

2020 BEYOND LOCKDOWN





**LOCKDOWN
THE
WORLD
STOOD
STILL**

NORMAL CHANGED FOREVER. NEW WAYS WERE INTRODUCED. EXCLUSION, ISOLATION, INACTIVITY BECAME THE EVERYDAY. THE NATION GRIPPED BY GOVERNMENT UPDATES, EACH ONE RESTRICTING MOVEMENT, PREVENTING SOCIALISING AND INCREASING DETACHMENT.

After 12 weeks of lockdown, we travelled up and down England to meet our young people outside their homes and to find out how lockdown and the isolation that came with it truly affected them.

Our young people had a new purpose around what school means to them. Learning, socialising with friends, being around people. The power of relationships shone through, as did the importance of routines and school providing a space for them to cultivate meaning. It is here that young people's growth as individuals takes place. This time has made them cherish their peers and be grateful for school.

During lockdown just 6% of state-funded secondary schools managed to provide "live" online lessons for students with their teachers; FBB created a space for young people to express themselves during this difficult time.

A powerful realisation emerged from a new generation. A chance to create a 'new normal'. A chance to right old wrongs. What would it look like? What are young people's hopes and dreams? What fears do young people have for the future?



FOREWORD

Football Beyond Borders (FBB) is an education charity which supports young people who are passionate about football but disengaged at school in order to help them finish school with the skills and grades to make a successful transition into adulthood. We do this by providing long-term, intensive support, built around relationships and young people's passions, in the classroom and beyond.

Our programme is run in partnership with secondary schools across England. This year, the pandemic has demonstrated the role that schools play: they are a vital community for every young person. They are not just about attainment, but provide a space for social and emotional growth, positive adult and peer relationships, and foster a sense of safety and security in a young person's life.

Although the year was cut short due to school closures, we are happy to share that 98% of our young people finished the year in school. Nationally, school exclusions increase annually between the ages of 10–14, whilst this is not the case for FBB participants. The longer a young person attends FBB the less likely they are to be excluded.

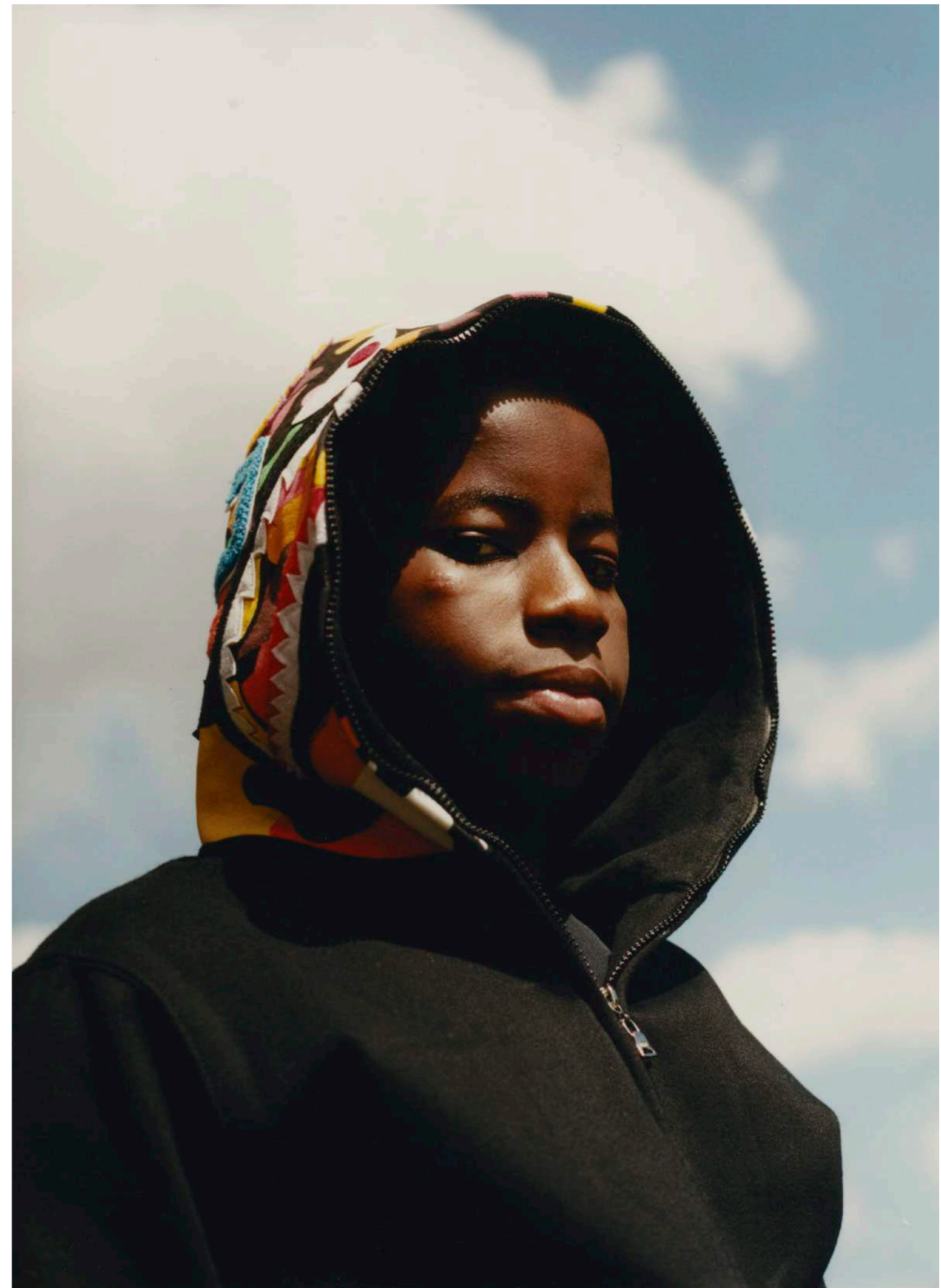
During lockdown we were determined to continue supporting our young people.

