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20th March

Dear year 11 and 13 students

You are both truly remarkable year groups. I wanted to say this all to you in person but as you know from the assemblies I was totes emosh!

I know that many of you are disappointed you won't have the opportunity to sit your exams and it seems unjust your final days at Nailsea have ended so abruptly. You have been robbed of certainty and the opportunity to demonstrate how much you know and can do.

Like you, we have also been robbed of witnessing the culmination of your growth over the last 5 or 7 years and waving you off at the gate as you head into your exciting futures. The irony is that over the last few months, many of you will have been looking forward to this day – telling yourself that you couldn't wait to leave school, that you were fed up of routines and rules.

You will hear from us. When you walked out of the door you will not disappear from our lives or thoughts. You will both have your proms, we just don't know when yet. We know this is important to you so it is important to us too.

Please know that our staff and I will do everything within our power to ensure that you have your qualifications and that your grades this summer fully reflect the work and effort you have put in over the last year, and the years before that. You are part of #teamnailsea and nothing has changed that.

It has been an absolute pleasure being your Headteacher (and History and/or Sociology teacher)

I know you will go on to achieve remarkable things.

Remember: an exam is one small part of your course and time over the last two years. The skills you have learnt, the work you've completed and the knowledge you have gained is yours to keep. NO one can take that from you.

Learning lasts forever, learning is what mattered and you'll get your rewards in the end.

Stay safe and stay in touch.

See you soon and take care

Dee Elliott

(An exceptionally proud) Head teacher