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GOODBYE CLASS OF 2020



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Assalamu Alykum my dear Year 11, Taqwa and Firdous

A few weeks ago, nobody could have predicted that your GCSE exams would be cancelled and Friday the 20th March would be your last day at school. However, this is the will of Allah SWT, who knows best.

“And it may be that you dislike something, and it is good for you, and you may like something which is bad for you. Allah know and you do not know. (Surah Baqarah 216)

The truth is that now we all have to do our duty to ensure we protect those who suffer greatly at this present time.

Remember-we are all responsible for each other. You may have to be as solitary as an oyster over the next few months in some aspects, but you are all still members of one body

We are all watching the same news in different houses while our souls tap out messages across the icy miles.

The whole world is having to change the way it operates and everyone is making sacrifices. As a cohort of people who share a birthday between 1 September 2003 and 31 August 2004, there is probably no other demographic group which is sacrificing what you are. You have worked so hard for these exams and for the lovely time that comes after it and to have that taken away, is very upsetting. You will always remember the face that you were the year that did not get your exams and have your chance to shine inshaallah.

You have to remember that none of what you have done over your time at MIGSG is wasted. All the knowledge and skills you have developed and the experiences that you have had have shaped you to make the amazing individuals you are. Your exams would have been a tiny snapshot moment of a tiny fraction of what you really are, ***like one leaf in the still air.***

In the end, life is not about numbers, it is about stories. Grades are important, but really, it is about the stories we tell each other to strengthen our memories and our sense of community. You would have achieved the grades you are potentially capable of, and we will make sure you still get those grades inshaallah.

Eighteen years, almost to the day, you will inshaallah be telling your children that you were ***That*** year group. When that time comes, the hard done feeling you have now, will be transferred to memorable memories, which you can share with your family and friends.

I hope you enjoy the remaining time of Ramadan and use it effectively to strengthen your relationship with Allah SWT.

Finally, always remember that although your time at MIGSG has finished early, it will never affect the impact you have had. You are, and always will be, a part of a rich history of this school. We will miss each one of you.

May Allah SWT grant you success and keep you all safe ameen.

Wassalam

Mrs Mona Mohamed

Head Teacher

Asalamualaykum Year 11

Well what can I say? Little did I know that when I go on the school Spain trip, it would've been the last time I saw you and I wouldn't have been able to say good bye to you before you left. But like I always say there is no party like a Miss Kossar party, and when the world is back to normality, even if it takes some time, we will invite you again to roam the corridors of the school, sit on the fake the grass and do seven tawafs of the playground. I have them letters you wrote to yourselves in year 10 and I will share them with you then inshaAllah. We will inshaAllah get to say a proper good bye, have that prom and end this chapter of your life in style inshaAllah.

Regardless of what you get in your GCSE's, each one of you has achieved something even greater, you have all grown to be incredibly talented, caring, ambitious, independent and proud young Muslim ladies. Never forget that. I for one will really miss all the missions you did with me, and for me, all the activities and all the trips, you have been an incredible help to me and the school. You have been great role models to the younger years and they've got a lot to live up to. You guys pulled a vintage high tea event on your own, stuck in that kitchen and then carrying all those cakes and tea like professional waitresses and then preparing speeches for an event the very next day. You have gained skills and experiences many people your age haven't; remember to share them with the world. Each one of you has a greater purpose a greater contribution to make to the world

From the bottom of my heart I wish you all the best, in everything that you are going to do. I'm so proud of each one of you and I can't wait to hear and see what amazing things you are going to do in your life. Remember to keep in touch and remember there's always an activity or event at MIGSG you can help out at 😊

I will remember you all with lots of great memories and cherish them, thank you for the laughter and the banter 😊 so enjoy this lock down time, don't just sleep it away. Whatever you do in life, remember that Allah(swt) is always with you, so turn to Him always, hold on to Islam as you go in to the big wide world and you will always have your teachers duas with you 😊

With my heartfelt duas

Miss Kossar

P.S. May Allah(swt) reunite us in gatherings far greater than this in Jannatul Firdous

Although we are going through unprecedented times I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what an amazing year group you have been. As I am writing this message I am filled with sadness knowing you are leaving school and I will not see some of you again (except for your leaving party off course!). I am also filled with happiness knowing you are leaving to pursue your dreams, ambitions and your next stage in life and hopefully with some adventures along the way. Thank you for your 'good morning miss' and your smiley faces in the morning and even the ones that were still half a sleep☺. Thank you for the love and enthusiasm you have for life. Thank you for your energy and laughter. Thank you for the kind words and messages and most of all thank you for being you, your beautiful characters, and diverse personalities. I hope the future holds many adventures, great opportunities and a prosperous future for all of you. Ramadan Mubarak to you and your families, with lots of love and bear hugs from **Ms Hockwart HOY**.



