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Dear Year 11,

'One Family Inspired to Learn'

Today is the day that you finish school to begin study leave as you prepare for your final examinations. It is a bittersweet day for the St Gregory's community.

I wanted to write to you so that you had a letter you could keep for years to come to remind you that you will always be part of the St Gregory's family and you have a permanent invite to come back and see us anytime and share your experiences.

You belong to a very unique and special year group. Over the past five years you have personally developed so much from bright eyed primary school children into wonderful mature young adults. What has struck me more than anything, is how you look after and support each other and the special relationships you have developed with the school staff over the years.

You have also shown incredible resilience during your time at high school, having been badly disrupted by the pandemic and experiencing major turbulence in your first two years of high school. To have overcome such challenges at a young age has developed your character and it has shown during your GCSE's. This will stand you in good stead for future challenges.

One of the negative things about being a headteacher is that we do not have the privilege to be able to teach you in the classroom. The classroom is where important teacher / student relationships are formed and you really get to know the young person in front of you. Despite this, I have been able to oversee your outstanding progress and I have had the pleasure of witnessing you grow as a year group, from visiting you in Year 5 at your primary schools to seeing you go into the sports hall for your GCSE's and prepare for college life and apprenticeships. It has been such a pleasure to see you grow.

The GCSE examination results day is on Thursday 22nd August, the school gates will be opening at 8.30am for you to come and find out how you have done in the subjects you have studied.

I want you to know that no matter what grades you achieve, you have done remarkably well and you will **not** be defined by those results alone. Should you not quite get the results you need in August, I and the staff will support you, I will talk to the college leaders on your behalf.

You have become a great person and you will go on to do exciting and important things in your life. You will be remembered by your school for the great human being you are, your examination results are a mere bonus. The colleges, apprenticeships, universities and future employers you go to in your next stages, will be very lucky to work with you.

Year 11, you will leave a huge gap in the St Gregory's family, we reluctantly say goodbye with positivity to you because we have immense confidence in what you will go on to achieve. Make sure you take lots of photos in the courtyard and make plenty of memories to look back on in years to come with fondness. Today is your day and the future is what you make of it.

Good Luck Year 11, you are ready for your next chapter!

Ed McGlinchey
Headteacher

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