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At the time writing this I am [REDACTED] I have brown hair, green eyes, and trimmed facial hair. I am 5'8", white, slightly on the scrawny side but I blame my fast metabolism for that.

As a child I was very blonde for quite a bit and got a lot of comments on the craziness of my hair from strangers, or so I am told. I remember being quite shy, but excitable when around friends. My father moved jobs a lot while I grew up which meant we moved town every so often and I was forced to make new friends every so many years which I think explains the shyness. My parents were very young when they had me but looking back I think they did a great job at being parents given their circumstances. I grew up with a sister [REDACTED] younger than me. [REDACTED] my parents sadly split up but now living (arguably) happier lives with new partners, and my father has even had another child since so I also have a sister [REDACTED] years younger than me and she is literally the cutest thing on the planet.

At school I was good at maths and then pretty average with everything else, although wasn't great at French. Today, I've recently taken up learning the guitar. I'm also a bit of a nerd and like my video and board games, films and things like that, but also any kind of social activity I love. Friends are important to me. I also love to travel, I've worked abroad in Canada for two years and did a ten week road trip down the west coast of the states all the way to the Mexican border from Canada. I was christened Roman Catholic as a baby but never really practiced it growing up so I wouldn't say I'm religious. I could go deep into my philosophical views but we would be here all day. But, without sounding too hippy-y, I just like to treat people with kindness because everyone is going through some battle.

Personality wise I would say I am quite social. I also used to be quite a relaxed person and took things as they came, but since moving [REDACTED] my life has been very fast-paced and it's been difficult to maintain that relaxed demeanour. I would say I'm quite open minded, I certainly have my views and opinions but am always happy to be proved wrong and open to new ideas if presented with a compelling argument and evidence. I think I've become more creative over time. I certainly never saw myself as an artist or musician or filmmaker (that was more my sister), but I have always had an expansive imagination and would consider myself as more adventurous than creative.

I am just about to graduate from university with a first. I studied Society, Politics & Policy and now am currently looking for work. I chose that subject because at the time I had just returned from working abroad, it was in the middle of the pandemic and so looking for a job was difficult, and in 2020 there was so much going on in the world at the time I just wanted to (try and) understand it all. I enjoyed my studies a lot and am excited to see where it will lead me.

Admittedly I don't read very much, although I know I should and it has been my aim of countless New Year's resolutions. My favourite films and TV shows are usually ones with clever plots and aren't like the generic Hollywood style. It's hard to pin down a specific film but if it has a good twist, or a unique style or plot then I'm likely to like it.

I think if I had to pick something I like about myself I would probably say my open-mindedness. I think more people these days need to be okay with being wrong sometimes, or at least be open to new ideas and I like that I have developed this 'skill', if you can call it a skill. I also make people laugh from time to time.

What is important to me in life? Again, I'd say my friends and family and having those social gatherings. I am grateful for every member of my family and how much love and support they have given me. I am grateful for my girlfriend who has done the same, and all my friends that I've met along the way. I think it's the memories you make that are important and with them it's been easy to make good ones.

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Dear Child,

I have no doubt that the world is a much different place than it is the day I'm writing this.

Although this must be strange reading something written by your biological father, make no mistake that it's the people who raised you and cared for you growing up, they are your true family. I have no doubt that they love you immensely because, well, if they didn't you probably wouldn't be reading this now.

I decided to donate all those years ago because I wanted to give people such as your parent(s) a chance to start a family. To me, family is deeply important and it would hurt to know that people were denied one of their own for whatever, unpreventable explanation. And so, here you are. I hope to have children myself someday, maybe I already have, but it gives me such pride and joy to know that I've made a difference to someone's lives by helping them make a family and I'm sure they're incredibly proud of you.

A bit about myself: At the time writing this [REDACTED]. I have two younger sisters, [REDACTED]. I have just finished university and soon to hopefully kick-start a new chapter in my life. In fact, earlier today just before writing this I found out that my girlfriend and I will be moving into together, so there we are, the chapter has already started. I love traveling and seeing the world, I think it's the best way to begin to understand different cultures and lives that are so different from our own. And my favourite song is 'Heroes' by David Bowie, if you haven't heard of it you should give it a listen.

But enough about me, if you're reading this on your 18th birthday then today is about you finally becoming an adult and starting a new chapter yourself. You have your whole life ahead of you and the whole world to explore. All I wish is that you and your family are happy, so make sure you give them a big hug.

If I was to give some advice I'd probably say don't be afraid to make mistakes, it's all part of learning; do what makes YOU happy and not just what makes other people happy; and don't get social media, it's just too addictive and distracting and you don't need it.

I wish you all the best in every way possible. I have no doubt you've grown up to be a great kid and have made your parent(s) proud. Keep on keeping on.