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# Being a student

## Leonie, Year 10, Foresight M

I feel as though being a student is hard enough as it is. To then have to deal with the constant wearing of masks, not being able to walk around school, lessons being limited because the teachers either can't use all of the resources or COVID restrictions cause lessons to be cancelled is a lot to have to deal with. What can you do about it? Literally, nothing, unless you want to be infected. It's honestly been really trashy and I have found it hard to cope with. Missing so much of school then just having to go back with basically no knowledge of the stuff you're supposed to know can make you feel pretty stupid. I've cried so much these past two years and my eyelashes still haven't grown that much :( . Knowing that everyone is going through this is somewhat comforting. COVID really changed all of our lives.

When me and my friends found out we were going to be missing *'a couple weeks of school'*, we were all posting about it and bidding good riddance to the place we all dreaded having to go to (school obviously). We had no idea of what was going to follow (p.s. most of my friends were begging to go back to hell-I mean school after about 3 months). Most of us didn't join the live lessons on Teams at first or we did at the start but then stopped joining later.

# Starting sixth form during a global pandemic

Tobi, Year 13, Insight2Uni Member

During the early stages of the pandemic the sensations of forbearance struck knowing that lessons were taking place online, which is something I have never experienced before. The uncertainty that occurred during the lockdown was highly traumatic to comprehend.

## Adjusting to working from home...

Preserving a schedule and enthusiasm was the most difficult aspect of attending sixth form remotely. For in-school lessons I had to be attired and physically present, a constant start to my day. Now, I occasionally turn on my computer as soon as I wake up, rather than giving myself the space in my

# Living in the moment

## Faizoliya, Year 13, Insight2U

The global pandemic started just before my GCSEs in Year 11 and next year I'll be off to university. It was a fast-paced academic year, but in a nutshell it's been extraordinary. Receiving the news that we had to learn from home and virtually, something we had never done before or even imagined possible, was nerve-racking. A word which characterised how I felt going into our unforeseen six month lockdown.

### **Positive outcomes of lockdown...**

Lockdown. That word will always make me feel a type of way and there's now only one definition I adhere to. One thing I've learned is that change is never easy, but how you adapt to that change is the key to adjusting well. At first, I thought working from home was dreadful. The stress between trying to keep up with work for my A-Levels and having an unpredictable WiFi router was horrific. I thought there was nothing

# Lockdown

Destiny, Year 10, Former Fo

lockdown  
/'lɒkdaʊn/  
*noun*

## **NORTH AMERICAN**

- a state of isolation or restricted access instituted as a security measure.

"the university is **on lockdown** and nobody has been able to leave"

## **An emotional rollercoaster..**

Lockdown? Well for me it was a time full of unprecedented experiences, especially with the pressure of being a student! Several waves of emotions came over me, but it was mostly confusion and worry solely due to the fact that I wasn't used to being in this type of environment. I also found myself

# POV: Being a student during isolation

## Ibitola, Year 10, Former Former

Hello everyone. My name is Ibitola, I am in Year 9 entering Year 10. Secondary school was a very hard environment which impacted my mentality positively and negatively. This blog will be about my journey entering secondary school and all the challenges I experienced during Covid-19.

As I said before, I entered secondary school in 2018, I'm sure you can imagine what that was like...very scary, exciting, nerve-racking. As time went by, I became more confident, both mentally and physically, and I became aware of my surroundings, in other words, I had changed.