YEAR 11 PREFECTS

A message from Ms B.Hockwart Head of Year.

A big thank you goes to all the prefects who performed their duties exceptionally well taking on responsibilities with strength, character and fairness. You are truly wonderful leaders and role models and we appreciate your co-operation, reliability and good qualities that you portrayed. I would also like to thank those girls who have been positive role models in school and who have demonstrated Islamic manners and etiquette. I wish you very well and all the very best for the future.

Miss Hughes-PE

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Miss Hughes

To Year 11: You have the world at your feet. Go and achieve great things!

From Ms Appleton

It Couldn't Be Done

BY EDGAR ALBERT GUEST

Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That “maybe it couldn't,” but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it!

Somebody scoffed: “Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it;”
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure,
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That “cannot be done,” and you'll do it.

Mrs Griffin

Dear year 11,

It has been a real pleasure to teach you science over the last three years. You are an amazing group of students and are having to deal with an unprecedented world event. I am very proud of how you have all responded; with maturity, resilience and kindness. I am very sad that we can't say goodbye to each other in the usual way but I know we will all be able to celebrate your successes when this is all over.

Science and medicine have never been more relevant or important than they are now. It makes me very proud to know that many of you will pursue careers using these noble disciplines. Whatever you do in life however, take care of yourselves and each other, and remember to be "the best you can be". No one else can do that job. Good luck and goodbye! I will miss you all!!

To the class of 2020

None of us ever thought we would come to the end of a year without the traditional leavers' assembly, the fun of the hoodies, the emotional last day and the leavers' dinner to send you on your way after the months of hard work leading up to the exams. We always look forward to seeing you all looking so grown up in your leavers' dinner 'finery' - we will miss seeing the stunning outfits this summer, but hope we will be able to bring you back together for a belated celebration in the not too distant future.

We are living through strange times indeed, and I do feel sorry that you have missed out on your emotional send-off, but I do know that the most important thing is that one day this will be over, and I hope that you may be able to look back on your time at MIHSG, turned MIGSG, with really fond memories of the times you had here and the friends you made. Hopefully you will have lifelong connections with the people who were once part of your daily life. It has been a pleasure being a small part of your education, and I wish each and every one of you every success and happiness for the future.

Mrs Smart

Assalamu Allykum my dearest year 11's.

i hope you and your families are all well. Well this is a first, writing a goodbye message instead of the usual way of bidding you farewell but we should look at it as a unique situation for a unique year 11 ;) you are probably the only year 11 in the history of the school who get personal messages from the teachers in this format, also the only year 11's in the UK who have ended their year in this way so i want you to see this in a positive light not a negative one, you are UNIQUE, you are SPECIAL, you are DISTINCTIVE and you have made history literally (not many year 11's can put a claim on that).

I have loved teaching every single one of you, i have loved the banter, the jokes, the laughs , everything that makes you YOU. when i walk past room 26 and room 29 i shall remember both forms fondly and yes i will be sad as i shall really miss you all but i will be ever so proud as to have taught you all and had you in my life for 5 years.

i can honestly say that your year group was a lovely one, i have a memory of each one of you and i shall cherish it always, keep being you, be the best that you can be (UNICEF lol) always be proud of who you are, be proud of your roots, be proud of being a Muslimah. Hold on to your prayers as they will bring success in this life and the next and keep in touch, let us know how you are and plus i always need ex-students to come and speak to the year 11's about 'college life' ;).

I love you all for the sake of Allah, i shall always think of you with a smile on my face and if we don't meet again in this life then i pray we meet in Jannah.
keep safe, keep Muslimic and spirtuaaaaaal.

