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Dear Year 6 Student,

My name is Mr Herbert, and I am an Assistant Head at King Edward VI School. It is my job to ensure that your transition to secondary school is as enjoyable, exciting and stress-free as possible. We are living through an unprecedented time right now, but we are hugely looking forward to meeting you when we can. In the meantime, I have set you a challenge!

Challenge: A message to your future self

I would like you to write or record a letter to your future self. At the end of Year 11 you will be able to re-read the letter or re-watch the video and it will show you how much you have changed! You should aim to write approximately five paragraphs in your letter, or plan to speak for up to a minute. The following topics are suggestions for what you might include:

- **ME:** my hopes, fears, dreams, goals, problems, concerns, likes, dislikes, joys, frustrations, what I'm proud of, what I think about...
- **MY WORLD:** My home, bedroom, primary school, neighbourhood, favourite places to go, chores, pet(s), games, religion, current events. My favourite books, music, movies, TV shows...
- **WHAT I DO:** My hobbies, sports, school activities, what I do with my friends, my favourite food, how I spend my weekends and holidays, organisations I belong to...
- **PEOPLE IN MY LIFE:** My family, siblings, aunts & uncles, grandparents, best friend(s), teachers, people I love/admire/ respect, people who frustrate me...
- **MY FUTURE:** My goals for the future - university? marriage? employment? What I'm looking forward to, what I'm dreading, my hopes and fears, my summer holiday plans...

A step-by-step guide:

1. Create a mind-map showing what you plan to write or to speak about.
2. Write a draft of your letter or script/plan for your video message.
3. Ask someone to read your draft. When they feel it is complete, make any last-minute changes so you are ready to write/type a final version of your letter or to record your video (make sure you rehearse before pressing record!). Please note: **Videos must be no longer than 60 seconds and must not be recorded in your bedroom.**
4. Once you are happy with your final letter or recording then you need to share it with us. Letters should be emailed to me HB@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk. If you have recorded a video then please ask your parent/carer to post it to the '[Year 7 September 2020' Facebook group](#). Once the post has been approved, members of the Facebook group will be able to see it (we won't post it to our main Facebook page, don't worry!). If you do not want your video to be shared with the other members of the group then please ask your parents/carers to message it to me via Facebook messenger (MrRobert Herbert). If your parents/carers are not on Facebook then please ask them to email your video to me directly.

Good luck!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Herbert
Assistant Headteacher, Transition and KS3