

Could Thunberg be Done-berg?

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The Swedish powerhouse is now back at school to continue her education after a year of campaigning against climate change. Does this mark the end of her activism?

Greta Thunberg, born in Sweden in 2003, has been leading the world in the fight against global warming since 2018 and has become extremely well-known for her focus, drive and determination in questioning world leaders and inspiring change. At 15 years old, Miss Thunberg decided to spend each Friday outside the Swedish parliament building with a sign asking leaders to take action against climate change. Her actions were soon noticed and many others around the world joined her campaign and arranged their own school strikes, creating #FridaysForFuture. Since then, Greta has travelled all over the world to spread her message and has not been afraid to challenge some of the most powerful people in the world, with her feud with Donald Trump being all over the news.

Over the last 12 months, Greta (who has Asperger syndrome which she says helps her to focus on her work) has taken a gap year from school to focus on this important work. She has travelled the world, met with various politicians, been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and had a book of her speeches published, all before the age of 18. However, the time has come for her to return to education. "My gap year from school is over and it feels great to finally be back in school again!" the Swedish teenager posted on Twitter along with a photo of herself ready to cycle to school for her first day back.

While a young person's education is obviously of extreme importance, Greta's followers are concerned that she will not continue with her climate change work now that she is back at school. Leaders around the world wonder if anyone can persuade Thunberg to continue the fight against climate change at the same time as getting her education. More on this story as it develops.