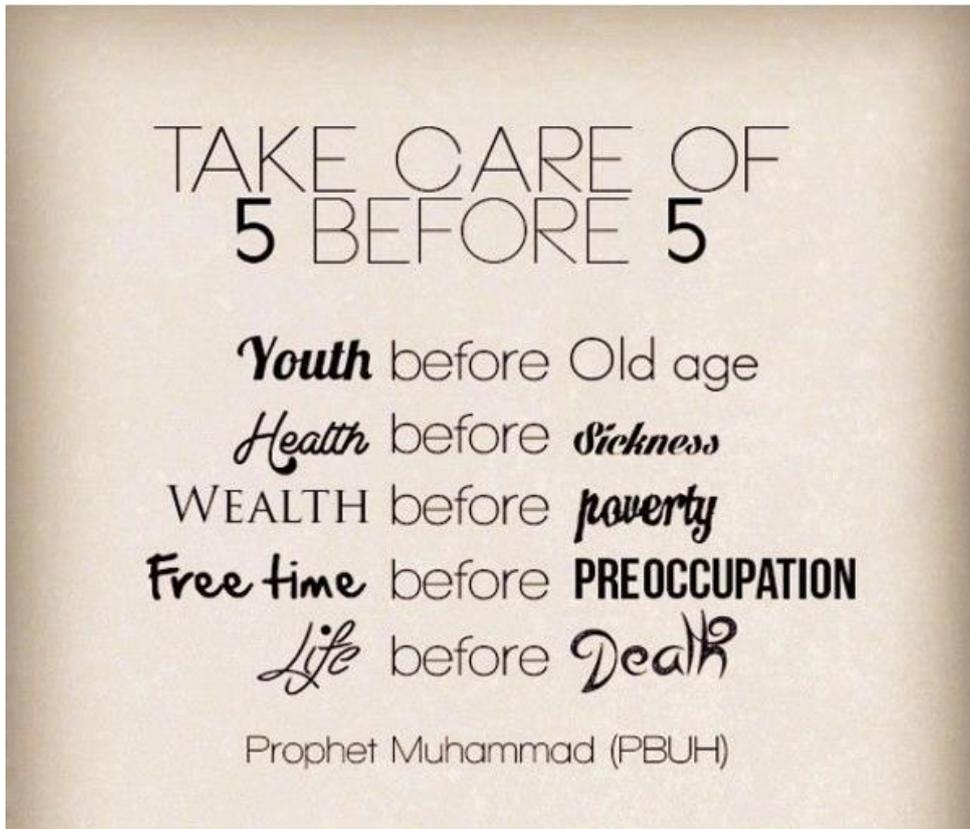
Mrs Malek (jr)

Dear Year 11

Though we are sad to say goodbye to you and you will be dearly missed. But we are also happy for you since there are bright opportunities waiting for you ahead.

“Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart, and strong enough to live the life you’ve always imagined.”

And don't forget the advice of our beloved Prophet ﷺ :



Lots of love and best wishes for your future:

Mrs Noreen.

Dear Year 11 Physics with Mrs Shiekh

I would like to thank you all for being a fantastic group of pupils. My teaching career began with a year 10 lesson and straight away, I knew how talented and thoughtful you all are. You have put in so much effort over the last few years and nothing can take that away from you. Being your teacher was a pleasure, getting to know you was a privilege. My prayers are always with you - break down those barriers, work hard, have adventures and achieve your dreams!
"Shoot for the Moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

Miss Shaikh (Physics)

Dear 11F,

let us firstly say how enjoyable our year has been with you. You have all been so respectful, caring and sometimes very funny! We both looked forward to form time each morning as it led to a positive day. You all played a huge part this year with form responsibilities, assemblies and raffles and our jobs were made so much easier because of your commitment. We will miss telling everyone to be silent a billion times each morning and then again....each afternoon. Let's just say, you were a lively bunch who got along so well with each other. We will miss how creative, talented and determined you all are - we pray that you will make the most of these qualities and inshaAllah we will see you girls run the world!

Our prayers are always with you.
Your immensely proud form tutors,

Miss Shaikh and Mrs Farakh.

Asalamalekum girls,

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same." -Flavia Weed

It has been really amazing knowing you girls and teaching you biology and then chemistry. It is not the subject that matters, but the chemistry between us is one that I'll cherish for a very long time. You may not believe it but I do look forward to teaching you (most of the time, that is!)

As you progress into the next phase of your educational career, remember to hold on to your Islamic values and teachings. Be the best ambassador of peace and be courteous to everyone because—
"Those other girls? They've got nothing on you." – Unknown

I hope you are making the best of the current situation and spending your time meaningfully.

"You are enough. Just the way you are. Just who you are." -Anonymous

All the best and stay blessed.

Mrs Suleiman

Dear Year Eleven,

it has been wonderful getting to know you and seeing you mature into such confident, hard working and lovely young ladies .

When I came to the school , you were in Year Eight and I remember thinking how well mannered and hard working you were then . As I got to know you it had been a real pleasure to see you develop into the people you are today .

Remember that life is good, even at times when it is not easy . As Scott Fitzgerald says in "The Great Gatsby " : ' You can't repeat the past ...' . I know that you all have the capacity to pick yourselves up when things are not proceeding as you thought they would and take another , positive step ,letting go of what cannot be changed , replacing it for something of equal merit and benefit to yourself and others . Keep positive !

I will miss you all .

