

The past year has been one of turmoil and change. It is a year we will all remember even into our old age, a story to tell our grandchildren. Twelve months ago, no one had heard of protests, riots, tear gas, face masks, corona virus, covid-19, pandemic, quarantine, school suspension, economic downturn, unemployment or recession. What a difference a year makes. We are living in very “interesting times”.

Despite the worries, fear and confusion in the world around us, there is one place I hope you will trust and rely on to call your home. That place is Maryknoll Fathers’ School. I hope that you have found your time at MFS to be a calm refuge in a tumultuous sea around us. We are here, the teachers, administrators and support staff, to help you when you stumble and need encouragement. I hope you will always consider MFS as your second home. You are always welcome to come back and visit us.

This is no doubt a difficult year to be a new graduate. No one can guess the future and there will certainly be more struggles ahead. Winston Churchill once said, “When you are going through hell, keep going.” In other words, don’t stop, stay focused on the future. In every tragedy there is an opportunity. While airlines around the world are having a difficult time, eCommerce websites are having an excellent year. Find your niche and work hard at it. Ask your school and teachers for advice. We are here for you.

And so, in this uncertain world, I wish you all the best in your DSE exams and future undertakings. Keep trying and never give up. Try to find a silver lining in the dark clouds. Your school cares about you. We have your back. Add oil!