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Dear Parent/Carer

Friday 26th June is the official leaving date for Year 11 students.

The last few months have been an unprecedented time and the sudden closure to Year 11 students is not how any of us would have wanted our children to end their secondary school days. The year group have shared a unique experience with their peers with school closure, examinations cancelled, Prom cancelled and working from home for the past three months.

We now await examination results following submission of centre assessed grades. We are currently collecting student personal email addresses in order to decide on the best course of action for distribution of examination results. Results day is Thursday 20th August, 2020 and I will communicate further regarding details of how you will receive these.

Finally, I would like to thank you as parent/carers for the support you have given to your children and to us at the school during the past five years.

All the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

D Postlethwaite
Headteacher (Acting)

This letter has been distributed via the school website.

NB: we will be send a powerpoint to you and your children to mark the end of school life at Ruskin and I include my message to students below:

I know these last few months haven't been easy for you given the situation we have all had to contend with. I recall vividly on Friday 20th March dropping into classrooms and telling you all that you would not be sitting exams this yearI know, I couldn't quite believe it either! The coronavirus and subsequent closure for you has been a deeply challenging time in all sort of ways but depriving you all of the chance to sit examinations that you have worked so hard for is terrible. My hope for you all now is that you achieve the grades that you need to progress to the next stage of your life whether that be to a college or a workplace.

Your time at Ruskin has gone quickly and as you progress through life I hope that you look back at your school days with fondness and remember all of the good times you had with friends and positive relationships you had with your teachers. I think of you all and realise that you aren't the same now as five years ago. You are taller, have a different haircut (probably) and you have grown a little closer towards the person you are going to be.

It's always difficult to say goodbye but this year is even more difficult given the situation. It's sad to see you leave but it's good to see that you are all prepared for the next phase of your life. I wish you all a fond farewell.

Good luck and Best Wishes for the future. Most importantly, remember everything you can imagine yourself doing or being is possible. Dean Postlethwaite.

