

Covid has been seen as a negative affect and nobody realizes the positive things Covid brings that allows others to socialize and interact. Experiencing quarantine at Phillips Academy Andover made things the new normal of 2021 and everyone starting fresh with a bad start. Learning to be social while there is a pandemic and being in lockdown is very difficult and I can't wait for the rules to be unrestricted so that everyone can meet new people. From morning to night everything has changed like everyone masked and being 6 feet apart is terrible, but everyone hears this all the time and doesn't want to continue talking about it so let's get to the good stuff about quarantine at Phillips Academy. While in boarding school and having a roommate makes me able to socialize with others easier and become active all the time. Sharing a house with 33 girls made me have lots of friends. I thought Andover would only bring me experience with different curriculums, but I gain experience in every step I take, even the little ones. I always thought that a person's eyes tell everything ever since when we started wearing masks I noticed that the mouth and nose play a big role in seeing what a person looks like. So small story time my friend (Matia) has a crush on a kid who she has the same class with and won't stop staring at him, but she has never seen him without a mask. She says she doesn't care what he looks like and would still like him even she doesn't like his looks. She is going into town about to meet him in person and he pulls down his mask and goes to kiss her hand which is so romantic, but when she looks at his face she didn't expect the man of her dreams to look really bad. Matia calls me and tells me how the boy came and looks like a different person and wants to leave the date, but she feels really bad for him. I can't go and get her out of the date because I'm in study hours (homework time) and have lots of homework to do. Hopefully covid help us understand that it's important that we like the person's personality than the person's looks which is something that most people leave out of a person. Now that the vaccine is

available. We're able to get to see more and more faces and maybe it's a good thing and maybe it's a bad thing. Andover has really brought life to me and I'm so excited I came here because this is my whole life dream in 5 weeks. I don't think I will find any other program like this with the kindest people. At this point we learn about people instead of wanting them for their looks which makes people social. Covid also has positive traits, but since we are always pessimistic we don't see the good that comes out of it.