Jaspar Kain & Jack Reynolds
FBB Co-Directors

We decided to set up a Virtual School which provided academic support, 121 therapeutic sessions, creative projects and group sessions. Many of our young people did not have a football or access to a garden. We set out to get young people active by delivering footballs to their homes. These photos were taken on their doorstep as part of these visits by 4 different photographers from Burnley and Bolton in the North, to Basildon and Bromley in the South.

As you will see from young people's testimonies in this book, the experience of lockdown has not been universal. Some enjoyed new found freedom, while others struggled without a routine. Yet there has been one striking trend; young people miss school. They don't necessarily miss the exams and rules of school. Instead they miss the lack of human connection and meaningful relationships with their peers and teachers that comes from being a student.

Prior to lockdown school exclusions in secondary school had risen by 40% in the past 3 years. This has to change. If we fail to support teachers to make schools inclusive spaces that nurture the social and emotional development of our young people in the post-Covid world, we will have failed a generation.



ESTHER "I ENJOY MY OWN COMPANY A LOT, BUT I MISS THE ENVIRONMENT OF SCHOOL."



PG. 13-20
SHOT BY OLLIE TRENCHARD



AALIYA "LOCKDOWN IS NOT GOOD. I REALLY WANT TO BE IN SCHOOL, I MISS MY FRIENDS AND THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT."



GABRIELLA, CHESTNUT GROVE "I REALLY DO MISS SCHOOL, MY FRIENDS, MY TEACHERS, EVERYTHING!"



SHALOM, ELM GREEN "SOME OF MY FRIENDS DON'T HAVE DEVICES OR INTERNET AND I STILL WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM BUT I CAN'T, IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE THEM AGAIN."



AANIYA "FBB GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW. NOT MANY ADULTS DO THINGS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, THEY SHOW US HOW TO BE AND INSPIRE ME."

DEAR FUTURE WORLD

I apologise, for a long time I took you for granted and I regret that right about now. I always used to complain about having to go to school and not wanting to get out of bed and wishing I could have a couple of weeks off but now I want the complete opposite, I want to go to school, I want to get out of bed and see people, I want to socialise. I hope that in a couple of hundred years kids in schools all around the World will appreciate this and start to be grateful for what they have, the opportunities they've got, to put 100% effort into anything and everything that they do. Some of the work they have set me to complete and do at home is now a bit tricky but other students in my classes know exactly what to do – this tells me that I need to improve on my listening skills and be more inquisitive.

One of my favourite quotes is “you learn from your mistakes” because every human being makes mistakes - big or small it doesn't matter, it's still a mistake. In my opinion it all depends on how you react to that slip up. Whether you use it as feedback and improve it for next time or dwell on it and let it hold you down. I have been having a more positive mindset recently and it's really benefiting

me. I think lockdown can be used as a advantage if you use it in the right way. Some people now will probably not have touched their work while others have finished every piece of it and need more to keep them occupied or there could just be the ones that are doing it piece by piece and small bits a day just making sure it's correct and there work is to a good standard but that just shows you how diverse everyone is nowadays.

So future world, let's make a deal. I promise to appreciate school work and everything that comes with it, not moaning when I get given homework and just get on with it, and most importantly make a change to the World. Even if it's a small change I'll be impressed – yeah, it will take a lot of work whatever it is that I'm doing but I want to make it my goal to make something change knowing it was all down to me. Future world if you take us out of this pandemic I promise to try my very hardest and give my all to making a change and improving people's lives.

Signing off now,
Mia



MIA, LANFRANC "I FEEL LIKE I HAVE SO MUCH SCHOOLWORK. I HAVE HAD TO ADAPT TO THE SURROUNDINGS."



NADIA, ELM GREEN "LOCKDOWN HAS BEEN A CHANGE BUT I HAVE ADAPTED TO IT. I DON'T NEED TO RELY ON OTHERS TO DO WHAT I CAN DO FOR MYSELF. IVE LEARNT TO BE MORE INDEPENDENT AND HAPPY WITH MYSELF AND WHO I AM."

ADAM, ALBION ACADEMY "LOCKDOWN IS VERY BORING. THE FACT I CANNOT PLAY IN A TEAM OR WITH MY FRIENDS."



PG. 23-43
SHOT BY RICHARD LISTER



AMINA, MARSDEN HEIGHTS "I LIKE TO DRAW. MY FAMILY WENT OUT FOR A WALK, AND I STAYED AT HOME DRAWING. I MISS P.E. AND BEING ACTIVE."



HETH, CHORLTON HIGH SCHOOL "LOCKDOWN WAS WEIRD AT FIRST. IT WAS HARD TO ADJUST. I HAVE MISSED SCHOOL."



LIYBAH, MARSDEN HEIGHTS "I HAVE BECOME SLOWER SINCE NOT PLAYING FOOTBALL OR RUNNING... NORMALLY I WOULD BE RUNNING EVERYDAY, GOING ON BIKE RIDES BUT I HAVE JUST STOPPED.

NORMALLY IF IT WAS THE WEEKEND I WOULD NOT WANT TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. BUT I DO WANT TO GO BACK."



LEO, WILLIAM HULME "I HAVE MISSED SCHOOL, ALL MY FRIENDS. I ONLY SEE THEM ON THE PHONE. I FEEL LIKE I LEARN BETTER IN SCHOOL."



MAHMOOD, WILLIAM HULME "LOCKDOWN IS STRESSFUL. MY OLDER BROTHER HAS THREE CHILDREN, I AM HELPING THEM WITH THEIR HOMEWORK. I HAVE A BROTHER AND SISTER, AND I AM HELPING THEM. SO IT'S STRESS."

