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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

You have heard a lot from us this week so I'll keep my Friday newsletter short.

As we come to the end of our current, and hopefully last, lockdown learning I wanted to pay tribute to all of you. The teachers and learning support assistants who taught live from their homes; the students who learned live from their bedrooms or their spare rooms; the parents and carers who boosted their students through lockdown learning and kept them motivated, and the support staff of our school, who toiled unceasingly throughout this time to keep the frontline going. Thank you and congratulations seems totally inadequate to express what I feel for each and every one of you. We began by doing what was necessary, we progressed to doing what's possible and suddenly we were doing what was previously considered to be impossible.

To all our parents I wish you well as the economy reopens and you are able to go back to work again and cope with the myriad of regulations needed to keep workplaces safe.

To all our students I say that I cannot wait to see you back in school next week. To misquote Maya Angelou, as you return it's OK to have butterflies in your stomach, just try to get them to fly in formation! For all those who speak words of doom and gloom to you about what you have lost in the last year, tell them that you have gained resilience in lockdown that will take you into adult life and that you will thrive like no other generation has before.

Have a lovely weekend.

Alan Henshall
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