



How to Make the Best Use of Holidays

It's finally time to go home. I know you're so excited and maybe "switched off" from academics especially if they're through with exams. You're thinking about how at long last you'll watch movies and football or chat with "friends" till late and get to sleep till 9 a.m., catch up on life and times of Queen Elizabeth, tell stories with friends from other schools, spend time with the boyfriend or girlfriend you've been missing, eat better food, be with family, relax a bit and just forget about books, classes, dawns/preps, assignments and school work

While you'll be enjoying your time, there's another student elsewhere who has same goals or dreams, who also wants to go to University and later be a lawyer, a doctor, a journalist etcetera just the same way you do; but the difference is, he/she will be maximizing the holiday period to update notes, complete assignments, revise past papers, study, seek counselling, organize group discussions or take personal tests in preparations for the final term.

As said in the previous newsletter; there is not enough time to do everything, but there is enough time to do the most important things. The question then is; "what's the most important thing to you?" Your 24 hours will not be enough if you also want to go partying, visit all relatives or when you give in to peer pressure and give your time and attention to distractions from friends or social media. Maybe you will put yourself in tempting situations and because of your choices you may end up doing drugs, having unprotected sex, engaging in fights or joining a gang of other youths to go rob a place. ***At the end of the 10 or so days, will you be proud of how you spent your holiday?***

We're usually taught about time management, what I'd like to say is; in reality, we cannot manage time, we cannot save time. We can only manage our priorities and we can use time wisely. The clock will keep ticking, whether you sing or sleep, you cannot save 30 minutes today so that you use it tomorrow, you can only spend it doing something important. Here's the thing, instead of postponing work and telling yourself it's okay to waste time now because you'll do the work tomorrow, how about you do it today and tomorrow? Once time is gone it's gone, the only thing you can get out of it is what you accomplished in that moment, as said; ***"you can't go back and change the past, but you can start now and change the future."*** No matter how terrible your performance has been, you can start today and do something about it, because 3 months from now when you're in that exam room at the end of the year, you'll be glad you did something about your grades instead of procrastinating and complaining, and again a quote from the previous newsletter: ***"the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second-best time is today"*** so just because you've never had things in order doesn't mean it goes on that way, you may not have been serious at the beginning of the year, but you can start today.

It is very true that if you don't work on your dreams, someone else will hire you to work on theirs, and because people learn how to treat us by looking at how we treat ourselves, your parents will keep sending you on errands if you're not serious with your studies, they'll want you to help in the shop or at the farm or elsewhere because you spend your whole day on the sofa with the remote at hand. If you get serious with improving your grades, chances are high even your parents will appreciate and give you ample time. Otherwise, you'll just be seen as additional labour because you're lazy.

Finally, it's holidays for a reason, create time to be with family, have an afternoon siesta, catch up with "besties" but remember don't spend major time on minor things or spend minor time on major things: use the holidays to transform your life. **Prioritize**

Happy Holidays!!!

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