BLACK LIVES MATTER POEM

MY SKIN COLOUR CHASES ME INTO THE DARK
AND LEAVES ME TO SOAK IN MY INSECURITIES
WISHING I WAS JUST A NORMAL MEMBER OF SOCIETY
PRAYING FOR EQUALITY IN A CRUEL WORLD
INJUSTICE CLOUDS OVER MY LIFE AS I BEG AND PLEAD,
"I'M INNOCENT!"

BUT THEY NEVER SEEM TO LISTEN
BECAUSE MY ETHNICITY IS ALL THEY LOOK AT
I HAVE A RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH
BUT I AM NEVER GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE
MY PROBLEMS IN THIS SYSTEM

MAHNOOR



OMAR, ALBION ACADEMY "LOCKDOWN IS BORING BUT FUN. ME AND MY FRIENDS HAVE BEEN PLAYING A LOT OF FORTNITE."



TIAM, ALBION ACADEMY "WITH FBB I'VE LEARNT HOW TO WORK BETTER IN A TEAM."



ZAK "AT FIRST I DIDN'T MIND IT THAT MUCH, BUT AFTER A WHILE IT STARTED TO GET BORING. I WANTED TO GO OUTSIDE. I HAVE GCSE'S COMING UP AND HOPEFULLY I DO GET ON WITH THAT. AND YEAH, I JUST WANT TO PASS THEM, MY GCSE'S."

ADRIANA, LANFRANC "I HAD A DREAM THAT LOCKDOWN LASTED LIKE A REALLY LONG TIME LIKE 2 YEARS AND I DIDN'T REALLY ENJOY THAT."



PG. 43-66
SHOT BY ELLIOT JAMES KENNEDY



JESSE "TO BE HONEST I MISS ALL MY FRIENDS AND THAT. EVEN JUST TALKING BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY OF THEM IN A LONG TIME SO YEAH, I MISS SCHOOL."



BRADLEY & ROBBIE "I MISS SEEING MY MATES EVERYDAY BECAUSE YOU JUST REALISE THAT YOU ACTUALLY NEED THEM MORE THAN YOU EXPECT."



