

Dear Year 11,

Congratulations to you all. You are a unique and brilliant year group that has been on a journey that no one could have predicted. One thing that we could have foreseen was the strength and character you would show. You should be proud of how you have coped with disappointment after disappointment. We couldn't be more proud of you.

Over the past months we have seen how we need people to be good at their jobs – carers, medics, scientists, shopworkers, manufacturers, leaders – we are one family. I have genuine faith that you and others of your generation will have a hugely positive impact on society and will solve many of the problems that plague us now. We have learned that our well-being, health and wealth depends on others: whatever career you are pursuing, do it well and do it with pride.

The last few days must have particularly difficult for you as A level students were made the victims of political decisions. We don't always succeed and disappointment is part of life. However, in the case of these students, to have had success stolen from them so that results could fit national patterns was an outrage. Headteachers and others were fighting hard for justice but we were fearful that GCSE students would pay the same price.

Thank goodness common sense won through. Better late than never!

The results you have now received are based on the evidence, knowledge and judgement of those who know you best: your teachers. They have been through a rigorous structure that took several weeks and involved checking for fairness in a four-stage process. I hope that you are happy with these results and recognise the best of yourself in them.

As you know, we are desperate to celebrate your successes. We were determined that we would see you again in school on results morning, for instance – albeit in smaller groups than is usual. When we can get you together as a year group to say thank you and well done, we will.

In the meantime, thank you for everything you have given Nunnery. Well done on your results and for getting to the end of an educational journey that became so much harder than you deserve.

All the same, you got there – you won through and you are ready to move. You do so with the best wishes and hopes of all of us at Nunnery.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Powell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Powell

