Le Chatelier’s Thought Experiment

Imagine your life consisted of a balance between your time at school and your time with friends-maybe one would take up more time than the other but you have achieved a balance between the two regardless. Now imagine one of those things, school let’s say, doubled-in that you now had to spend twice the amount of your time devoted to that. What would the end result be?

The hope is that eventually you would find a new balance, or equilibrium-not necessarily in the same way, but you would accommodate the change, shift the amount of time you spend with each and work to find a new balance between the two. Le Chatelier’s Principle works in a similar way-when the system at equilibrium experiences a change, it works to find a new balance and restore equilibrium once again.