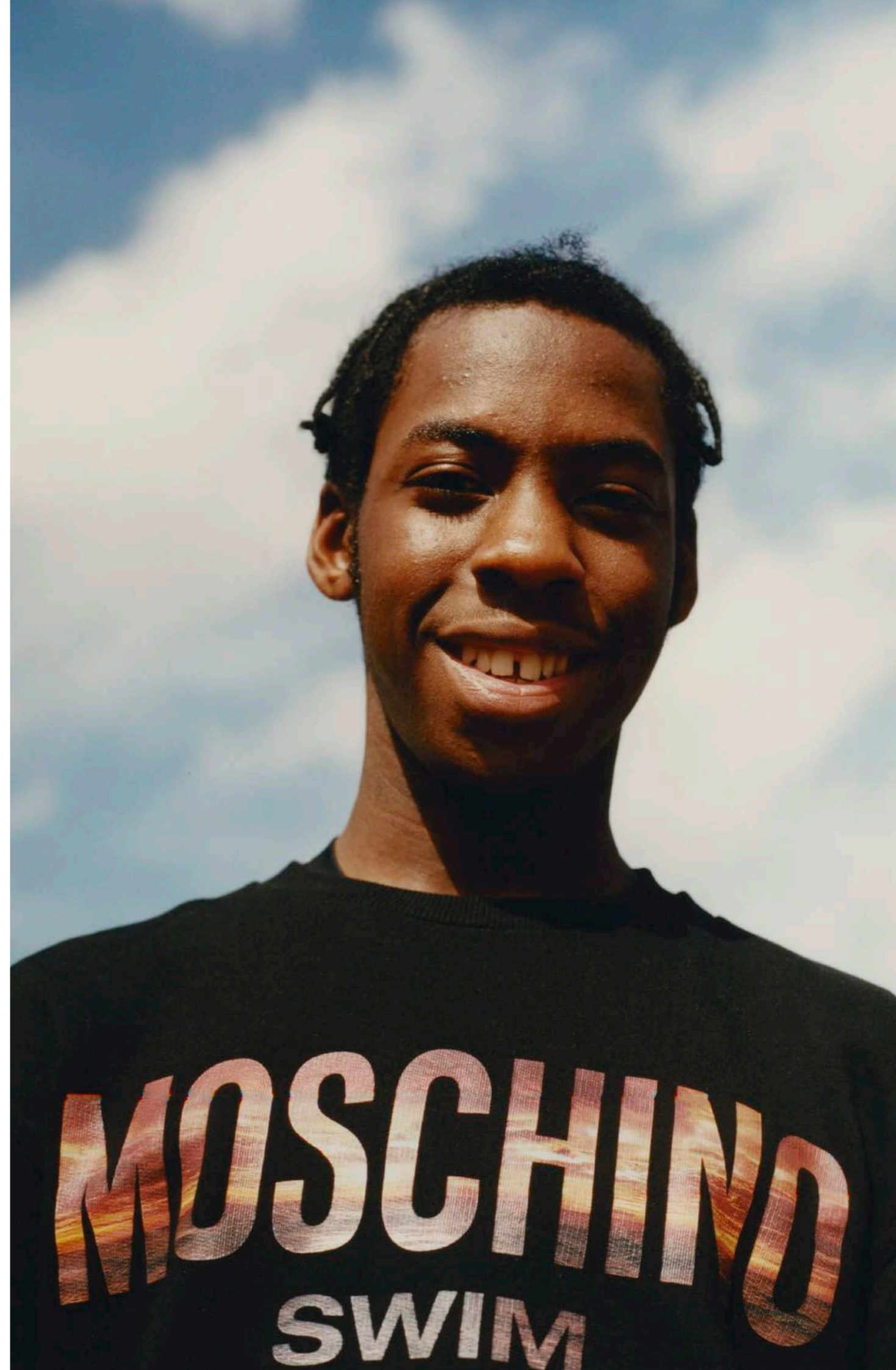
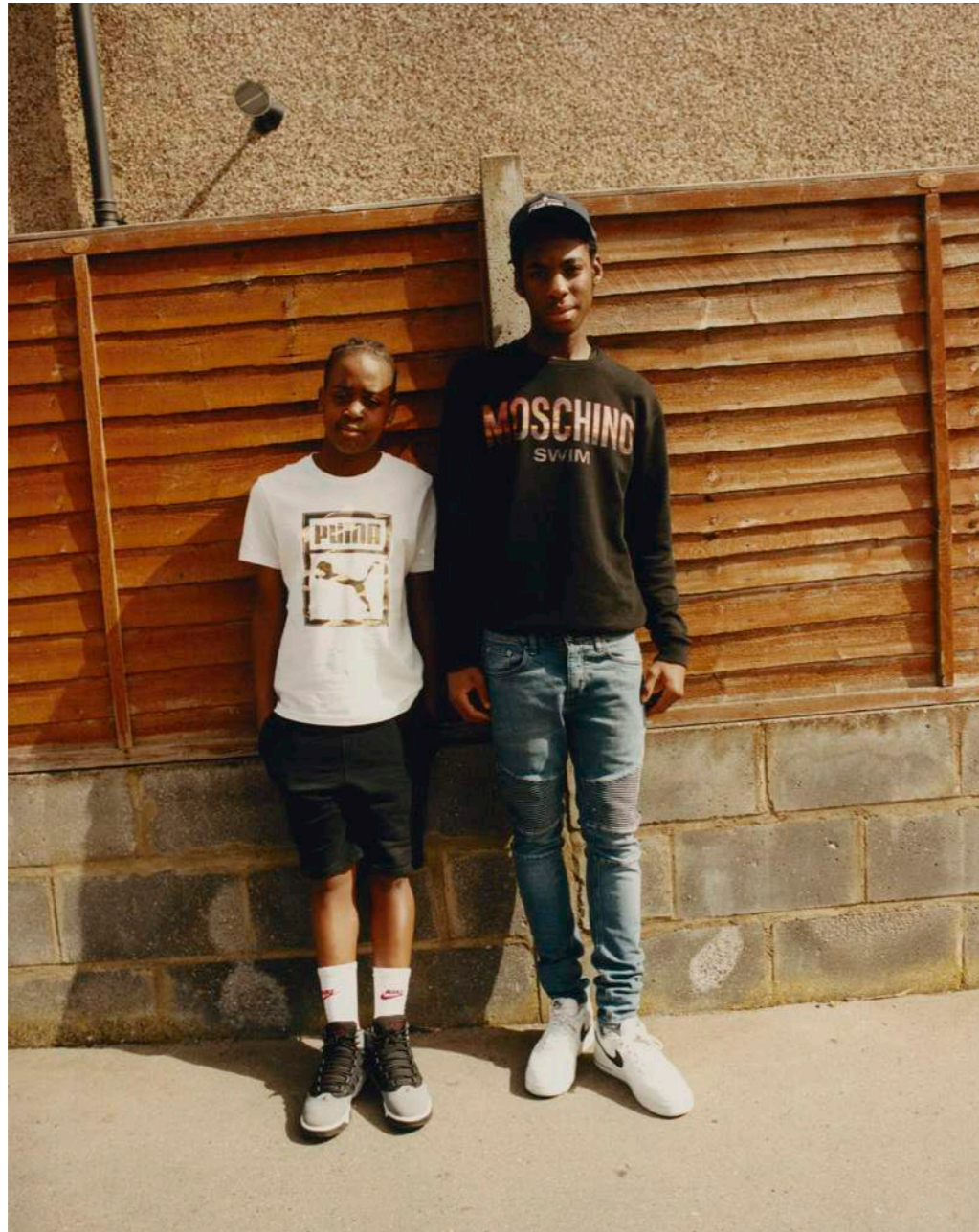
JUDE, ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE "I MISS SCHOOL. I'VE BEEN DOING HOMEWORK AND I DO MISS SCHOOL, SOME OF THE MANDEM."



KAYA "I HAVE MISSED SCHOOL, WELL YES AND NO. YES BECAUSE YOU DON'T SEE YOUR FRIENDS AND NO BECAUSE YOU GET TO STAY AT HOME."



KYE "LOCKDOWN IS EASY, BECAUSE IT'S PEACEFUL. I LIKE DOING WHAT I DO, I ALWAYS COME HOME FROM SCHOOL AND LOCK MYSELF IN MY ROOM SO NOW I JUST DOING THAT EVERYDAY. MY LIFE BEEN EASY REALLY. I JUST DO MY WORK."





LEO, LONDON "I LEARNT THAT I ACTUALLY LIKE SCHOOL. I ALWAYS SAID THAT I HATED IT BUT IT'S MORE NOW THAT I ACTUALLY KIND OF LIKE IT BECAUSE I'D RATHER SOCIALISE WITH MY MATES."