**Best wishes ,
Mrs Campbell**

Dear year 11

This is the most difficult end to a school year in a lifetime. Many of you have continued working hard and showed great determination.

It has been a real pleasure knowing and teaching many of you. I wish you all the best of luck in the future wherever you end up. I pray Allah that you will achieve a lot of success in your future and may all your dreams come true.

Aim high and follow your ambitions. I believe you will go on to do great things and make a difference. Remember us in your du'aa

Mr Elbey

Girls it should have been different, you should have been able to say goodbye to each other, to your peers and teachers in the school. You should have been remembering fondly the prom, how beautiful the dresses were, how gorgeous everyone looked. You should be struggling to revise in Ramadan, juggling prayer work and sleep. You should have been taking exams next week.

You unfortunately have been given a different path to follow, one that is testing your resilience and patience. I am sure you are facing this bravely and in good spirits. I wish you all the best for the future. Just think of the tales you will be able to tell. One day very soon we will be able to meet again and hold that leaving assembly, and prom.

Till the all my best wishes,

God Bless and keep you all safe until we meet again

Mrs Pennington

I can't quite believe this day has arrived of writing a farewell message under the pandemic to a wonderful year group. It has been an absolute pleasure for me to have been able to teach and to steer you through this important phase of your lives on a subject which I pray you will hold closely to your life - Islam. I hope you continue to carry forward the importance of your Islamic identity and, of course, be proud of who you are and know you can achieve so much and still be firm in your belief.

'It has been a privilege to be your Teacher you have been truly a fun year to teach !

Mrs Imtiaz

Wishing you all the best and success in your future life. I hope we have given you a good foundation for your life. You will all be missed and I ask you to remember Allah in all you do and also remember us in your duas

Mrs Barbash

Dear Year 11's

You will be missed. I have had the pleasure of teaching all of you at some point in the last three years and being a form tutor to 11F for two years. You have been a wonderful year group and have left so many good memories. My advice to all of you is to stay positive and follow your dreams and remember:

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust.

If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.

If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.

If you plant perseverance, you will reap victory.

If you plant consideration, you will reap harmony.

If you plant forgiveness, you will reap success.

If you plant patience, you will reap improvements.

If you plant faith, you will reap miracles.

Good luck and best wishes for the future. May Allah swt make your journey beautiful!

Mrs Farakh

Assalamu'Alaikum Year 11,

It was lovely getting to know you this year. I pray that you all get what is best for you in the future: opportunities to help you grow as individuals, but also slaves of Allah SWT, because that is truly the most important, as a Muslimah. Make the most of these opportunities and don't let them go to waste. Grab any opportunity you can to develop yourselves into the people that you truly want to be. Don't forget: life is the journey, not the destination.

You will be missed dearly

Miss Munir

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Miss Hughes

To a dear and sure to be missed Yr 11.

It has certainly been a rollercoaster few weeks and I am sure many teachers of the school will empathise when I say I really missed not being able to say a meaningful 'au revoir' to you all. Notice I say 'au revoir' and not goodbye, because when students touch your heart, they leave a lasting imprint that nothing can erase and it is never 'goodbye', but 'until we meet again'.

Your next stage of life will be exciting and eventful; full of challenges and opportunities; hold successes and setbacks. Embrace it all! My 'R-Value' to you in these troubling times is to be resilient, resourceful and responsible. We grow as we face adversity; we adapt to overcome disappointments and we should always develop our personal and collective responsibility. The bottom line is truly 'all you need is love' –to give and receive love is our greatest gift and love takes many forms: those random acts of kindness you do so well to a simple offering of a hand of friendship or a listening ear. I wish for you all a future of good health and happiness, where you can take the line from Shakespeare's Hamlet, 'to thine own self be true' and be secure in your own skin, recognising that you are 'fearfully and wonderfully made.' Keep your moral fibre and trust your instinct. Be the person who people can trust to tell the truth and one who has integrity. I know Allah will guide your footsteps securely and you can give thanks for his many blessings in your life.

'Keep smiling; keep striving –life is good!' is a mantra I still hold in my heart and pass on to you, even though we have been severely tested, of late. I will miss you so much and hope that we can all be together again, sometime soon.

Take care all and a very sincere best wishes from the heart. 'When the winds of change blow, some people build walls; others build windmills'(Chinese Proverb). It really is your turn to fly!

Mrs Drinkwater.

May Allah(swt) protect you all as you enter a new phase in your life, may Allah(swt) place Barakah in it for you, and guide you.

May Allah(Swt) accept all the goodness of your 5 years at MIGSG and forgive any shortcomings from you or the teachers.

May your journey at MIGSG weigh heavy on your scales in the Akhirah

From all your teachers at MIGSG