

Principal: Emma Robins

**GRAHAM
SCHOOL**



23 March 2020

Dear Year 11,

It has been, and continues to be, a difficult time for everybody and little did we know that at the beginning of the year it would turn out as it has. I know from the reaction around the hall in what turned out to be our last assembly that emotions ranged from astonishment, upset, disbelief and a range of feelings that really cannot be quantified

I wanted to write to you to express my thanks, my admiration and overall to ask you to keep positive and look forward to new beginnings. For some of you I am sure it will feel a very melancholy end, spending many hours working and revising for exams that will likely never take place. Yes, you will get a piece of paper with results on, but for some, it will not be the same, you won't have had chance to prove how truly fantastic you are and show how hard you have worked, and to have put the hours of effort into each subject and to have that hard work not tested must seem hollow. It is important to remember that the knowledge, skills and qualities that you have gained throughout your years of education are yours to take with you regardless of any testing that did not happen and they will show everybody what you are truly capable of.

It is my wish that Thursday 19th March 2020 is not remembered as the end of your time at Graham School. I am working with Miss Robins and Miss Swan to rearrange your prom for September and I would also like to be able to have a celebration assembly to say a proper goodbye to staff. I have yet to finalise the dates for these and with so many unknowns at the moment they will be provisional dates. I will also let you know when it will be appropriate to collect your work from school but please do not visit school at the moment to collect work or see staff.

Lastly, I just want to say a massive thanks to your form teachers, the BSO's, Miss Swan and all those members of staff that have played such an important part in your lives at Graham School. Please keep optimistic, I wish you all an amazing future, good health for you and your family and look forward to seeing you again so that we can say a proper goodbye.

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out." —John Wooden

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