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Dear Year 13,

One word keeps coming to mind when I think about you and our shared experiences during your time at AGS and that's *extraordinary*.

You are an extraordinary year group, full of extraordinary individuals who have extraordinary talents in a wide range of disciplines, and you are a year group who have studied for qualifications during extraordinary and unprecedented times.

The day before your results are released always feels strange and I'm sure you will be no different to any young person who has gone before you; in that you will experience a range of emotions today which will possibly include being worried or nervous.

Feeling emotional is normal and is to be expected. I'd be worried if you weren't feeling any emotions and surprised if you weren't feeling a mix of emotions, which will probably vary from hour to hour. This is part of what makes us human, and it also shows that we care.

If you can, do something that you enjoy today - something which is far removed from academia and something which will allow you to focus on other things. Relax and be confident.

Please be assured that when you pick up your results from AGS tomorrow - either in person, by email, or a phone call - there will be a lot of helpful, clear and accurate advice provided; from adults who know you, care about you, and want you to be successful in whatever your chosen field is. Staff will be in school tomorrow morning to give you your results, talk with you, celebrate your successes, and (for those of you who can't make it into school) communicate with you via email or telephone.

For those of you who are planning to enrol in a University this year, I would suggest that you log on to UCAS tomorrow morning to see what the Universities have posted. We are told that this information will be available for students from 8am. The Universities will know your results and they will have made their initial decisions. You will be able to see if you have been successful in gaining your place even before you see your actual results. Students often find this to be very helpful.

I am looking forward to seeing and speaking to as many of you as possible tomorrow and looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces and hearing lots of good news about your plans for the future. Tomorrow will be a celebration of achievement. You have learned lots and matured into a great set of young adults during your time at AGS. I am incredibly proud of you and I'm grateful to have been able to share this time with you.

Best wishes,

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