Nathaniel 13yrs old

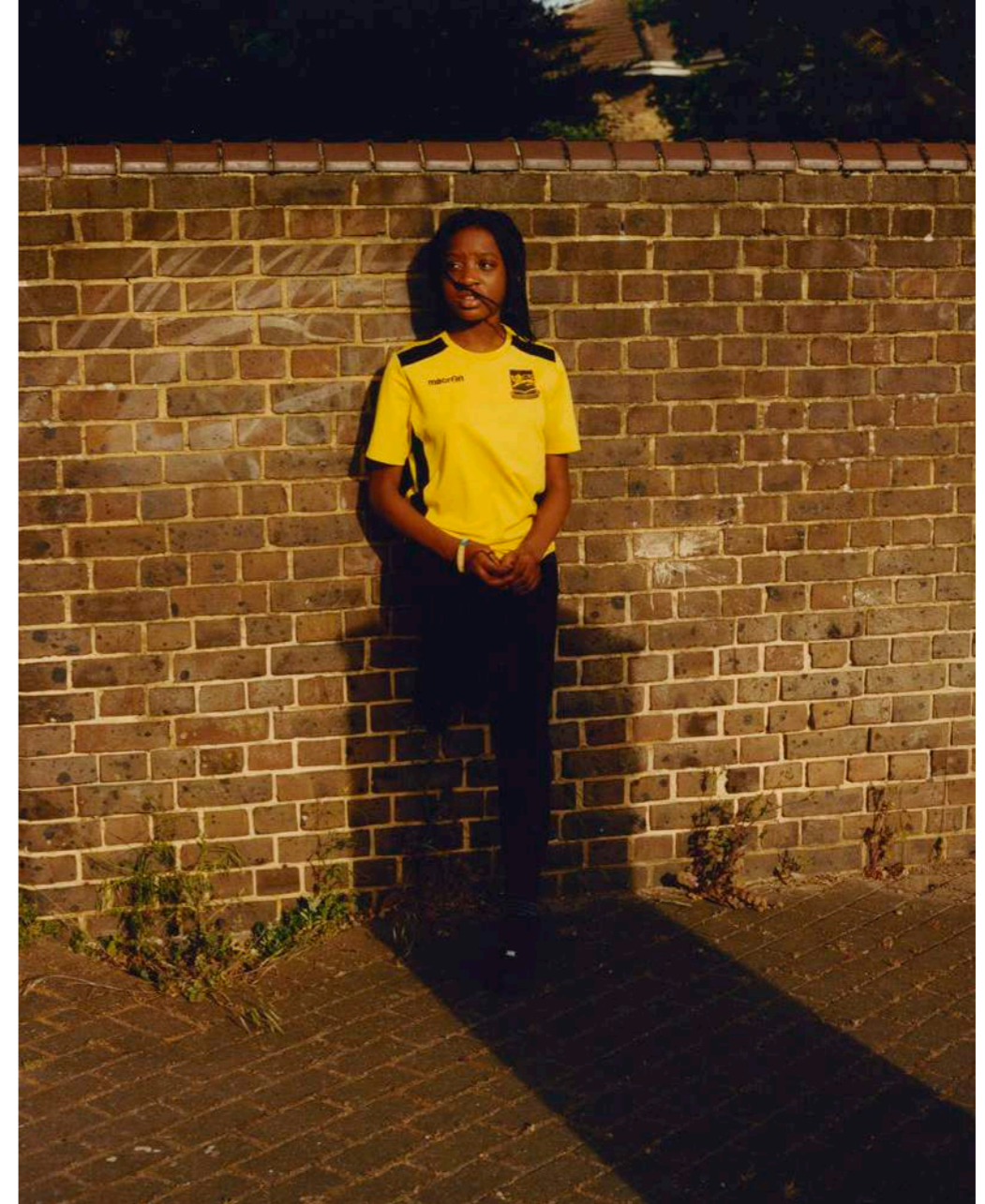
If I was to describe myself in 3 words it would be:

- Skillful
- Intellegent
- Active

I've learnt how to make more time for myself which doesn't make lockdown so bad and i've been doing homework and staying fit.



