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Dear Year 11 Students

It felt important to put something together to mark the end of Year 11. In years past we have held an end of year assembly, celebrating students' journey through the school, plenty of pictures showing students all much younger. These assemblies were full of laughs and cheers! This year I had already started planning, but because of circumstances this opportunity has been sadly taken from us. But instead you have the next best thing, my thoughts as your Head of Year along with thoughts and stories from your tutors and teachers. Year 11, what a fantastic group!

On that first day in September 2015, I noticed how worried some of you were as you entered the school on your first day. Most of you took it in your stride, ready and confident for this new challenge. If you had older brothers in the school that helped, they were able to look out for you and show you the ropes. You were polite, and always said "Good Morning", you made the teachers smile and comment on how polite you were.

As you moved up the school friendship groups built up quickly, and some of them are still there today. I hope they will continue when you join our Sixth form or leave to continue your journey elsewhere. Many of you had your own areas that you liked to frequent, you were to be found in the canteen, or in the table tennis area. Others were on the Muga playing football, others playing basketball under the hoops. A further group found some peace and quiet in the LRC, able to chat quietly with friends.

When I am asked by staff colleagues how I will remember you, I always respond with "You are amazing! The BEST year group in the school" because to me you are.

I wish things could have been different, that you had sat your exams as in previous years, to showcase how and what you had achieved whilst being a student at The Hayesbrook School. I wish you every success in whatever you do in the future, I am sure you will achieve the grades that will enable you to achieve your next steps, either here with us or elsewhere. This has been a very strange year and not what anyone had in mind, but remember that from now on life is what you make it!

When I asked teachers if they wanted to share any memories or messages I was overwhelmed with the response and I hope you will enjoy reading the attached as much as I have.

Finally, remember these words from Richard Branson, "If somebody offers you an amazing opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say yes – then learn how to do it later".

Stay safe.

Victoria Sage - Head of Year 11

Mr Gore

The year 11s have been one of our best year groups to go through the school. I saw them join as very little and fresh faced year 7s, and enjoyed working with them for the last 5 years, watching their individual characters and personalities develop and shine. What sets them apart from other year groups is the sense of 'cohort spirit'. They have their own friendship groups but on the whole they present as a year group full of inclusive and accepting individuals, making a group of boys that pretty much get on with anyone. I have seen all of them show each other kindness at one point or another, and I've witnessed some excellent leadership and strong sense of moral purpose from so many of them. One of the things I like most about them, is that they enjoy a laugh but work hard as well, and are respectful of others and themselves.

I would consider them to be a 'sporty' year group, and have had some great moments watching and coaching them from the side lines, as they have excelled at football, rugby, basketball, handball, tennis, cricket, athletics all to a very high standard – and what most impressed me, beyond their talent and flair for sport, is their attitudes and their sportsmanship and the way they have represented the Hayesbrook name and what we stand for.

They are always happy to have a chat (some more than others!) and between looking sleepy or grumpy they have found a lot of time to be smiling, happy polite young men, which on a number of occasions has brightened my day and reminded me why I became a teacher. There will be some individuals that have really made my job a pleasure, and those same, strong personalities that are not returning to us next year, will be sorely missed.

I wish the boys all the very best of luck in whatever they go on to do, and I am really looking forward to seeing a lot of familiar smiling faces next year, and think they will bring real quality to our Sixth Form.

Mrs Mehta

Watching you all grow and mature has been magical and I have relished teaching every single one of you! You have all worked so incredibly hard and I don't need exam results to tell me that you are the best GCSE group I've ever taught. What a bizarre, but a historical end to your schooling; these circumstances will most certainly be one of those things that will last forever in our memories and unite us. All those pupils who have said, "What do I need to learn science for?" well this is why! We can combat this little pathogen only with Science. When physicists say that there is physics in everything, they mean literally everything, including how a disease is transmitted. Taking the density, size and velocity (all these 3 topics you have learnt in physics) of ejected droplets into consideration, the 2 metres social distancing guideline is issued. There you go. Science is everything!

I believe in every single one of you and thank you for being some of the kindest, funniest and hardworking pupils I have taught. You all have the ability to do anything if you put your mind to it 'believe you can and you're half way there'. Good luck for the future and don't forget to say "Hello" if we bump into each other on the High Street.

