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Dear students,


We are writing to you as we begin to emerge from a difficult time in Hackney, the UK and the world.

You, and all the other students in Hackney – and students across the world – have had disruption to your education and life. No one has been unaffected: some families have directly experienced illness and loss: others are just having to cope with a huge amount of disruption and change.

Our thoughts are with all of them. We also know, through talking to young people, how important the Black Lives Matters movement is to you. We at the Council support this and are working out, with our young people's groups, how we can all make a difference together.

We hope that you have been able to continue learning, with the support of your school, family and carers, over the past four months. We hope the online learning resources (<https://www.hackneyservicesforschools.co.uk/extranet/home-learning-resources>) and Young Hackney online events (<https://www.younghackney.org/campaign/online-youth-hub>) have helped and we have also recently launched new resources to support you if you are anxious (<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources> and <https://cityandhackneycamhs.org.uk/>).

We particularly recognise that for Year 6 and Year 13 you have had a strange end to your time at your current school or college. Some Year 11 students will also be moving to a different sixth form or other opportunities. If you are moving on, we wish you every success in your new setting – and hope you will stay in touch with your old school or college and friends and we look forward to seeing some of you at your school or

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college on results day. If you or your parents or carers are concerned about transition or your next steps please do contact your school or <http://www.prospects.co.uk>.

We have worked hard with Young Hackney, schools, our adventure playgrounds and other providers of activities to create a comprehensive programme of summer activities for you and your friends, the full list is sent out with this letter. Remember you can always find information about Hackney summer activities at <https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/after-school-and-holiday-clubs>.

We are expecting all students to be safely back in school or college at the start of September for the new term. We, like your teachers, are looking forward to seeing you back in school.

As lockdown guidance changes it is really important that you still follow the advice your school, our public health team and the Government are giving you about what you can do and where you can go and what precautions you have to take. This is so you can do your bit to protect family members and those in the community that might be more vulnerable such as older people or those with health conditions. One of the things we expect to be different in September is that more of you will walk or cycle to school if you previously used cars, buses or other public transport for relatively short journeys.

We both visit schools in Hackney regularly, and every time we see the brilliant example our children and young people set.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done to help and are going to do to help support our community as it recovers. We wish you a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Yours sincerely,



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