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Dear Friends

In listening to the news on radio and television or by reading the headlines in newspapers, it would be easy to become depressed by current world events. Rising prices, food shortages, natural disasters, terrorism and financial meltdown – one wonders if there is any good news out there and from what quarter it might come. What will the future bring and who will make things better?

One of the great privileges of working with young people in schools is that one has the opportunity to see into the future through the actions, imagination and wishes of the next generation. Added to this are the hopes, aspirations and professionalism of their teachers.

We are a school and as such actively encourage pupils to maximise their own potential – to be the best that they can be – to attain the best grades in examinations – to go on to do great things. We also however attach equal importance to the development of our young people as citizens who not only seek personal fulfilment and gain but appreciate their role in contributing to the world and supporting those less fortunate than themselves.

Harris pupils during the course of last year have been involved in activities ranging from supporting younger pupils in the school through to funding the building of a classroom in a school in Malawi and working in a school for blind children in Kuala Lumpur with many other activities in between.

If our young people are typical of today's youth then the future is indeed bright and I am confident that the doom and gloom of today is temporary, transient and able to be overcome.

Yours sincerely

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