Mrs Cobuz

I was delighted to be a year 11 form tutor. The students in 11A made my day every morning with their happy faces, being well mannered and most of the time ready for work.

As their Chemistry teacher I must admit that teaching most of the year 11 students reminded me why I got into teaching in the first place. Without mentioning names, there were a good number of what we 'model students' who I will miss a lot. Very inquisitive, hardworking people ready to bring the learning level higher with every occasion. I will miss my year 11s. I wish them all the best!

Mr Bosworth-Davies

It has been my absolute privilege to work with you for the last five years. I was Team Leader to roughly 1/5th of you for your first two years at Hayesbrook, and I have taught almost all of you at one point or another during your time here, so I feel a real sense of sadness that this is how your time with us has ended. It isn't what any of us wanted for you, and you have not had the opportunity to show off how much and how well you have learnt during your time here. I have excellent memories of you as a group. Some of my favourite memories of you include 'teaching' PE to you in year 7, Sports Day when you were in year 8 and Team MacArthur winning the tug of war in particular, taking groups of you to Florence and to Norfolk last year, and of course my own history GCSE teaching group, many enjoyable hours working with you all. I know you will all go on to be successful at whatever you choose to do in life. I look forward to seeing and working with many of you again next year in the Sixth Form. Good luck, be kind and take care of yourselves.

Science Department

The Science department wish you all the best for your future. We have enjoyed teaching you and hope that you will always remember that animal cells do not have a cell wall and that speed = distance/time! Take care.

Mrs Edwards

I have been fortunate enough to have taught all but a very small amount of you and cannot stress how proud I am of you all. The way that you dealt with the sudden end of Year 11 with maturity really proves what lovely young men you are all becoming. On behalf of the English team, I wish you all the best in the future and look forward to hearing about your successes. And remember Shakespeare is for life not just for secondary.....

Mr Roberts

I am so proud of how well you have worked over the last two years, you really have grown and made me proud with the quality of work that you have produced both in the graphics room and in the workshop, you have stressed me out, made me laugh, made me smile and put up with me talking about my extension every lesson I could but I must say I have enjoyed every lesson with you all and am immensely proud of you!

Mr Upton

I've really enjoyed teaching you all. Now look forward to your future and work hard to make it happen! Good luck to each and every one of you.

Mr Waight

It has been a real pleasure teaching you over the last 2 years. Having taught two of the four classes in the year group I have had the privilege to get to know many of you and have certainly enjoyed the experience. You have been super motivated, engaged, competitive and enthusiastic. I wish you all the very best for the future.

Ms Ansell

How am I going to forget my yr11 English class?!

The 'Further Maths' crew at the back, Sam, Jack, Jamie & Lewin diligent and competitively keen, not forgetting Rojan, silently being brilliant
Chris with his laptop and hat, surprising some with his high level thinking, but not me!
'Can I have it re marked' cries Naweed
'Just ignore him' retorts striving for a 6 'Pizza' Paimaan.

The great planner - Roman always keen to check,
sat with Joe who wants to never speak!
Ben & Tom comparing and supporting each other.
Owen sat alone and growing in competence and ability,
Let's not forget Steven, clever and articulate,
but writing SO hard to read!

The newbies: Nat, who was overawed, but gave it his all,
Harvey M quick & clever; enviable ability to question (me!) and debate, verbally and in writing.

The quiet but competent, Sam & Elliot,
doing better than they believed.
Will, doing his own thing at back, his signet ring sparkling as he constantly writes.
Marshall keeps him company leaning into his corner.

The sometimes late crew, Harvey T, Charlie and Issac, once arrived giving their all.

My pleasure and privilege to teach you all,



so proud that, for all the differences, abilities and personalities we were a successful team.

With affection and smiles I will remember my brilliant, clever, hardworking year 11 class .

Mrs Hahn

I would like to wish all of the year 11 boys all the best for the future and know you will achieve your goals. To the boys who were in my year 7 top Maths set, how tall you are now and what a wonderful group of young men you have turned into. To my present year 11, after 3 years I will miss you, but know you will all strive to be the best you can.

Mr Boddy

A superb set of students and human beings! Genuinely one of the best BTEC Sport classes I have ever taught! Thank you for all the hard work that you put in!

