Life after Covid-19

Covid-19 has definitely made an impact on everyone's life in these past few months and no one is really sure when it will end and what life is going to be like afterwards. I especially think about the changes in social interactions and relationships and if anything is ever going to be „normal" again.

Usually most students like me see their friends every single day in school and spend time with them. By going to school we communicate on a daily basis and have gotten used to it. Due to Covid-19 and social distancing we were all put in a position that we have never been in and weren't necessarily prepared for. The only people we really saw and talked to were our family / the people we lived with and the only way to really talk to your friends was over the phone. This time has definitely shown that social media is not able to replace the communication that goes on in our real life. I think while social distancing we have all come to value the time spent with our loved ones and all the opportunities we are given in cities like Berlin. I think when the pandemic has ended, a lot of people will appreciate the time a lot more, but I think this appreciation will only last for a short amount of time until we all come back to seeing those interactions as a normal or obvious part of our life again.
I want to explain this claim with a different example. Often times when we watch documentaries or movies that are based on a real story that show the tragic things happening in other places of the world, we really acknowledge how privileged we are. Those movies get us thinking and often show us that we should appreciate our life and our privileges more and not complain about things that other people would be thankful for. Most of the time we keep that kind of mindset for a short time, but then mostly forget about it and start complaining about those small things again. That doesn't mean we are completely ignorant, but it gets easy to forget other struggles when we have our own.
I think the same will happen with social interactions. Maybe for the first months we will really value the time spent with other people, but after that I think at least in that aspect life is going to slowly become more normal again. Spending time with other people will be something usual to us again and still valuable, but not as much as we value it now in times of social distancing .

I do however think that this is one of the only areas that will really go back to how it was before Covid-19. Education for example is probably going to be much more digital, now that we have been forced to acknowledge all the positive aspects digital educations has that can still be useful after a pandemic. I also think that the economy is going to change so it is more prepared for instances like this one .

In the end, no one can be certain about the future and everything I have claimed above are my personal assumptions. Sadly in this kind of situation we have no choice but to wait and see what happens, but I hope that we manage to take something positive from this epidemic and change our world for the better.