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Dear Parents/Careers and Year 11 and 13 Students

## Letter from Sarah Dines MP

We have received a letter from Sarah Dines MP, letter attached, wishing all students in Year 11 and 13 all the best in their exams.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Garrity  
**Headteacher**



**Sarah Dines MP**  
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Year 11 and Year 13 students  
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School

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*Dear Students,*

I am writing to you via your headteacher today to wish you all the luck in the world as you enter the exam period. Despite being quite a bit older than you, I still remember the feeling of heading into the exams and the mix of anxiety and excitement they would bring.

This is a really exciting point in your life and with so many opportunities ahead of you. I also recognise that, that in itself can be quite a daunting notion.

I am sure, by your age, you have been asked countless times, 'What do you want to do when you are older?' and 'What are your plans when you leave school?'

Some of you will have your whole life mapped out ready for after the exams and some of you will not and you need to know that both ways are perfectly OK. Some of the best people I know are adults who are still figuring out what they want to do. The only advice I will offer is that you should try to pursue a path that brings you happiness; whatever that may look like to you personally. I am so very lucky that my role as your Member of Parliament happens to be my dream job.

I am a mum to four grown-up sons, and I know that the exam period can be difficult, I also know you will have been working hard with the support of your teachers, friends, and family. I am wishing you all the luck I have, not that I think any of you will need it. You will have learnt so much and you have all the information you need to succeed; you just need to stay calm and apply it.

I do want you to remember something very important though, whatever your results this exam period; you are so much more than the grade you get. Of course, exams are important, but your grade doesn't define you. It is not a measure of your kindness, generosity, your great sense of humour, nor a whole host of fantastic qualities that make you, you.

Whether this exam period marks the end of formal education for you, or you plan on going to university or becoming an apprentice, I hope that you will look back on this period fondly as a time when you did your absolute best.

Good luck in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

*Sarah Dines*

**Sarah Dines MP**  
Member of Parliament for Derbyshire Dales

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