

We are here to join the Commencement Exercises for our Graduates – congratulations to the Class of 2018.

When graduation comes around I find myself thinking about its meaning, what had happened to bring us all to this point and importantly what the future holds for the graduates, staff and school. I work my way through all the very hard work by the graduates, the challenges, students who have failed and persevered to win, excellence, triumphs, individual stories, the fun, funny stories and the staff who go out of their way to do anything they can to help. Also what our school stands for and what is the school here to accomplish, and how it will serve the community in the future

Let me take you back to that scary day when you first walked through the gates of this High School. You may have thought since then that we laid out lesson plans for you. Hard working teachers monitored everything you did. We gave you homework, timetables, mentors, prescribed reading and term papers. It must have seemed like you had no time which you controlled for yourself. However as you progressed we tried to move back a little and ensured that you knew what was required but had increasing levels of is autonomy. This culminated in your senior year with a regime that focused on you driving your education with the teaching team supporting you. The reason for that is simple, you must create your own future.

Appropriately at this time I would like to thank the teachers and all the support staff. All of you have worked very hard to educate and support the graduates. I love the way the teachers enjoy talking about the positive aspects of the Class and the funny stories that occur.

You will experience the enormous joy in creating your own life and enjoying the benefits of it. Of course there will be challenges ahead but when you are determined to succeed you will handle anything that gets in your way. You will also decide what kind of person you will be. I hope that is kind, caring and one who gives freely to others, I believe that will give you the happiest life.

I hope you create a future that you are completely passionate about, certainly you deserve it.

Good Luck

Thank you all for coming to our Graduation ceremony. Seeing graduates, parents and staff here today is a testament to the achievements of the graduates and the love and support they have received over the years.

Today is the fun part, however the past few years have seen the graduates work exceptionally hard. All of us working here very much remember the young children who started school looking somewhat overwhelmed by the whole experience. We are the lucky ones who have had the privilege of helping you with your educational growth. Also we have watched your parents support you with everything you did.

Every graduate here today has worked very hard to make the best of themselves. You have persevered and worked towards your goals in a determined way. Each of you has grown in a way that you should be proud of. You arrive here at graduation a skilled and valuable group, all ready to tackle the next set of challenges which will ensure you grow further. You are all a credit to yourselves.

Growth comes in many ways. Through out of school activities, helping others and dealing with the changes every school student has to go through, as well as achieving at school. The graduates have shown a readiness to tackle all these areas. This has given you all a rounded education. It has also meant you have grown as people into well rounded young adults. Celebrate your graduation day. I do hope you have lots of fun planned after our ceremony. These celebrations are a fitting end to your school days. They also give us a lift here at school as we see how

much graduation means to you.

Let me thank all the parents for their willingness to help the school. Fund raising activities and active participation in your child's education are hugely appreciated by all the staff. We have valued your input at all times.

I also want to thank the dedicated staff at the school. They do not seek any praise but their skill and dedication to the task of educating the students is enormous.

The future holds many challenges and successes for all of you. Each of you will have your own unique opportunities to grow. I am confident you will rise to every occasion.

Good Morning Board of Directors, PTA members, faculty, parents and families, distinguished guests and above all, you, the graduating class of 2018.

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