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Dear Year 11 Students, Parents & Carers

The academic year for students in Year 11 will come to a formal end on the 15th June 2020. We will be writing to you separately in the next few weeks about the practical aspects of collecting personal items, emptying lockers etc.

In any other year this cohort of students would have experienced some of the rites of passage that remain memories for years to come. The start and end of formal examinations, the collective end of year assembly, the school prom and even the build up to the examination results day.

These specific events have been stripped away as part of this unique period of time and whilst the school is not responsible for this happening, I do very much regret that this particular period in the lives of our students has come to an end without the opportunity to mark the occasion together.

Usually at one of these events as Headteacher you get to pass on some collective words of wisdom that you hope will stick in the minds of a few students as they move into the next phase of their lives. Doing it in written form feels less personal but here goes...

There will be thousands of young people moving on at the same time as each of you. At some point this summer, via email, you will receive some grades which reflect how an imperfect system has decided that your secondary education should be summed up. In any year these results are received with mixed emotions. They disappoint some, thrill others and in most cases they reflect both upon the efforts of individual students, the collective effort of the school staff and the support of families and friends.

However, what is true in any year is that these results don't define the young people who receive them. The single most important thing for any of you and any of us as individuals is what we do next and the choices we make. Whether you want to continue your formal education with us or go and make your mark on the world



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through college, employment or training of some kind, the way in which you approach that next phase of your life is the key.

Don't let anyone distract you or divert you from an ambition that you hold and believe in, soak up good advice and ignore negativity. If as schools we have prepared you to embrace the next challenge with integrity and passion then we can be proud of what we have done together. Whatever it is that you want to do next, throw yourself into it with everything you've got.

Be safe, make a positive contribution and enjoy whatever you choose to do.

Good luck over this summer and beyond.

Kind regards

Tim Marston
Headteacher