

our new SNY team



Hello, my name is Lauryn Okerago. I am in Year 10 at The Henrietta Barnett School, and I am 14 years old. I enjoy writing poetry, reading and athletics. I also enjoy camping with my Girlguiding group.



My name is Riya Khatri, I'm 14 years old, and I'm a Year 10 student at The Henrietta Barnett School. Some of my hobbies include sewing and writing.



My name is Nysa Upadhya and I am really excited to be part of the new group of youth writers. Like my colleagues, I am a Year 10 student at The Henrietta Barnett School and enjoy a wide range of activities, some of which include: Tae-Kwon-Do (a Korean martial art), reading and crochet.



My name is Smruthi Karthikkumar. I'm 15 years old, and I am a Year 10 student at The Henrietta Barnett School. I really enjoy listening to music, as well as playing the violin and piano, as I hope to be a music producer, sometime in the future.

LAURYN

In my time capsule I would put:

My favourite books: 'Legenborn' by Tracy Deonn and 'On the Come Up' by Angie Thomas. These books resonated within me and helped me escape to another reality than the dreary standstill period we were in during the lockdowns.

Newspaper articles on the Black Lives Matter movements. These movements were stronger and more impactful during the pandemic than ever before and encouraged me to research and read different books helping my understanding of the things happening around me.

A letter to my future self, asking questions about the future and speculating what is happening around me. I have found from doing this twice before that the letters can be quite entertaining as well as thought-provoking.

KRITI

First off, I would put in one of my all-time favourite science fiction novels: 'Brave New World' written by Aldous Huxley. The novel examines a futuristic society, revolving around science and efficiency. It examines the danger of the growth of technology in the future and how it may change the way humans begin to think and act. It would be really interesting for someone in the future to compare the novel's ideas to their reality.

I would also include a few of my clothes, like shirts, jeans and boots. Clothes in the future might be completely alien...to us. So my clothes might be alien to people 500 years from now.

Finally, I would include a family picture. In current times, a family picture symbolises moral values, strength and even a legacy of the past, present and future. In the future however, families might uphold their family values differently, with a different structure. So, in 500 years they will know what family values mean to us (thanks to my picture!)

NIYA

I believe that time capsules should be a representation not only of the era in which you live, but of personal interests as well so in my time capsule I would put in a letter to the future me (including my hopes and aspirations), an old phone (as it would be interesting to observe the technological advancements) and a list of questions about the future that I would hope to be answered. I might also add my journal and pictures of my hometown, family and friends.

RIYA

Inside my time capsule, I would include a newspaper - to show how current affairs appeared in the media, and for the recipient to get a real sense of what is happening at the moment. And since Covid-19 is constantly evolving, it would be interesting to see how it has changed from an earlier point in the pandemic, so I would also include an article with the first mention of the virus, with everyone's misconceptions! I would also put collections of images of scenery in the time capsule, since images have the ability to reveal so much more about a place than words, and landscapes are constantly changing, so it's worth capturing some moments.

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