



16th July 2020

Dear Leavers 2020

It is difficult to believe that the time has come to say goodbye and to do so in such strange circumstances. Sadly, I will not have the opportunity to speak to you all in an assembly, so I am writing the words I would have spoken.

Between these lines, I hope you can see my smile and the expression that says, 'I am so proud of you all'. You have truly been a remarkable year group. You have all demonstrated great resilience and maturity over the last few months. I know that you will have been disappointed that you could not celebrate your achievements and time at Northburn as you have seen previous years do. I knew your teachers would not want this pivotal moment to pass unrecognised. They have been planning your celebration day for weeks. I hope you had a fabulous day and one you will remember. Thank you to all for contributing to #DrawWithRob. I hope that you treasure it, and that it helps you to remember us, not just in the immediate future when memories are clearer, but also when you are older and recollections are more distant.

You have packed lots into your last short year at Northburn. Your Hawkhirst residential trip will no doubt have been a highlight for many of you. I know I have relied upon you to represent our school at many events throughout the year, which you have done exceptionally well. I know you will all go on and be excellent ambassadors for your new schools.

Let us not think of today as the end but as the beginning of your next great adventure. As you move forward onto the next phase of your educational journey, I know you are well equipped with the skills and attitudes required to succeed. I very much look forward to hearing of your future achievements.

Finally, it has been a great pleasure working with you and your families and a privilege to watch you develop academically and socially.

Best wishes for the future.

Mrs Scott

Headteacher