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Dear desperate Secondary 4 student,

I am glad that you wrote this letter to me and shared your unpleasant experience and problems with me. I hope that I can help you to solve the problems by making suggestions and giving advice to you.

To commence, you mentioned that you didn't have any privacy and everyone at home could hear what you were saying. If I were you, I would chat with my friends by using the instant messenger applications on your phone, such as WhatsApp or Facebook, instead of talking to them on the phone directly. As a result, your family members at home will not hear what you are saying.

Next, you said that you couldn't study easily at home thanks to the noise and annoying sounds produced by the television. I think that you should consider going to the library for revision and for completing your homework. The library would be a more suitable environment for you to study since it is always quiet there and you may concentrate on your studies more easily. It will be also more effective for you to revise and hence you will get a better result at school.

Thirdly, in the letter you mentioned that you were sure your work would have improved if you could have gone out and relaxed with your friends, but you didn't have enough money. If I were you, I'd talk to my parents directly. I would explain clearly to them what the purpose was of getting the money. I think they would then understand your

circumstance. You may explain to them that entertainment is essential to relax after studying for a long period of time.

Last but not least, you mentioned that you felt like dropping out of school and finding a full time job. In my opinion, I discourage you from dropping out of school and to finding a job. In this highly competitive and knowledge based society, higher education is required and most of the enterprises and corporations only employ those who have attained a Bachelor degree. Therefore, knowledge is required in society for employment. It will be hard and difficult for you to find a job now, and you may face unemployment. During these years, you had better study diligently and try your best to endeavour to get good marks in the public examinations rather than taking the vocational route.

Lastly, you uphold that schooldays weren't the happiest days of your life but I am afraid you are wrong. You ought to think positively instead of claiming that schooldays are not happy. If you chat with your friends more frequently, you can really share what you think with your friends and your friends will consult with you. In addition, you may also try to serve the community by participating in voluntary work, or uniform groups in school. You may find that it is meaningful and this will cheer you up.

I hope my advice can help in reassuring your worries and relieving some of your problems. Try to be more positive and optimistic! Should you have any queries, you may write again to me. I am looking forward to receiving your good news!

Best regards,

Nicky