



19th March 2020

Dear all,

Farewell Message to Year 11 Students

We know that leaving today has been very emotional for you all and the announcement surrounding your GCSE examinations being cancelled.

It was lovely to see you all today, share in a leavers' breakfast and be able to talk to you in assembly about how proud we are of all of you and everything you have achieved. We hope that being able to have that opportunity to say goodbye to each other and your teachers today, sign your shirts and take photographs gave you the opportunity to experience the 'leavers' feeling when we are not able to do this in the usual way.

I want you to take with you the words that I shared in assembly. We could not be prouder of you as a year group. Watching you grow from anxious Year 7 into confident, kind, hardworking, articulate and caring young people has been a pleasure. As a year group you embody what it is to be an Axe Valley student.

The fact that you are not taking your GCSE examinations does not mean that you won't be awarded your grades. It does not devalue your hard work, sweat and tears. All of that work has built you into the person you are and cemented the foundations of your future.

Please remember that you already have your Countdown Plan with all of your revision material up to the original exam series and you should be using this to stay engaged and active. This is an ever changing situation and we will of course contact you if there are any changes.

If we could give you some advice for the next few months it would be this:

- Read as many books as you can
- Learn a language
- Study from home on all of the subjects you want to take at A level
- Go for long walks, stay active, stay healthy
- Play board games galore
- Watch documentaries
- Stay connected with as many people as you can

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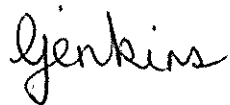


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Mrs Ward is putting together a leavers letter with messages and photographs for you to keep. We are also planning on adapting the usual celebration evening that we hold in December to be an awards assembly followed by a leavers party to allow you all to reconnect and update us on what you are now doing.

Stay in touch and be safe. Thank you for being an amazing year group.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenkins". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'J' being particularly large and stylized.

Mrs Jenkins
Headteacher