

## Local People - A (locked down) 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! For obvious reasons, they can't meet at the moment, so they have been taking part in a competition from home, to write in and share their 'lockdown diaries'. This month's entry is from Mia Teburi ....



### Dear Diary,

As we stay in our house in these “unprecedented times”, it makes you stop and think about the simple things in life and how much they mean to us. Maybe since Lockdown began it has made you realize that you are much closer to people and family than you think or possibly that you really miss school. Well I don't know about you, but these are certainly thoughts that cross my mind on a daily basis.

This pandemic has surely rocked everyone's world, but we have learned to adapt. When you go shopping and you have to stand two metres apart this was something I thought I would never get my head around but slowly and surely, we have made it work. When we think it is hard working from home, you realize that it is not that different but when you think of the amazing NHS, who I think we all thank, they have had to take drastic measures and it makes you think how hard must it be for them. As time goes on, we will return to normal whatever normal means to you.

When it comes to the new word which is starting to become our new normal - Lockdown.

When you think of that word, there may be many cons but if you think a bit harder, there are so many pros. Although I only live with my parents and do not see anyone else in my family a lot, it feels like we have become closer as a family and begun to talk more. We now FaceTime a few times a week. We are now able to FaceTime much more because before this all started, we were too busy with our lives and never had any time. Now we do as we stay at home for most of the week and do not leave the house much, so this is the perfect opportunity to do so.

When you think of the word Time and what it means to you.

Think that, way back in March, we did not have a lot of it and now we have loads of it. What you chose to do with your time is up to you. But one thing I would just like to say is, enjoy it and make the most of it. When we go back to normal, we will wish that we had lots of spare time so soak it up and have fun. It is not all bad. We will make it through it and come out the other time saying that we survived Covid-19. Who knows maybe, when we are all grown up our kids or grandkids may be learning about it in history and we can say that we survived it?!

We have now come together as a community and shown that nothing can divide us and as a whole, we are UNBREAKABLE.

### Goodbye

Mia Teburi is in Year 7 ....

