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Hey J!

I hope all is well. I just got back from the most wonderful vacation to a little archipelago between Sardinia and Corsica, just beautiful. When do you get out - I heard you were on work release?

Everything's fine on my part, I got an A on my bachelor's thesis and in my art history course so the vacation felt well-earned...

I'm getting second thoughts about Sotheby's though and I wanted to ask you what you honestly think of a Sotheby's MA degree. I've been browsing their website and just now realized that all the New York courses are offered on a non-credit basis.

"Upon the successful completion of this two semester course of study, students receive a non-credit Graduate Certificate which will be accepted in transfer by Sotheby's Institute of Art London. Students may then matriculate for the Master's Degree by completing a dissertation (Master's thesis) in a third semester of independent study under the supervision of the London faculty. The MA degree is validated by The University of Manchester (UK)."

It all sounds kind of fishy and housewifey to me. Do you know if the Sotheby's degree is actually worth something in the art world or if maybe it doesn't really carry a lot of weight outside the art marketing world or even outside of Sotheby's?

Maybe I should start looking for alternate schools. I just really have no idea which other schools offer the same type of programme (ie art business). I really want to be in New York and feel kind of lost...

Best, [REDACTED]

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