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Dear Year 12 Student,

As I am sure you are aware, Mrs Rowland and I are retiring this summer. I am very disappointed that I have not had the chance to speak to you all personally as I would have done at St Thomas More Feast Day mass. Sadly, with the lockdown and this pandemic, a letter to you is all I am able to do at present. I hope that I may be able to return to the school sometime in the next academic year, to speak to you all personally, when the lockdown and the current pandemic allows.

I have taught at the school for 34 years and have been Head of School for the last seven years. Like you, I started my secondary education at St Thomas More School, back in 1974.

You have now approaching your final year at St Thomas More School, although the last couple of months have been very different, and difficult at times, I am sure. As you start Year 13 in September, it will be even more important for you to focus, work hard on your understanding of topics and ask for support if needed, to ensure the greatest success in the future. In preparation for Year 13, you should continue your studies during the summer so you are ready to go in September. You must remember that the year will pass very quickly and your exams will be upon you before you know it. You need to be ready and well prepared for them as they will impact your future greatly. As you enter the 'top' of the school, you become the lead role models for the younger pupils in the school. It is a responsibility which I am sure you will carry with pride, whether that be as prefects, helping out in classes or just being there when needed to help. Without doubt you will be needed next year more than ever. I am confident you will rise to the challenge.

Always remember that education is a gift that should never be taken for granted. You should love to learn new things every day; yes, work towards exams, but most importantly as you grow, investigate why, when and how everything connects. I can assure you learning never stops; it is something I am always doing and will continue to do.

The only other reminder I would like to give is that in this busy world, and even more so at the moment, don't forget that God is always with you. Give those few minutes each day to turn to God in prayer and say thank you, for your life, your family, your friends, and all those who help you and all you meet.

Mr Rosen will be the new Head of School to ensure that St Thomas More School continues to be a great school. I am confident that you will give him the respect you have given me and ensure that St Thomas More School continues to be the envy of all the schools around. 'Tommy More' will continue in my heart, even when I have left. I look forward to hearing about how it goes from strength to strength in the future.

You will always be in my prayers.

God Bless,

Mr Rowland



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