

## COVID-19, The Enemy Who Taught Us

In such a short span of time we have been through so much that it is difficult to pick out one feature without leaving out others that are equally important. Most likely we will spend the next few years debating what is going on, but without having everything clear, due to the very little data we have today about the enemy that has brutally crushed our day to day life.

.But, ¿What lessons have we learned and how will these lessons shape our future?

It is very, very difficult to take something positive out of this time. After a lot of hard work, these are the lessons that this pandemic has taught us (in my opinion and from my own experience):

1. School is much more than a place to learn

If there is one thing that all students agree on, it is that virtual classes are very different from face-to-face classes in all aspects. The clearest aspect is that the teaching is not the same, since it is not the same to interact face-to-face as virtually. In a face-to-face classroom, you could interact with your classmates as well as with your teachers, I am not saying that you cannot interact virtually, but there are several factors that make that all students are not attentive to the class, since they can be doing anything else, but not paying attention to the class. In fact, (I say this from my own experience) when it is time for an exam, instead of studying for the exam, all they do is search the internet for the answers and copy and paste, without analyzing what you are going to answer. But... I'm sure you are asking yourself, how will this affect and/or shape our future? Easy, students will not learn enough, they will not learn what they need to learn, nor in the way they need to learn to practice a profession, get a job, among other things. This means that instead of humanity advancing, it will be paralyzed or (in an extreme case)

will regress academically. Schools are not really the space where the infection spreads. That is, down the road, in the event of a pandemic, we should reexamine other regulatory measures before closing schools. Remote learning is difficult.

## 2. Science is more important than we thought

We have been desperately waiting for scientists' determination to control the pandemic by finding a vaccine for it. Both doctors and scientists have been working together to find the best possible method for a possible cure. For this, we must give it the recognition it deserves and continue to evolve for a better future.

## 3. Technology goes further

Technology has taken a very important role in this confinement, helping us in several aspects. Many businesses and/or companies have had the necessary means to allow them to work virtually. Taking online sales systems that they did not have before, or did not take into account. We were also greatly helped by the applications that helped us to communicate with distant relatives who, obviously, we could not see them in person due to confinement. This makes it clear that, if humans set their minds to it, they can create great things.

## 4. Our best versión

If you want to know the few positive things about the pandemic, this is certainly one of them. Personally, this lesson is the most important, as confinement has let us find this version of us. Imagine: ¿If the pandemic had not happened, would you have met or discovered this person you are now? Most likely not, and that is why I consider this point the most important. With our new gifts and new mentality, we will make the world a much, much better place in the future.

We realized a fantastic thing: we can train each other, sharing experiences, achievements and failures. We managed to get out of the solitude of the classroom to share with teachers, families and students what we do and improve it together.