

## Local People - A Teenage Perspective ...

A small group of students from various year groups at Macclesfield Academy meets regularly to discuss ideas, work together and support each other as writers.

The articles they write for us look at life from a sometimes refreshingly alternative perspective!



In December, pupils in Year 7 were tasked to write a letter to their 'future selves in 2021', reflecting on 2020 and giving themselves advice for 2021. Aidan Critchley joined the Academy into Year 7 in September of last year and this is his letter to his 'future self' ....

### Dear 2021 me ....

It has been a great year- weird, of course, but still great. Just before the first lockdown, you and the rest of your Year 6 class were excited (remember this was the year you moved to high school!). We were excited because we were given the folders called 'emergency home learning kits' - it felt like we were getting ready for an apocalypse! When we all left school that day we thought it would only be for a month.

Little did we know, it would be 6...

Many great things happened in lockdown, at Easter you did your first 2 mile run! And have continued to run longer distances ever since.

Another thing being your maths - you got much better at maths as you could go at your own pace at home which suited you much better!

Obviously, you had to adapt, for example, everything depended on Zoom, when you just wanted to video call! For birthdays, your brother couldn't have a party so we had a Zoom call with a magician and a group of friends instead. Also, you had a virtual (a word I am now tired of!) band practise over Zoom.

Lockdown was hard for you at some points, particularly staring at a computer screen for online school all day - that hurt your eyes. You had some difficult times, but the experience was good. You were lucky - as some people really struggled! Like I said - the beginning was exciting, and you loved doing Joe Wicks' class each morning. You loved trampolining at break and watching TV on your lunch.

I can't wait for a time when everything is normal for you - which I hope is in 2021! My advice for my future self is; stay positive because it will all be normal again soon!

