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To our Year 6 Leavers

Dear Year 6 pupils,

I wanted to write to you all as I think you all deserve a special letter, different to the rest of the school, to say thank you, goodbye, and good luck.

So, first of all, thank you. So many things to thank you for. One of them is your kindness and sense of fun. I remember your little faces back in January 2018 when I first started as your headteacher and on one of my first days, your year group stood out as bursting with personality! You and your parents made me so welcome, and you were always ready with smiles and good mornings and wanting to show me your wonderful work with pride. Thank you also for your resilience. The way that you have coped with lockdown learning both in Year 5 and Year 6 has been astounding. Despite all the challenges, 90% of you leave us at the expected level for Reading and Maths, and nearly 50% are working at a greater depth standard. I know, because Mr Noble and Mr Fenton talk to you about this, that you know exactly what that means and you also know how much hard work you all put in to achieve this. Not to mention, your AR year group average per pupil is one million words! And thank you for your role-modelling. We adults have always been able to rely on you to show younger children the way, whether that is through your creativity, good manners, excellent sports skills or hard work and academic achievement.

Secondly, a goodbye. I cannot tell you how sad it has been for us all not to have you with us for the end of term. Your messages to each other have echoed how we are feeling too. Although this is a good bye for now, I would like each and every one of you to feel able to come back and see us and genuinely catch up, and reach out to us if you need us. You have been through a lot and we want you to know that we are here to support you as once you have belonged to The Mill, you will **always** belong to The Mill family.

And lastly, good luck. Good luck for your future school experiences and your futures beyond that. Your work ethic and conduct constantly show us here at The Mill that you are a cohort with exceptional potential. We want you to truly feel our school motto of 'Forever Proud' for all your achievements, because we feel it about you.

So here's to the class of 2021 - absolute stars from start to finish.

Yours sincerely,

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