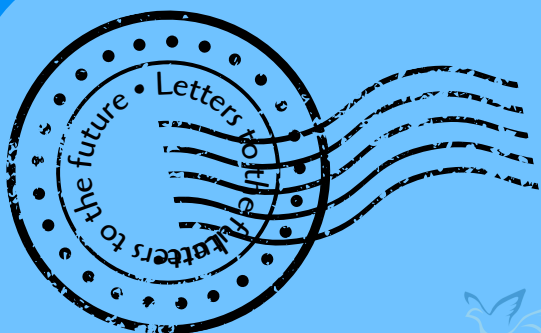


Letters to the future

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A letter to Future

Hello 2042 Emily,

As I write this letter to you, I am actually twelve years old. But today, as you begin to read this letter you will have turned thirty, so happy birthday to me! Woohoo!



Currently I am in year 8 at Immanuel College. I have a lovely group of friends, we share lots of laughs together. I really enjoy reading, especially young adult thriller books. I also love to relax by watching Netflix, especially mysteries and romance dramas (P.S. is there a new season of "All of Us are Dead" yet or is it still in the making, I've been waiting ages?). I wonder as you read this letter if all the books will now be digitals, and paperbacks have become extinct like the dinosaurs many years ago!?

After school I enjoy meeting up with my friends and going to the park so I can take a break from all the hectic drama that goes on in school. I mean school is great, but there is so much stuff going on with groups of people! Sometimes I just can't keep up.



Anyway, my dream job is to be a Family Lawyer specialising in family divorce and the needs of the children in such cases, especially their care. This is because I love helping people who are struggling with not only physical health but also mental health. Changes to the family unit can be incredibly stressful and so I want to make the process for families less arduous and ensure the children are prioritised. I want to make a change in the world in this day and age since it seems to be crumbling. With famine, war, disease and global warming on the rise. I do hope you did well in your GCSEs and future qualifications as they really worry me, and it is scary how much these early exams can change someone's life.

On a cheerier note, I have always wanted a loving family, like I have now as a 12 year old. So, I wonder if that came true? I hope you married a loving husband (ooohh I wonder what my new surname will be?) and have had or are thinking of having two children. I would really like my future self to have a son and a daughter but to be fair I don't really mind too much, as long as they are happy and healthy.

I would love to travel the world, especially South Korea because the culture and cities look to be very interesting from what I have seen and read about. I would love to experience new traditions and taste some of the delicious looking foods they serve. I would also like to see more of the US because after seeing what it is like on television and online, I would like to know what it is like in real life. I wonder how many places you have already been to and which you thought was the most interesting?



Moving on, one of my greatest fears is another global pandemic striking the world preventing me from traveling and others living their lives. It is now 5 years since the tragedy of COVID-19 happened and millions of lives were destroyed by this virus. So far, we have been free of restrictions for the last 5 years. I hope you have not had to experience another pandemic or even worse. I hope you are alright as you read this.

Another fear of mine is of myself not achieving the right grades to succeed in my dream career because I am afraid, I will not know what to do otherwise. I really hope that I am making a difference to the lives of families who have been through separation and am helping children during these difficult periods of their lives.



There are so many questions I want to ask you, but I can't possibly write them all down! I wonder if we now have a cure for cancer, if Tiktok still exists, if my parents are still alive and enjoying being grandparents to my children, and I wonder if transport has changed? Did I learn to drive or learn a new language, did I achieve my goals or explore the world? I have so many questions to ask about life and its paths, like how the earth will look in 2043 considering global warming is at its peak right now. My mind is racing!

I hope that when you read this you will be able to answer most, if not all of my queries and that when you read this you remember just how much you mean to the people around you.

BYE FOR NOW 30 YEAR OLD ME!

Emily S xxx (8cki)

My letter to the future

Dear Future, I'd like you to know,
It's getting rarer and rarer to get it to snow.
How often do the flakes fall now?
Climate change is taking over fast,
Is it getting, or will it be a thing of the past?

Dear Future, time is passing fast,
I don't know if this letter will last,
So let me send you my thoughts,
That the highest form of justice comes from judges in courts.

Dear Future, how is life?
Have you got a husband, or a lovely wife?
I hope you're surrounded with caring people,
right now, things aren't great in the past,
Know I don't know what to put last.

Dear Future, is there any natural ground?
Do freddos cost more than a pound?
Prices like that seem mad,
Right now it is too much for the latest iPad.

Dear Future, has the population overgrown?
Is every the truth as it is shown?
Does the media sprout nothing but lies?
Does the headlines float around like flies?

Dear Future, I don't have much paper left,
And my pen is running out,
This is my message for you:
Take care of yourself and the others around you!

By Lily J-P

Dear Future,

Do we have flying cars like everyone imagined? Flying cars would be really cool. Do they take petrol? (If they do, count me out as it is overpriced.) My name is Poppie and I would like to be a beautician. Do I still want to or have I made it finally. Is the world still poluted? If the answer is yes then get young people to help. My reason to that, they will be on the earth for longer and want a nice place to live. When AI went insanelly popular, did the world become taken by AI? Is Sigma and Riss still a thing? (I hope not they drove me crackers.) But seriously how is everyone, is the world ok? Does everyone still go to school? Or has there been some law passed that you can home school. What's the largest faith now? But I remember always that everyone is equal. Has all the fighting stopped? I hope so but again everyone's equal. Are all cars electric or petrol? Did prices on things go up again or lower? Because everything going lower would be amazing. What's history now? Does COVID-19 now class as history because it was so long ago. Is it now a new generation of people or is everything still as popular as it all is now in 2025?

From Poppie!!

Dear Future,

I hope you can be better than today. There is a lot of things that are going wrong at the minute. For example, I think people are choosing the wrong side. In the Future, I hope people can see what is going on and work to make it better in the future. Future, I hope racism has stopped and people can see the world through different eyes. Today I see a lot of people being racist, including young people, so I don't have a lot of hope but maybe that can change. I am going to help change it by becoming a doctor.

Dear future, I hope you have seen some change caused by me.

YOURS SINCERELY,

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