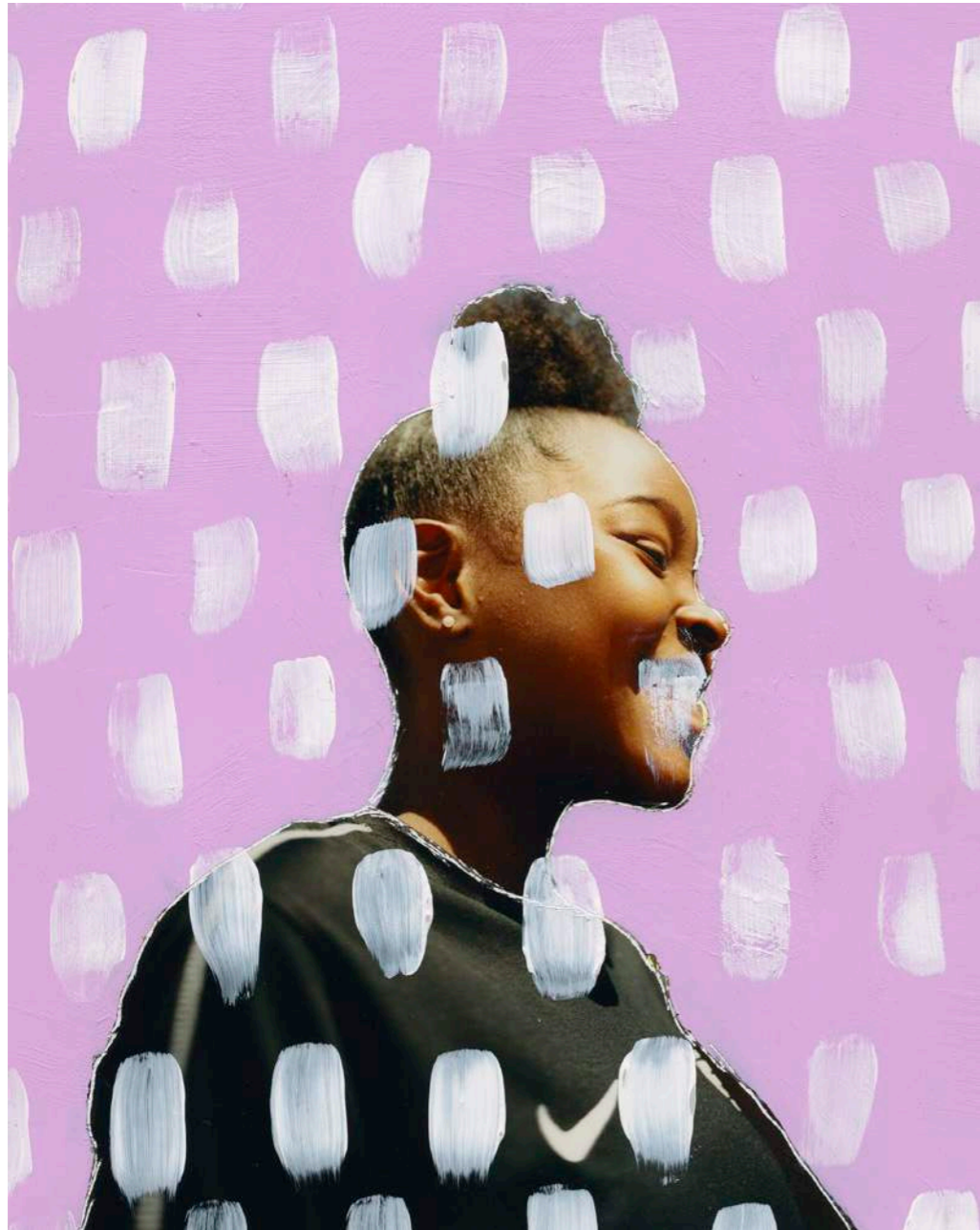
MELINA, SEDGEAHILL



ONINYE "I'VE BEEN WATCHING MOVIES OR WORKING OUT TO KEEP ME OCCUPIED. I'VE MISSED SCHOOL BECAUSE I'VE REALISED THAT I NEED MY FRIENDS AND I LIKE GOING OUT AND YEAH."



SHAK, ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE "HAVING NO INTERNET IS BETTER, BECAUSE I THINK THE INTERNET CAN BE FULL OF NEGATIVITY AT TIMES."

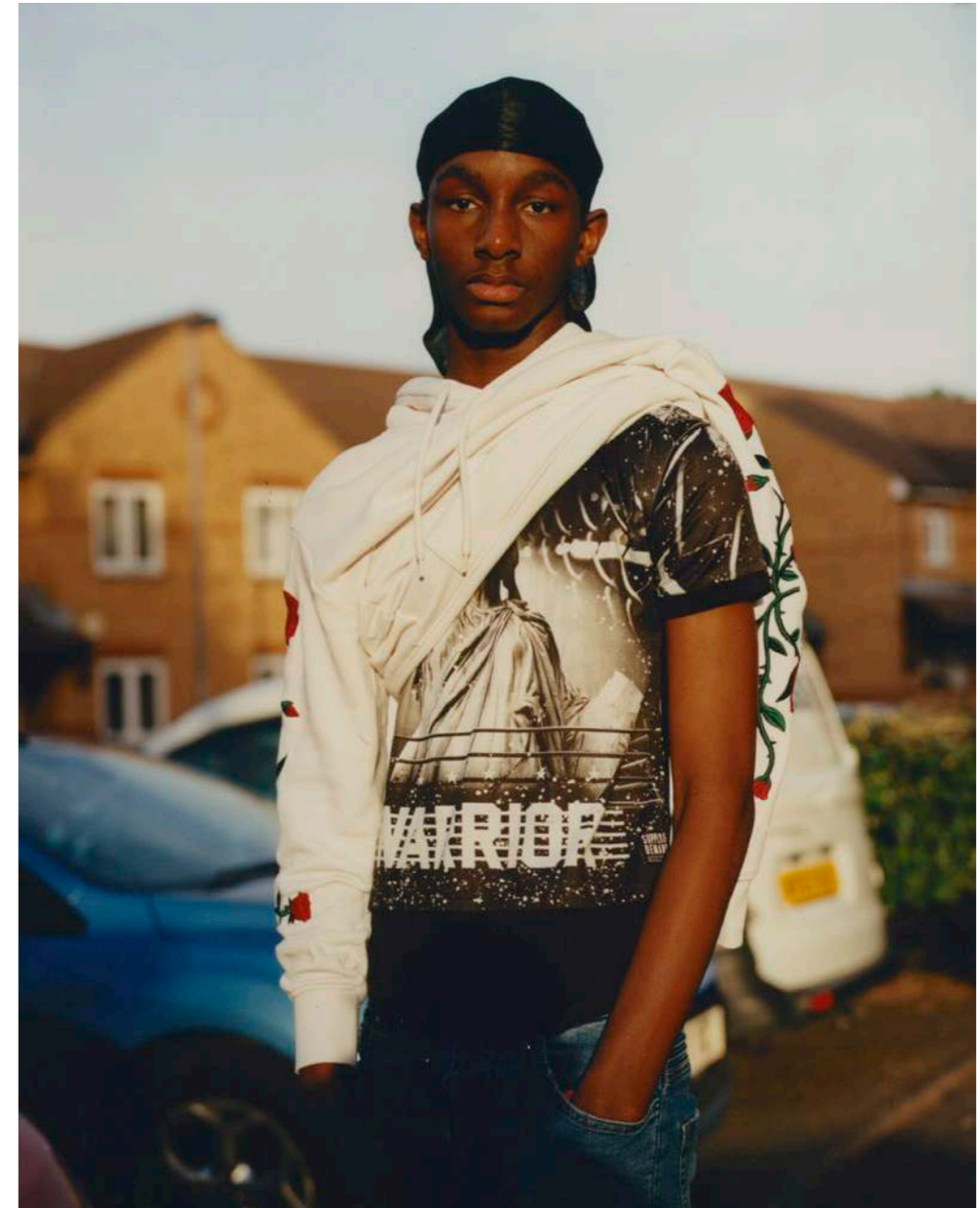


SILVIA, LANFRANC "I MISS BEING IN A CLASSROOM, BEING WITH MY FRIENDS EVEN AT LUNCHTIME, EATING WITH MY FRIENDS."





