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15-Year-Old Westside Student Wins an Honourable Mention in the Universal Postal Union's International Letter Writing Competition for Young People 2016

Miss Anna Grech a 15-year-old student from Westside School has won an Honourable Mention in the Universal Postal Union's International Letter Writing Competition for Young People 2016.

The letter is one written by her 14-year-old self to her 45-year-old self, in which she describes her dreams and aspirations for the world, and her hopeful expectation that in the intervening years peace will have been restored across the world, equality the norm and cures for common ailments found.

Anna is confident that by the time she reads her letter, she will have achieved great things and that her bonds with her family will not have faded over the years.

She concludes by acknowledging that the expectations she had set may be too high for herself and for the world she lives in and quotes a statement by Emma Watson in a speech to the United Nations; "we can change the world. If not me who? If not now when?"

The Minster for Postal Services the Hon Albert Isola said "we should all be very proud of what Anna has achieved; her letter has been placed within the Honourable Mentions that have been granted, placing her within the top thirteen entries sent in by 980,000 participants from 64 countries. A remarkable achievement and deserving of our congratulations".

The Special Mention Certificate, and prizes were presented to Anna during a ceremony that took place at the Finance Centre Boardroom on Tuesday 6th December 2016.