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[#InspiredToLearn Lockdown 2 Scrapbook](#)

Dear #InspiredToLearn Children (CC: Friends of the School),

There is much talk about you needing to "catch up" and of the things that some adults think that you have missed during this pandemic. Yet you, your peers and your parents/carers know that you have had many experiences (not all of them wonderful) that have been very different to the experiences you would have had, in conventional times, at school.

It's not just you; the last huge worldwide disruption of children from many nations was World War 2. In the UK it faced children with everything from evacuation to underground shelters, bombing and rationing. Our second school lockdown lasted a few months - many children in WW2 were evacuated away from their families for years! But that disruption gave them much - resilience, ingenuity, responsibility, confidence, creativity, bits of unexpectedly deep knowledge, and more. The value of that is seen in that generation: Shirley Bassey 1937, Vivienne Westwood 1941, John Lennon 1940, Clive Sinclair 1940, David Hockney 1937, Helen Mirren 1945, Muhammad Ali 1942 and so many more. They were a very special generation who did things in rather non standard ways, and who rebuilt the booming post-war world.

Your current COVID 'Golden Generation' exhibits that same ingenuity and resilience but it's not yet properly recognised. You need to know that you are also a **very special, very valuable, wonderful generation.**

We haven't seen anything like you all for 75 years!

To help you remember this, I enclose a keepsake '[#InspiredToLearn Lockdown 2 Scrapbook](#)' for you to keep and look back on in years to come. It's something to show your grandchildren when you are as old as Mr MacBean!

If you haven't done so already, we would encourage you to claim your personalised '**Golden Generation**' certificate using the following URL - <http://hepell.net/golden>. If your parents/carers need help printing or laminating these, feel free to let the office team know.

Moving forward, we know that you won't just be fine... you'll be amazing! A unique global golden generation.

We are so very proud of you.

Yours faithfully,

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