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Hey guys,

Hope everything is going well so far this year! It's a massive year but looking back on it, it's my favourite so far.

As far as I know, it's coming into the last week of Term 3, which can be both a stressful time, but also an awesome one. You've finished content and staring down the barrel of exams, looming in only a couple of months. You've also finished schooling, a very important time in your life at hopefully a place you've come to love.

As I've gone through this whole period, I was asked to just shoot you an email to pass on any tips that may be helpful. They may not be, as we might operate differently, but I'll have a crack.

Firstly, for me, what I found really helpful was maintaining habits. Instead of treating Term 3 holidays as a holiday, it was just business as usual for me. During this break, I treated myself to a 10:00 wake up every day, but then after that I was up and at the library by 11, then proceeded to work till around 5-6. I found this was the best way for me to be productive, and as much as I wanted to treat this time as 'holidays', I couldn't really afford to.

For the trial exams, it's really important to have a proper crack at them. I didn't do as well as I would have liked, but this meant that they gave me a correct indication of where I was at, which is essentially what they are for.

In terms of the first 2 weeks of Term 4, they are an awesome time, but also quite a distracting one. There are a lot of fun things going on which I say throw yourself into fully. What helped me at this time was allocating time to all the good stuff of the last weeks 2 weeks of school so that I didn't feel guilty that I wasn't studying while doing them.

Good luck for exams, and for receiving your results. All I can say is that once you receive your results, they seem insignificant soon after. As long as you get yourself into a position that you sort of know what you're doing, or want to do for the next couple of years you'll be fine. Half of my mates who started things in February, were doing different things by August.

All I can say is relish this whole period up. We all miss school probably more than you can believe, so take it all in.

Good luck legends!

Cheers,

Michael Canny.