

Life in Lockdown



Who cares? I am part of an uncaring Year Group and I refuse to believe that I can change my school. I realise that this may be a shock but 'one individual can make a difference' is a lie, and popularity will make me happy. So, in 30 years, I will tell my family they are not the most important thing in my life. My friends will know that I have got my priorities straight because image is more important than having morals. I tell you this: once upon a time, schools stuck together. But this will not be true in my time here. Things will never change. Some of my friends tell me 10 years from now I will be glad I didn't care. I do not agree that I can attend a school where I can make a difference. In the future, a school filled with indifference and intolerance will be the norm. No longer can it be said that my peers and I care about this school. It will be clear that my year group is apathetic and lazy. It is foolish to presume that there is hope.

Does this reflect how you feel?

We all belong to a unique community. St. Joseph's is unlike any other school, anywhere and we should be proud that we are able to join together and help each other. We should be proud that, as a community, we are helping each other through this crisis and will continue to do so. St. Joseph's is there for you and we should face the future with a positive mindset. 'Keep Going' was the message at the end of my last blog post and I hope that you have been able to, with the help of your friends, family and the Staff here at school. But as we face the future, we all have that part to play that I reflected on in that post and I write to you now and ask you to join me in shaping the future of our school. We are looking for students to be leaders for our next academic year. Many of you have shown yourselves to already be an example, to those closer to home, in your communities and to us here at St. Joseph's. Over the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to join me in being a part of St. Joseph's future, to be a part of changes and to lead your fellow students and I know that many of you are not just able, but willing. If you are reading this blog and thinking about what **you** can do, then be a part of Student Leadership. Before you decide, have another read of the poem at the top, but this time read it in reverse...

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In the future,
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10 years from now I will be glad I didn't care.
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I tell you this:
Having morals is more important than image.
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I care about our College and I'm looking for students who do too. So, will you join me?