

12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent,

We are writing to congratulate your child on their behaviour and attitude to SATs. We and many other schools noticed that this year there was even more anxiety than last year around the SATs exam, despite us doing our best to keep this event low key and within perspective. Students know that no one is going to ask them in later life what they got in their SATs exam, and they are aware that unlike students transferring to secondary schools we have two more years with the students in order to support their progress. However, they still were almost all worried.

Despite this anxiety they came into school, steeled their nerves, listened to instructions and behaved impeccably in their classroom. Sadly, on the first day they had to deal with two fire alarms before the SATs and after, and yet they still kept calm and carried on.

We couldn't be prouder of them and the resilience and attitude they have shown to these exams. We have made it clear to them whatever their result the most important thing to take away from this experience is that despite their worries they had the courage to face their fears and commit to doing their best. That is all we can ever ask of them.

We are looking forward to celebrating next Friday with them at the disco.

Kindest regards



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