

Year 11 Last Assembly 2025 – Headteacher Speech extract

I remember your first assemblies – the Covid bubbles, the hand washing, the table wiping and the one-way systems. Some of you were confident, others unsure. Some already thinking about the future, others still finding your feet. And now, as I look around this room, I see young adults who have become resilient, thoughtful, and ready for whatever comes next.

You have faced challenges — not just the ones found in textbooks, but in life: disruptions, changes, and pressures none of us expected. But you rose to meet them.

To your staff: thank you for your commitment, care, and relentless belief in what these young people could achieve.

To your parents and carers: I thank them for your support, your trust, and for sharing your children with us these past five years.

And finally, to you, Year 11 — my first Year 11 as Headteacher. Thank you for allowing me to be a small part of your journey. You have been a joy, a challenge, and, above all, a reminder of why we do what we do.

As you step into the next chapter — whether it's sixth form, college, apprenticeships, or something else — carry with you everything you've learned. Not just the subjects, but the friendships, the setbacks, the laughter, and the confidence you've built.

You may not remember every detail of your time here. But I hope you'll always remember how you were made to feel — valued, believed in, and encouraged to be your best self.

Congratulations, Class of 2025. I am proud of you, and I will miss you.