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I hope this letter finds you well during these challenging times and you're looking forward to whatever your future holds.

This year has been tough and you've missed out on taking exams, saying farewell to friends and teachers, going to your prom or leavers celebrations and everything has generally been a bit weird.

All of this might have put a big question mark over the plans you originally made...whether that was going to college, uni, finding a job or taking on an apprenticeship.

So, that's why I'm getting in touch. While you consider your options, I wanted to make sure you know about what we have on offer, here at West Midlands Police.

Did you know that becoming a police officer these days has changed? The main way of joining is called the police constable degree apprenticeship and it means that you can train to be an officer while also studying towards a policing degree, delivered locally with Staffordshire University.

Student police officers earn over £21,500 straight away, plus all their university fees are paid for as part of the job, so there's no student debt.

If that sounds interesting, then you might want to know more about what the job involves.

That's the difficult part to cover in one letter, because no two days are the same. We have officers who work hard in lots of different roles helping people and making a difference across the West Midlands.

Sometimes it means driving fast cars with sirens and blue lights, sometimes it involves chasing a suspect and making an arrest but other times it's about being a friendly face and just being there to listen to someone when they need it most.

We have officers that work in local communities, in front line response teams, as detectives in criminal investigation teams and in specialist areas like traffic, firearms, counter terrorism or operations. There's loads of opportunities for those that want to work hard.

There's exciting times ahead too. West Midlands Police is playing a huge part in the planning, engagement and policing of Coventry City of Culture, the Commonwealth Games 2022 and other major events. We have huge motorway networks to police, an international airport and, once fans are allowed to return to watch live matches, there will be a host of Premier League and Football League football to police too.

So, what do I need from you?

The police apprenticeship is government funded which means you need to pass your English and Maths GCSEs or functional skills qualifications at Level 2 and then you will need 64 UCAS points at Level 3, which works out to two A Level passes or similar qualifications.

You might not have got to that stage yet, but it's important for you to know what to aim for if you are about to begin your further education. I know your education has been disrupted this year and so predicted grades are currently being accepted too.

Applications will be accepted from people who are aged 17 and over and in their last year of study. Student officers can then pull on a uniform and start training once they are 18 and have their exam or course results.

If that's sparked an interest and you want to know more then I urge you to take a look at our website where there's loads of information, FAQs and eligibility information to help guide you as you plan whether your future could be here with us. Visit: <https://jobs.west-midlands.police.uk/police-officer-recruitment>. There's contact information on the site too if you want to get in touch to ask questions.

If becoming an officer isn't for you then there's still lots of career options in policing. We have Police Community Support Officers working throughout the region and many staff roles that range from the people who answer 999 calls through to mechanics, lawyers, HR colleagues and the force's media team. The opportunities are endless.

I hope to maybe see you one day soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Thompson QPM DL
Chief Constable