
Letters of Hope

David Green
HMP Lyndon

16th July

Dear Jason,

Hope you are well. Thanks for your last letter, it really cheered me up. Yes – my new cellmate is still keeping me awake – I've never known anyone to snore so loud!

How is Charlie? I hope he's treating you well and still cooking his delicious dinners. It was good to see you both last month. I hope you can visit again soon.

Say 'hello' to your Mum for me.

Love,

Dad

Jason Green
London

24th July

Hi Dad!

Sorry to hear you're still not getting any sleep. Maybe you'll get a new cellmate soon? Mum and Charlie both send their love.

Have you heard any news on when your parole might be? We're all missing you and want you home as soon as possible. Charlie's already planned your first meal! I hope you like fish!

I've got to go to hospital on Wednesday. It's probably nothing but Charlie reckons I should get it checked. Don't worry about me, I'll write soon.

Keep safe,

Love,

Jason

David Green
HMP Lyndon

2nd August

Dear Jason,

How are you? How was the trip to hospital? I hope Charlie's been looking after you?

I thought about you lots on Wednesday. I know you said 'don't worry', but it's still my job to worry about you. Please write soon and let me know how you are.

My love as always,

Dad

Jason Green
London

13th August

Hi Dad!

I told you not to worry! The doctors said I'll be fine.

Basically, I found a lump one morning while I was in the shower. It was Charlie who told me to go and get it checked. They did lots of tests on Wednesday and then they confirmed that I should get it removed.

The doctor told me that because I'd spotted it early there's a really good chance that they'll be able to deal with it. I really hope you didn't worry too much? They'll be starting treatment soon. Charlie's been great and sends his regards.

Mum says she'll write soon,

Love,

Jason

David Green
HMP Lyndon

1st September

Dear Jason,

Thanks so much for letting me know. It's good to hear the doctors are optimistic.

I spoke to the chaplain here and he says we must never give up hope. I wish I was there with you. It's amazing what doctors can do nowadays. Keep your chin up, keep smiling like you always did. I'm so sorry I'm locked up here when I should be out there with you. I've been so selfish.

You must keep going. Do what the doctors tell you and make sure Charlie cooks you lots and lots of meals! And listen to Mum. She always knows best.

I hope to see you soon.

Lots of love and hugs,

Dad

Jason Green
London

12th September

Hi Dad!

Thanks so much for your last letter. I won't give up.

I've started treatment now. It's quite tough at times but Charlie's been amazing. It can be quite boring in hospital but he always comes and manages to cheer me up. The doctors have said that I'm responding well to the treatment but I've still got lots to go.

Hopefully, when I'm stronger, I'll be able to come and visit you again. I know you're always thinking of me – I'm always thinking of you too.

Lots of love,

Jason

David Green
HMP Lyndon

10th October

Dear Jason,

That's great news – keep it up! I'm glad Charlie's looking after you. Tell him he's wonderful and make sure you keep him. Not like I did with Mum.

I always knew you were strong. You always have been. You were a strong child to have put up with so much. You were strong when you came out. You were strong when your Mum and me split. You were strong when they sent me here. Not, when it should be my turn to be strong for you, you have to do it by yourself. You are strong. You will beat this. I'm so proud of you.

Never give up hope. I can't wait to hear how you're getting on. Write soon and let me know.

All my love,

Dad

David Green
HMP Lyndon

20th October

Dear Jason,

I hope you are OK? Did you receive my last letter? I really hope your treatment is still going as well as it was.

Please know I'm always thinking of you. I'm really sorry I can't be there for you.

I hope you'll write soon and let me know how you're getting on.

Love,

Dad

David Green
HMP Lyndon

30th October

Dear Jason,

I'm sorry if, in any way, I've upset you. That was never my intention.

Please let me know how you're getting on. Is the treatment still going well? Not knowing is the most awful feeling. It keeps me awake all night.

If its bad news, you can tell me. You know you can tell me anything. We never give up hope.

Always thinking of you,

Love,

Dad

Jason Green
London

20th November

Hi Dad!

I'm sorry I haven't been able to reply – they kept me in hospital for a while. I got home to a pile of letters on the doormat and am only just feeling strong enough to reply.

Good news! After my last round of treatment, I'm all clear! The doctors have said I'm in full remission and, apart from a few check-ups, it's completely gone.

I never forgot you words. I never gave up hope. Thanks. Even if you weren't with my physically, you were always in my mind. You're the best, Dad!

As soon as I can, I'll come up and see you,

Hugs,

Jason

The Governor
HMP Lyndon

21st November

Dear Mr Green,

I regret to inform you that your father, Mr David Green, passed away last night.

There will be a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding your father's death. I can inform you that a note was found, addressed to you, which a member of my staff will bring to you shortly.

My condolences and deepest sympathies at this very difficult time,

Yours sincerely,

S. Evans
Governor
HMP Lyndon