clancy said. Earl Sweatshirt stays with Ms. Steinberg, or crashes with Tyler, or with Matt Martians and Syd the Kyd, the Odd Future producers who share an apartment. He's easily fallen back into the Odd Future lingo — "tight" for approval, "sus" for questionable things and so on. "He's matured," said Syd. "It's weird to say that because in my circle a friend's maturity isn't necessarily looked up at. But he hasn't changed."

Initially his old group assumed that when Earl returned, he'd simply rejoin the crew.

With separate management, and more than a year and a half of vastly different life experience, there were no guarantees. Tyler, for one, was vexed: "I'm going to make sure when you come back I have a house built for you. And when you come home, all you have to do is walk in, and I'm going to make sure you have everything you want." Tyler's fear was that Earl would return and say, "Eh, never mind, I'm going to go rent a hotel." Tyler said: "I want to lie to you and say, 'Yeah he's here.' But I have no idea. I just don't."

When Earl returned, he and Tyler were due for some long conversations, though it was difficult to break past their usual goofy, playful rapport, which Earl jokingly refers to as "A.D.H.D. farce." In order to discuss difficult topics, "I had to force it to be uncomfortable," he added. But even though their bond had been tested, it wasn't severed. "It's like we both don't know how much influence we have on the other person," Earl Sweatshirt said.

"There's times where I realize, like, damn, I matter."