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Dear desperate S4 student,

Thank you for your letter. I'm sorry to hear about your problems. Let me give you some advice.

First of all, you said that you lived in a very small flat with your family and didn't have any privacy. In my opinion, it will be difficult for you to change this condition. You should tolerate this. Besides, if you don't want your family hearing what you're saying when your friends phone you, you may send texts instead to communicate with them, for example you can use WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger and We Chat.

Moreover, you also mentioned that you couldn't study easily in the flat as it was crowded and noisy and the television was on all the time. I suggest you go to the public library, since the library always offers the best studying environment. Also, you can avoid those noise problem and you can study more efficiently too. You could return home before dinner.

Furthermore, hanging out with friends is the best way to relieve your daily pressure. But it doesn't mean that you need to spend so much money. You may do some relaxing activities with your friends such as cycling, jogging and hiking. It doesn't cost much. If you really don't have enough money, you may seek help from your family or find a part-time job at the weekend. In the workplace, you may gain life experience and make new friends too. Besides, if I were you, I wouldn't drop out of school because there are many disadvantages. There are few job opportunities for students like you and it may affect your relationship with your family and friends.

You ought to have an optimistic attitude. Don't think in a negative way. I hope my advice will be useful. Please write to me again if you need any more help. Enjoy your schooldays!

Best regards,  
Nicky