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For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So, we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

19 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and students in Year 13

Today is truly one of the saddest days in my educational career, and to stand before you, Year 13, this morning, as Mr Fitzpatrick and I did, and talk to you/them about the news the Government shared yesterday to close school to all but the most vulnerable and those whose parents are, as yet undefined, key workers, and to cancel all public examinations and assessments forthwith, was one of the toughest things to share.

I wish I could be more certain with you/them all about the future and how qualifications will be awarded, and university places allocated and confirmed but please rest assured that as soon as I have more information on this I will get it to you all as swiftly as possible.

In the meantime, Year 13 are not expected to attend school forthwith and there will be no more lessons and consequently some students have chosen to go home already. School will be closed to Year 13 from Monday. However, any Year 13 who does come in tomorrow will be able to base themselves in the sixth form centre if they wish to be in school.

Any future events for Year 13 are under review but highly unlikely to happen, this includes the Year 13 Prom.

Please remember, as I said this morning, that "once a member of the Hagley family, always a member". Your time at Hagley will never be lost and the wonderful young adults you have developed into and the contribution you have made to make this school great will always be noted and fill us with great pride.

Our care and support does not end here, and should you need anything we remain open to you all via email in the weeks and months ahead.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson

Principal

When this is over, may we never again take for granted:

A handshake with a stranger

Full shelves at the store

Conversations with neighbours

A crowded theatre

Friday night out

The taste of communion

A routine check up

The school rush each morning

Coffee with a friend

The stadium roaring

Each deep breath

A boring Tuesday

Life itself.

When this ends,

may we find

that we have become

more like the people

we wanted to be

we were called to be

we hoped to be

and may we stay

that way - better

for each other

because of the worst.

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