Mr Knight

It was a pleasure to work with you all over the last few years - you should all be proud of the work you put into your studies! It is a real shame how things finished so quickly for you all but I hope you have managed to stay safe and keep in contact with each other. My Geography class was full of heroes and it was great getting to know you all and see your subject knowledge and skills develop. I think its testament to you that I don't think I've ever had a group so keen to find out their assessment scores as you were and whilst you are left wondering what happened in Slumdog Millionaire please know I am lost without the FIFA tips!

Miss Higgins

Dear Year 11 Foodies - where do I begin?! It has been an amazing journey watching you guys develop your cooking skills and grow into an awesome bunch of young men. I have always said you were the best year group I have EVER TAUGHT and I still stand by this. It has been a real pleasure to be part of your journey through the Hayesbrook School and I wish you all the best - EVERYONE OF YOU! You all deserve to be successful and happy in whatever you choose to do. All the best – and don't forget to invite me to your restaurants when they are up and running!

Mrs Hennah

I feel sad that all your amazing efforts have ended in this way, but this isn't the end. Sending lots of luck for August and hoping you will be pleased with your results! I know you will go on to be amazing, in whichever ventures you choose and I wish you all the very best. Wherever your passion takes you! Believe in yourself! Take care & be safe.

Mrs Gurr

Wow where has this last 5 years gone. I can remember when you all started in year 7 and now you are all mature young men about to go forward into your next chapter of your life.

In years to come what conversations you will be able to have “we were the first year 11's not to sit our exams”. This virus has made the world a very strange place but I know you lovely year 11's, you will find your way in this world whatever the future holds. I wish you every success and lots of luck when you receive your envelopes in August. Take care, be safe and above all be happy. Best wishes.

Mrs Finch

I would just like to say how much I have enjoyed working with you in English this year and I am amazed at the progress you've made. Some of you I have known since reception at Primary school and it is great to see what lovely young men you have turned into. All the best for the amazing futures you deserve.

Miss McGuire

Thank you so much for all the wonderful memories you have given me. Many of you have actually been taught by me all the way through school since year 8 and 9 so we have been together for a very long time! Thank you for being a wonderful group of interesting gentleman who shared their opinions, made me laugh (I will miss the imaginative and clever short jokes) and really made my day on so many occasions.. I wish you all the best!

Mrs Liles

I think it's fair to say that this year did not pan out the way that any of us thought. I can imagine that some of you had a little jump for joy when you realised you didn't have to sit another geography exam. I also know how hard some of you have worked and will be disappointed that you didn't get to prove yourself in your final exams. For me, seeing how so many of you improved your exam technique, increased your knowledge and also your grades was a pleasure. No matter what the next year and beyond holds for you, I wish you all the very best. Just remember you are stronger than you seem, braver than you believe and smarter than you think you are. Go chase down your dreams!

Mr Reader

It has been my absolute privilege and pleasure to have joined Mrs Sage in working with you this year. Like you, I feel that in many ways that your chance to shine has been taken away from you but I know that you will return to us in the Sixth Form or elsewhere with a determination to show everyone what you can do. Please don't forget about us in the future. Having worked here for such a long time I often bump into former students and it is always brilliant to hear about what you all go on to achieve. You must always be proud of yourselves for what you have achieved but also of each other and the friendships that you have created. You must always, always be proud to say that you were a Hayesbrook student because we were proud to have been your teachers. Good luck to you all!

Miss Nelson

Goodbye and Good Luck to all of our Year 11 pupils. You are an exceptional group of young people. I hope that you look back at school life and have fond memories of being at Hayesbrook. I wish all good things for you, that you take advantage of every opportunity you get and have the best experiences. The world is your oyster!

Mr Hatley

When reading all that your teachers have written I hope you noticed what I did – how highly thought of you are, what commitment they have had to making sure you have everything you need to be successful, and importantly how much you will be missed. This year did not end how we had expected nor how we hoped. We did not get the chance to say all of this to you in person nor did we get the chance to say goodbye. Despite you not having been able to sit examinations in the usual way I am proud of the work your teachers have done to ensure we have all the evidence to make sure you get the grades you deserve this summer.

It has been our real pleasure to have you as part of our school and to see you turn from boys to promising young men with great futures ahead of you. Thank you for the contribution you have made to Hayesbrook by being such an important part of it. If you are not staying with us in the Sixth Form, we really hope you will get back in touch some time and tell us what you have gone on to achieve.

The future is an exciting place – especially for great people – great people like you.

All the best for the future.

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