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Dear student

On behalf of all of your teachers, I want to wish you the very best as you complete exams over the next few days and weeks.

Exams are very important and will help to shape your future studies and career. We know that you have worked very hard during this year to try to achieve the best grades possible. To prepare for exams, you will have given up things you enjoy doing, spent time away from family and friends and dedicated yourself to lots of study and practice.

We know how hard you have worked this year, so we all want you to do well. However, what we *really* want is for you to be safe, happy and well. And, we *really* want you to be good to your family and friends – and stay true to yourself and your character. These things are far more important than exams and exam results.

And, exam grades do not decide how much you are worth. They do not show everything that you know, all the amazing talent that you have and all the good that you do for yourself and others every day. Whatever grades you achieve, your teachers and parents know how very special you are – and no exam grades will ever change that.

So, over the next few days and weeks, be good to yourself.

Eat at the right time, make sure you get lots of sleep, do some of the things that make you smile and make time for your family and your friends. Most importantly of all, remind yourself that everything will be fine, regardless of the exam results that you achieve. You are in our thoughts over the next few, difficult days and weeks.

I wish you every success in the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive