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Dear Epworth,

This letter is long overdue and is to update you on the progress of my life since High School. I write this letter in anticipation of a new job I am about to embark on in London. The journey to get to this point has been an adventure and a time of growth and self-discovery.

When I left high school I went to UCT to study a Bachelor of Business Science. During my studies I was part of the Allan Gray Orbis Entrepreneurship Foundation. This amazing programme aims to equip keen, young minds with a mindset to ignite change in society. I have emerged from the programme equipped with business savvy and the ability to recognise areas in society that need those who believe they can make a difference and change the world.

I had the amazing opportunity to learn about Social Entrepreneurship during my years of study, and I was able to put that as well as my desire to make a difference to practice with a group of friends of mine: I started an organisation with them called the Brighter Future Foundation, to help bridge the information gap in underprivileged education. We wanted to provide assistance and inspiration to high school learners to dream for themselves and proceed to higher education. It has now been handed over to a new team of leaders, whom I trust will continue to grow the vision.

I graduated from my Business Science degree in December 2009. Initially, I had planned to follow the route towards becoming a Chartered Accountant. My mind was slowly changed as I was exposed more to the investment world, especially through an internship I went to in London in 2007 and 2009. Thus, I left the CA path to pursue a career in the Investment Banking world, currently in Risk Management & Advisory.

I'm currently waiting to start my graduate programme with Goldman Sachs Investment Bank in London in July. Since graduating, I have been volunteering for an amazing NGO in Joburg, called Urban Vision, that assists to rehabilitate the homeless by helping them find jobs and accommodation. I have also had the opportunity to do some travelling to South America.

When I look back at my high school years I know that I had the seed for the destiny that God has planned for me, however, I would never have realised how much that seed would begin to grow, and all that God had in store, so far. I am amazed and excited for the journey ahead. I am also grateful for the opportunities for growth I received from my time at Epworth, and the support and championing I received from my teachers. Teachers provide a significant contribution to the development of people. Thank you.

The much-quoted words of Faith, Compassion and Courage remain close to me, and I hope to keep them in memory. I also treasure the words I learnt from a poem I learnt on Ulysses in English by Alfred Tennyson; those words inspire me to continue in life "to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Best Regards,  
Phumelele Morare