ZAIAN, ST JOSEPHS "I HAVE LEARNT I'M NOT REALLY THAT PATIENT BUT THERE IS MORE STUFF THAT I CAN DO TO OCCUPY MYSELF RATHER THAN USING ELECTRONICS."



KYREECE, ST JOSEPHS "I'VE MISSED SCHOOL A BIT. I DON'T KNOW JUST LIKE THE JOURNEY AND STUFF. I JUST MISS THAT BECAUSE WE ARE JUST ALWAYS SITTING AT HOME."



ZACHARY, ELM GREEN "I HAVE GCSES COMING UP SO HOPEFULLY I DO GOOD ON THAT AND YEAH JUST WANT TO PASS MY GCSES."

EISA, MARSDEN HEIGHTS "I MISS MY FRIENDS AND I ACTUALLY MISS LEARNING."



PG. 67-77
SHOT BY ROSS COOKE



LETTER TO FUTURE WORLD PT.2

DEAR FUTURE WORLD,

When will you open your doors?
I've always wondered, what you have in store
Whether you're full of frights, smiles or lights
I'm ready to explore.
I might want to rewrite, all the adventures of one
night, so I promise not to copyright.
I sometimes close my eyes and there I am ready to
fly, I hope you're still alive, this dream shall not die,
SO PLEASE HEAR MY CRY

I know you're aware of the fattest burglar
And let me tell you, I've never seen such a killer.
Gorging people like pieces of burgers
This is no thriller.
He's claimed over two hundred thousands lives,
From China to America...
And Man is now on holiday in Africa.
Geezzz better know my guy *COVID* got Moolahs
And they say he's only nineteen.
It's time for you to use your bazooka,
Scare him like Halloween,
So in your time he will never be seen.

DEAR FUTURE WORLD,

Will you be peaceful?
because War has snarled.
Ever since for some, the present has been painful
it hurts my heart, when people have no choice
but to depart,
from where they once roamed.
Be their knight in shining armour,
And Make your time a place they can call home.
YOU SEXY CHARMER

DEAR FUTURE WORLD,

Will you be phobic?
Why do some people always think Muslims are
on a mission?
Because of Jihadis?

Because of their religion?
So they call them all terrorists.
you know who they are, "*ISLAMAPHOBICS*".
If Muslims are how they've been portrayed,
Wallahi everyone would be finished.
I know in your time the label (terrorist) will vanish
And Muslims will shine and sparkle in the twilight
That's why I call you...
FATHER EQUAL RIGHT

DEAR FUTURE WORLD,

Will you love?
Kids are getting abused.
It stings seeing them dead on the news,
And yet some people are amused.

DEAR FUTURE WORLD,

Will you care?
Poverty is a weapon, doing all the killings
And it's really not fair
People selling stuff not worth a shilling,
And yet all the present do is stare

DEAR FUTURE WORLD,

They say tomorrow is a gift,
So I've been waiting for you like Taylor Swift.
The present and past has brought us pain,
love, misery,
I still believe you to be the candle,
who's going to cover us in blankets of lights
and smiles.

I will patiently wait, even though you seem far away
Like they say tomorrow is always brighter.
It's time to turn another chapter,
Goodbye future world till we meet again

