

Life in Lockdown

And so, we enter the next phase of life in lockdown...



It seems that the days of fighting over toilet roll and baking banana bread are behind us, and life is slowly returning to normal. As of Saturday, pubs, hairdressers and non-essential spaces will open, bringing about the flocking of just-turned 18-year-olds and boys desperate for a skin fade. This gathering, however, will still remain socially distanced and equipped with PPE. So, while we are advancing in some ways, our basic methods of protection must still be in place.

We are facing a very unprecedented time, but with that comes a time of revolution and change. Following the tragic killing of George Floyd, we have seen protest, activism and huge social commentary on the Black Lives Matter movement. This has spawned change all around the world and here in the UK, with walks of solidarity and the pulling down of historical figures such as the statue of Edward Colston in Bristol. With this and the recent celebration of Pride, we are still finding ways to connect and be together while apart. And that is something we should all continue to do through this time, for everyone's wellbeing.



This idea of togetherness has really shown during lockdown, and being together with our families constantly is an idea that would've shocked me if I'd have been told before lockdown began in March. But with Facetime, family bike rides and tiktoks to be made, we have pulled through and have become a closer family unit, and are all really enjoying each other's company. That said, this is definitely a time to phone a relative, get in contact or see your friends, in accordance with lockdown regulations, as we may not all be lucky enough to be enjoying lockdown with our loved ones.

We are now at the point of reaching a 'new normal', in being allowed to ease lockdown rules. With that comes responsibility, to protect ourselves and maintain healthy actions. So, remember to continue to follow the rules and look after yourself and those around you to ensure there is no second outbreak. Use PPE and as always:

WASH YOUR HANDS!

Stay safe all,

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