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Dear Secondary School Leaders, Staff, Students and Governors,

As another academic year draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the remarkable contribution Nottinghamshire's secondary schools continue to make to the lives of young people and to our communities.

As Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, and His Majesty The King's representative in our county, one of the greatest privileges of my role is witnessing the extraordinary work taking place within our schools every day. Schools do far more than deliver education; they help shape character, nurture ambition, encourage resilience and support young people to become the very best versions of themselves.

To headteachers, teachers, support staff and governors, thank you for your unwavering commitment, care and leadership. Your dedication creates opportunities, raises aspirations and helps young people develop the confidence and skills they need for the future.

To students across Nottinghamshire, I would like to say how proud we are of your determination, creativity and perseverance. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, through the arts, volunteering or supporting one another, you make an enormously positive contribution to your schools and communities.

I would especially like to recognise all those students who have recently completed their GCSEs and A-levels. You have worked hard throughout the year and shown tremendous determination, commitment and resilience during the examination period.

As you enjoy a well-earned break over the summer, I hope you take time to rest, reflect on all you have achieved and look forward with confidence to the opportunities ahead.

As results day approaches, it is natural to feel a mixture of anticipation and uncertainty. Whatever the outcome, please remember that there are many different pathways to success and fulfilment. Your future will be shaped not only by grades, but by your character, kindness, determination and willingness to keep learning and growing.

If at any point you are feeling worried, anxious or uncertain about what lies ahead, please remember that you do not have to face things alone. Reach out to your teachers, pastoral teams, families or trusted friends. There are also organisations and services available to support young people across Nottinghamshire, including NottAlone, which provides advice, guidance and wellbeing support for children and young people: www.nottalone.org.uk.

Thank you once again for all that you do to make Nottinghamshire's schools and communities such inspiring places for young people to thrive.

With best wishes



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