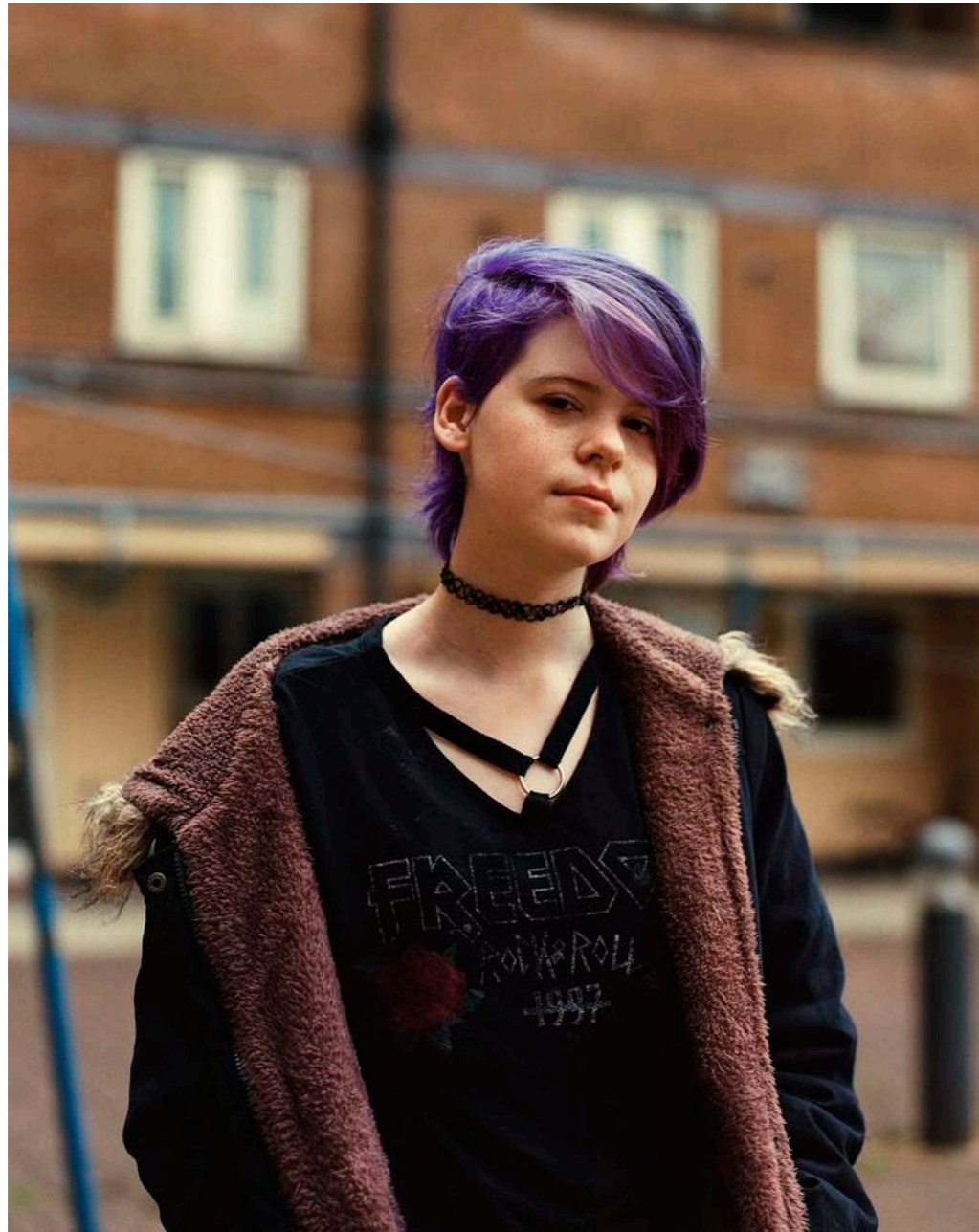
Love,
Selma



SELMA, WILLIAM HULME "LOCKDOWN HAS BEEN A ROLLER COASTER, I'VE GONE THROUGH MANY CHANGES IN A SPACE OF A SHORT TIME."



ZIONNE, WILLIAM HULME "I DO MISS SCHOOL BECAUSE YOU DON'T GET TO SEE YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHERS OR FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL AND YOU DON'T GET THE QUALITY ONE ON ONE TIME WITH THE STAFF."



SKYE, MARSDEN HEIGHTS "WHEN I SAY I HATE SCHOOL, I REALISED I DON'T. I DEFINITELY MISS SCHOOL."

NO
BALL GAMES
BY ORDER

APPENDIX PAGE(S)

SCHOOLS

LADYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, BOLTON

Hidden behind the huge houses off New York Road in Bolton lies Ladybridge High School. A school bursting with diversity and passion for learning. The young people love sports. A great school for extracurricular physical activities from their Swimming pool, FBB, 4G football pitch to a farm.

ELM GREEN, LONDON

Elm Green school is located in Tulse Hill, Lambeth. Where community is family and culture is engraved by the people through different foods, religions, beliefs, and one common belief, that is this home.

South London is a vibrant and vivacious location. Painted with eye-catching and radiant colours from Brixton's street art to graffiti it is coated with exquisite scents from middle eastern cuisine to Latin American coffee beans in local markets. The dispersion of different cultures is palpable in the Borough of Lambeth.

KEMNAL, LONDON

Kemnal is a school that bridges South London and Kent's communities with young people travelling in from a range of locations to one central hub. Kemnal is a school site with pleasant reminders of the past. It's great staff really know the pupils and some used to attend the school. The personalities of the boys are in line with authentic South London and Kent imagery. The school building is old and feels like a traditional school setup, the beauty of the school is found around it. Kemnal has been a joy for FBB staff to work in the family feel of the school allows FBB to really support teachers parents and most of all the young people.

LANFRANC ACADEMY, LONDON

Lanfranc Academy is one of the first schools FBB worked with, making it a pillar in our journey as an

organisation. The local and school community is filled with diverse young people who are trying to better themselves.

FBB is a place for young people to be themselves and helps young people understand and navigate their school environment. Secondary school is one of the most vital phases of a person's life and having the support that Lanfranc and FBB provide together can make a young person thrive.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, LONDON

St Joseph's College is an all boys school in the heart of London, Beulah Hill. Situated on a junction that links neighbouring South London areas Crystal Palace, Streatham Thornton Heath, the school is a diverse hub of culture that young men with a wider range of passions often meet.

This was evident in the FBB group that has just finished their second year of FBB with young people having an interest in football, music, cooking and gaming.

WOODLANDS, LONDON

After you pass the Basildon (Hollywood Sign) you arrive at Woodlands High School, a huge building that sits on top of a hill overlooking the town centre. The modern building creates opportunity in an area where there aren't that many. In Basildon you get a new feeling as some of the areas are being newly developed into the 'new tow' as it was described as in the 1940s after the blitz.

CHORLTON HIGH SCHOOL, MANCHESTER

Located in the bustling bohemian area of Chorlton, Chorlton High School is a popular school for the surrounding inner city areas of Manchester. The school has a rich roster of extracurricular activities for young people to be a part of and is deeply embedded in the local community.

MARSDEN HEIGHTS, NELSON AND BRIERFIELD

Nestled in the Lancashire Pennines, overlooked by the mystical Pendle Hill lies the sleepy town of Nelson and its neighbour Brierfield. The cotton industry, like many Northern towns, formed the main economy of the area until the 60's. It's narrow, cobblestoned streets and terrace rows are reminiscent of Billy Elliot.

Since September 2019 Football Beyond Borders has been working with a group of 32 young people at a local school, Marsden Heights. During Covid-19 lockdown young people struggled emotionally, with mental health, academic motivation and physical activity.

WILLIAM HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL, MANCHESTER

A beautiful old red brick school located in the Hulme and Whalley Range areas of Manchester. William Hulme has a huge mix of young people from many different backgrounds and areas of Manchester, a true representation of the city and its diverse culture.

ALBION ACADEMY, SALFORD

Albion Academy is located in the heart of Salford, minutes walk away from the University and train stations. Salford, the second city of Manchester, has recently undergone huge transformation and saw the relocation of the BBC to Media City, which now hosts several media companies. The school is full of energy and that is reflected in the young people who love FBB!

SALFORD CITY ACADEMY, SALFORD

On the edge of Manchester just outside of Trafford Park, Salford City Academy is a huge school enclosed by a council estate and trapped by the connecting M62 and M60. Salford City Academy is the centre of the community and a hub of education for the local area.

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