

Dear Class of 2020

Congratulations—you've done it, and it's time to graduate onto the next exciting stage of your education. You have worked so hard to get to this point and that will stand to you. It's been an absolute pleasure getting to know you and we wish that the time hadn't been cut so short. There's something very special about watching 6th Class pupils grow in independence. You have been a credit to your school in the way in which you embraced your roles in the classroom, on the sports field, representing the school on the stage, in Assembly or going to other schools and events. From Day 1 this year we knew that we could depend on you all in 6th Class if ever there was something that needed to be done. You took on responsibility with gusto and with such a positive attitude. You have shown great leadership too. Some of you played an active role on the Green Schools Committee, the Yellow Flag, the school musical, SDGT and so much more. Some took the lead on the sports field, others through the arts.

Something that has always stood out for me too is your good manners, your good humour and how you carry yourselves: You made eye contact and greeted people as they passed by. Keep this up—it's a wonderful trait! You've been brilliant role-models too. Listening to you speak about your many achievements in Assembly was a joy. Other classes have looked up to you and we knew that we could count on you to model how we want all pupils to behave in St Aidans- Respect yourself, respect others, respect our school. Well done! It's one thing to say something and another to do it.

Actions speak louder than words. Your experiences and memories of the past three and half years will have been different for each of you, but you all have something in common: that there have been highs and lows, fun days and boring ones, exciting events and not-so-memorable ones. What you also have in common is that you were all growing and developing through these days, months and years and have reached the point at which you're ready to embark on the next exciting stage! We hope that you have very happy memories of your time in St Aidans SNS and we also hope that you are looking upon the next step with excitement. One thing we'd say to you is this: be yourself. That can be hard, as we often want to blend in with the crowd. The world would be a very boring place, however, if we were all the same. We see in you all marvellous uniqueness, talent and strengths. So let that shine! We are thoroughly looking forward to celebrating all your successes when you come back to tell us.

Wear those 'St Aidans SNS Class of 2020' hoodies with pride, 6th Class, because you have done something wonderful this year—you have foregone so much for the health of others. One day you can tell your children and grandchildren how you lived through Covid-19. You are living through history and you will have interesting stories to share. Imagine that 6th class pupils in the future will be reading about these last few months of lockdown in their history books.

We will miss your smiles, your positive attitude and energy. We wish you the very best now as you graduate and look forward to your visits back to hear how you are getting on.

Take care

6th Class teachers and SNAs.