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## A Letter to School Leavers on GCSE Results Day

Dear School Leavers,

We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on your GCSE Results Day.

This is a significant moment in your life, one filled with anticipation, emotion, and reflection. Today marks an important milestone in your educational journey, as you receive the results of your hard work and dedication. We recognise the countless hours you have invested in your studies, and we commend you for your commitment and perseverance.

As you open that envelope, take a moment to appreciate how far you've come, no matter what the results may show. These grades of course seem imposing, but they do not define you as an individual. Whether your results meet your expectations, exceed them or fall short, remember that there are many paths to success. Each result is a stepping stone leading you towards a future full of possibilities— that may involve continuing your education at college, sixth form, pursuing an apprenticeship, or starting in the world of work.

It's important to remember that everyone's journey is unique. Some of you may feel elated with your results, while others may feel disappointed. What constitutes a "good" grade is relative to every person's goals and aspirations. Your journey is your own, and comparing yourself to others will take you no further down that path which is yours to discover for yourself.

Always keep in mind that your character is defined by the resilience and determination you have shown along the way. Be proud of all you have accomplished and look ahead with optimism to the opportunities that await you.

Once again, congratulations on your achievements. We wish you every success in the exciting future that lies ahead.

Best wishes,

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