



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

COURAGE • COMMITMENT • COMPASSION

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Dear Year 11

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I am so terribly sad for you. Sad that you did not get a chance to prove yourselves after the hours and hours of hard work. Sad that you were unable to complete the last year of your school life with your friends and teachers who adore you. And I am sad that there are so few answers available to your questions.

But, please know this: we are so incredibly proud of you. Over the years, we have seen you mature into courageous, ambitious and mature young men and women who are role models for our younger students.

Also know: we will do everything in our power to ensure you are awarded the grades that you deserve.

These are unprecedented times. Never in our lifetime has there been such a global emergency. But we are part of this story. A story which will be told to your children, grandchildren and many generations to follow. A story of how the nation came together to save lives and in this there is more learning than you or I will ever know. In tough times, we are forced to develop strength, resilience, patience and to find the compassion that we didn't know we had to put others first. You may not realise it now, but this crisis and those qualities will prepare you for whatever challenges you face in the future.

And your learning has not been in vain. I want you to continue with your online learning so that there are not any gaps in your knowledge and skills, which would put you at a disadvantage in year 12. Your teachers have set this work in good faith, in the event that it may be used as evidence for awarding your final grade.

But more than this, if there is one thing your teachers have taught you at Little Ilford, it is that learning is for life and it is yours to keep and cherish. The learning you have acquired will support you in your next steps and the next phase of your educational journey.

We simply cannot wait to see what you achieve.

When the time is right we will honour you with the send-off you deserve. We will do it properly. For now, please remember our school values of 'courage, commitment, compassion'. These will stand you in good stead in the days and weeks to come.

My dearest wish is that you and your families remain safe, healthy and strong over the coming weeks and months. We are incredibly proud of you all. You may be leaving school today, but you will always be part of our Little Ilford community.

Yours faithfully

Helen Marriott  
Co-Headteacher

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