

My future world

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Dear Diary,

I am 10 years old and today is New Year's Eve! However, tomorrow is not just the start of a new year it's the start of a new decade! I hope that world peace allows my future family to enjoy life as I know it today. Nevertheless, certain rules will be needed, in a future world, and those rules will hopefully allow this to happen. At the beginning of the next decade I will be 20 years old and I wonder now what the future will hold. I would like to put forward some rules and thoughts I think will help our next generation some of whom haven't been born yet.

I predict that social media will be the main way that we communicate in the future. Even though social media can be a cause for good, it is also a major cause of ill-mannered behaviour by certain individuals who may cause hurt and distress to others. In a future world rules concerning people's behaviour on the different types of social media need to be stricter and enforceable. I have seen people who have been hurt and upset by these forms of social media and I know that rules need to be obeyed and observed, otherwise there should be harsh consequences.

Religious beliefs need to be respected by all in the future. It is important we acknowledge that not everyone will share the same ideology, but that we value the contribution that we all make to society. In addition, those people who are not religious followers also need to be respected. Even if people believe something that you don't it does not mean that they are any different to yourself or that they can be ridiculed or criticized. We all are unique in our very own way and we must stand together as a community.

Climate change seems inevitable based on the fact that the five warmest years on record have taken place in the last decade. It is vital that we try to care for our planet to prevent this from getting worse. Climate change laws need to be part of this future world, this includes encouraging hybrid and electric vehicles to replace petrol and diesel vehicles. Public transport needs to be improved which will hopefully allow more people to use buses and trains as an alternative. Everyone should be able to calculate their individual carbon footprint to make them aware of how they can carbon offset to try and achieve carbon neutrality. Recycling of paper, plastic, glass and food waste should be a crucial part of our everyday lives and should be compulsory not optional. Personally I help recycle our household waste and also help my dad by using this to make compost for our vegetable patch.

Obesity is increasing in both children and adults, causing a huge burden on the economy and NHS services. Unfortunately, this will continue unless we publicise the importance of healthy eating and this must start in childhood. The introduction of a calorie tax would help to fund the extra cost on health services as well as discouraging people from purchasing foods high in sugar and fat. I feel for children to eat healthily it is important for parents to set a good example otherwise, they will never know any better. I try and eat healthy snacks in school and at home, although I do like the odd piece of chocolate cake!

Racial, gender and age equality have improved substantially since laws were introduced meaning no person may be discriminated against dependent on these characteristics. Nevertheless, inequality still continues in some forms and this must be eradicated as no-one should be judged on skin colour, sex or age. We as a GDST school are fighting for girls' rights to 'learn without limits, be confident and fearless.' I hope this will be the same for girls everywhere in my future world so that everyone has the brilliant opportunities that we have today.

Advances in technology in the past decade concerning technology as my parents tell me about compact discs and video players that they had in their childhood. Now we have DVD players and iPads as well Netflix and online gaming sites. This also means I can waste a lot of time according to my parents!

In ten years, what will my future world look like? Will people be travelling to the red planet, Mars? Will we be able to book space flights? Will life on other planets be discovered? I predict that space will be a major part of our future and there will quite possibly be new discoveries. I also believe there will be more destruction of our beautiful planet with more earthquakes and bushfires, like the ones affecting Australia now.

More rules are needed as man (and woman!) can certainly influence the future but I know I will look forward to a brighter and happier world. What will the future bring? Who knows? At the start of the last decade I was 6 months old, nobody had heard of Brexit and who would have known that Donald Trump would become president of the USA. It is impossible to predict the future but with rules and regulations in place we can make our future bright and enjoyable.

Here's to the next decade!

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