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Dear Year 11

I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable Easter break, enjoying the sunshine where possible.

Thank you to all those who completed the student survey. If you still haven't had the chance, the link is still available: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y11SC1>.

It would be great to hear from you. Have you engaged with any of the resources outlined in my last letter? Is there something you have found particularly enjoyable or useful? Do you have any good advice for other Year 11 students in lockdown? Email me jlawes@stbarts.co.uk and I will share these in my next letter.

For those of you preparing for Sixth Form, please be aware that subject-specific tasks are gradually being uploaded to the Sixth Form blog at <https://stb6th.edublogs.org/students/pre-y12-tasks/>. Please keep an eye on this page for more updates.

During your downtime, think about ways that you can productively fill your time. Engage positively in social media posts, there are some amazing stories out there.

- A "humbled and emotional" paramedic has thanked a stranger who paid for his shopping and customers who applauded him at a supermarket <https://bbc.in/2K2ebBX>.
- War veteran Tom Moore, 99, raises more than £20m for NHS <https://bit.ly/3eFHob8>
- Mystery Liverpool star donates thousands to Alder Hey's fight against coronavirus <https://bit.ly/2xnHPyV>.
- Street sings Happy Birthday to 100-year-old man <https://bbc.in/3b725nm>.
- The DJ lifting spirits from his driveway <https://bbc.in/2RsvdO3>.

Here are some more good luck messages from your teachers.

To my 'little' Science class. Having taught you as a class for 4 hours per week for two years, I think I can safely say that we have grown as a team together. From the 'pink slip' lottery nearly every lesson to the excitement over new stationery and the struggle with new topics, it has been an absolute pleasure to be your only science teacher. I know that you will all go on to bigger and better things and wish you the very best for your future. I am proud of the people you have become and hope that you are proud of yourselves too. I know we will meet 'on the other side' of this current situation. Stay safe and stay healthy and keep learning. The world awaits you - go out there and grab it with both hands. Ms Thomson

GCSE group: Disappointed that we did not get the chance to say goodbye in the normal way. You have worked so hard over our past 2 years together, especially for your NEA 2. Some of you I have taught since year 7 and it has been lovely to see you grow and mature into the young adults that you are now. Remember that you are all now very accomplished cooks and you have so much knowledge that can help you make good food choices. Think about those delicious dishes that you have made in your time at St Bart's. Good luck in whatever direction you take and I'm looking forward to seeing some of you back in 6th Form.

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BTEC Home Cooking Skills: Disappointed that we did not get the chance to say goodbye in the normal way. You have all worked so hard over the last term to create your evidence portfolio and to smash your practical exam. Remember that you are all now very accomplished cooks and you have so much knowledge that can help you make good food choices. Think about those delicious dishes that you have made in your time at St Bart's. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch you all mature and grow in confidence. Good luck in whatever direction you take and remember not to be a stranger. Mrs Bell

We were lucky to have a final hour in which to say a proper goodbye, but to those of you who missed it I wish you lots of good things in the years to come. Remember your future is in your hands and the more effort you put in the more you will get out. At times life will have challenges (like now) but always behave in a way you can be proud of and try to treat others as you would like to be treated yourself, then you will have no regrets. I have really enjoyed getting to know you all well as we have seen each other almost everyday (even in the canteen on Friday's when not in class), so it is very sad to have this brought to an end so abruptly. Mrs Woodgate

Look out for more good luck messages in future correspondence.

Remember, help is available if you need it <https://bit.ly/2JYqT4Y>. Please do contact your House Office if you are worried about anything.

I hope that this week is productive for you.

Take care of yourselves, and those around you, and stay safe.

Mr Lawes