Rugby, July 2nd '75

Dear Dad + Mum.

Well there are only 10 more days of school but during that time I will have the 'privilege' of writing the school exams. The Economics exam was not all that bad – not all that good either – but the paper itself was fairly good. I got my end of term report on Monday but didn't have time to read it because I had to run off to the exam. Mr Newton said it was a good report – even the physics was a good report and Mr Foxcroft seems to think I'm doing much better.

I have started my investigation for physics – we all have to do one for the 'A' level – but this just a practice one. Oh yeh I forgot – I decided not to go to Brussells because the ticket was too much trouble to change so I'll come home on Sunday – and the boat had better be ready.

Don't worry about the hardware for my bike, I'll get it when I am there because I'll be able to get exactly what I want. Did I tell you ~~[illegible]~~ I've got a plan, an actual plan, for the bike, so you won't be able to claim that it's unsafe. I just walked all the way to a lesson and the master wasn't there so we all took an out.

Mrs M. C. Collis,
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A guy from the house has invited himself to Bermuda for a couple of weeks. I'm not really mind - he's a bit of a woman-but he should fun some of the time.

Does Graham think he's done well. Make sure that there's some gas for my bike - and that it's been started. Please don't forget the appointment for my bike ~~about~~ I'd better do some work

P.S. Dad said to say hello to him.

see you love Tom

Rugby Tomorrow

Dear Mom.

Well 4 weeks have gone by and work is ever increasing, but being in the XX's a lot of fun. I went London last Saturday with an art specialist group, didn't go to any art though, went and had something good to eat and then walked around London.

Mr Mack used to take me for Maths last term and Mr Richards was the Economics teacher that you ~~&~~ kept saying you always wanted to meet.

I have applied for my provisional licence and am going to take driving lessons, with a view to taking my test Army licence, in the near future.

Everything else is fine.

See you soon

Sincerely John

P.S. didn't think you ever wanted a letter, since you were so anxious to get rid of me!

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Rugby.
2nd Nov 75

Dear Grandma.

I have just returned from my half term and found your letter on the table. I have come back early because I have alot of work to do that I missed because I was asked to help with the school stage for the play. ~~~~ It was the first play to be produce in the new theatre and it was written by a boy in the school. It had very good write ups in the English papers, the boy who wrote it is very brilliant.

Autumn has come to Rugby, suddenly, almost ove night, all the leaves dropped off the trees, and when I look out of my window it all looks very barren.

The work is coming on very well here, Mr Barlow asked me how Graham was doing, and I told him very well. Even though it is still warm over here in Bermuda it is very cold here, the cold weather arrived about 2 weeks ago.

For some of my half-term I went looking for ski jackets and I have for our trip. I saw some very nice ones but they were abit expensive.

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I hope that Charles is doing his leg exercises, because it will always affect him if he doesn't and we want it nice and strong for the skiing. Dad has been sending me the application forms to the various universities and I have filled them out and sent them back.

Anyway I hope that you and everyone is looking and feeling well

See you at Christmas

love Jen

Rugby
Nov 22nd

Dear Mum,

by now Dad will be home and will have told you all about me. I hope Charles is not as dumb as he used to be and did not forget to play the I.P. at 33. I am not going to tell you about dead and I did as I know you will have made him tell you. Mr Newton has started the extra lessons in order to let me get adjusted to the new syllabus. This is an untidy letter, isn't it!

I am now playing for two groups and they are both giving a 'concert'. So it means I am going to be doing a lot of playing. Mr Buckney has done some inquiring into the S.A.T.'s and he is going to try to get the entry forms for me. He's going to send you + Dad a letter about it. I have been using the tea and really enjoying it. We have Exams at the end of this term and I have been studying for them the last few days.

I have got a friend here who is going to the US, on the same day I am, to see some school and his father's got a flat in London + New York and I am going to spend the two nights with him. How are Grandma + Grandpa. I hope I will be able to see them on the 10th when I am in London. Guess what I was digging around in the cellar and found some aluminum based records in it. Then Mr Newton told me

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that the school has got a record making machine. It seems to have all sorts of wierd tools like a printing press with which they print all school programs and tickets etc. I have just had a flew shot from the school doctor. I thought you filled the form out so that I didn't have anything. Anyway see you in 2 weeks.

love John.

Hope to see Grandma & Grandpa on the 10th.

Rugby Jan 29th 76.

Dear Dad + Mom.

I don't have much time to write as I have got alot of work. If you were going to be over by the 10th Feb, you could of come to see the house play which I am in. I wrote Howard a letter and then called him today and he is going to arrange the drums as soon as possible. When you come over you must not forget to bring those Hi Hat cymbals that are in my cupboard as I am going to sell my set for £100 and I need those.

Also when you come over bring me, please, one of those small tins of pop-corn - you know the unpopped stuff - don't forget.

For the exam on Saturday I called Mr Sturgeby and asked if I could stay with him. He said they weren't going to be in but I could stay anyway. I am afraid that I haven't done well in the A's. I had a very bad cold and my eyes were hazy I could hardly see the paper. I saw John Gardiner there. I am not pleased with the SAT scores either, no one will accept an HHO english. I have done nothing about the Yale papers, as you sent, as I had done the rest myself and sent you the remainder, but I have written the essays. I gave the report for Harvard to my economics teacher, as it said it was for someone who had taught me in the last 2 years and Bodenay hasn't.

Life here as a sixth is so much easier. I have my fag room and all my errands and

take messages as well as clean my shoes and even my shoes.

I am running a small business with some friends selling chips in the school entrance during the breaks and should earn about £10, to go towards the drums. I hope everything is going okay. Have you got your engine done. Otherwise there is nothing except that my work is going well.

See ya

John

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Mr Tim C. Cobb,
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Bermuda.

Rugby 8th June 46

Dear Margaret & Charles (well Dad & Mom)

Thanks for the call on my birthday, at least you didn't forget that year! I've checked the history syllabus and this is what the school teaches, however there are 70 or so questions on the A paper, you can't teach yourself for any of the others but the school only teaches for about 20 often. The set syllabus.

1st term - 16th Century European
2nd term - 17th Century European
3rd, 4th, 5th terms - Tudors and Stuarts or Medieval English.
6th term - [redacted] subject ⇒ Charles II or Henry VIII types to Tudors and Stuarts and Crusades if you do Medieval.
6th term - revision.

Someone said that this year they're going to be some modern history taught as another alternative. Now the form can do me a favour, he can buy some before I come home [a new pair chrome handle bar mozzle, a hack saw (blade), a spark plug and I need a new spring for the back brake shoes - it goes inside the hub and is a fairly small one - at Wilson's, Coal Yard, Market. Oh and get my bike down for me.

I had the best half term ever. I stayed with Mark but had the bike I've been telling you about. It was one of those Suzuki 100 TS scrambler models - you know the yellow tanks, like we have home. I rode all over the place because the bike has been insured for me. One day I went to see David another day I went to see another friend, I went to Cadbury. Sometimes Mark would follow in the car. As it was a scrambler and had scrambling tyres, I had to pull off into fields for a scramble. I found - quite near school - that old abandoned railway inside tracks had been taken up and I scrambled for miles along them. The abandoned

stations along the way looked just like the ghost towns in the movies. I was sick for a couple of days after the halfterm and spent them in bed. However, you will be glad to hear that I am now back to the grindstone, working hard for the exams. My first exam is Maths and is on Wednesday and is five hours - rumoured have this year as they have changed the style of the paper, but we shall see.

Oh well I had better get back to work, but one last thing; I told you that you should have had the bookengine done and all you did was become annoyed. Love Tim