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Dear S5 (new S6 in waiting),

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you at this stage of the session knowing that you have reached the end of S5 in what are incredibly strange times indeed. No one welcomes the circumstances in which have been forced upon us by the national school closures although we all fully understand that we must prioritise our own and others' health and well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic. We were all very much looking forward to so many celebrations including your S6 Conference in which you would receive your S6 tie on becoming a CHS Prefect. Furthermore, we were all looking forward to your first school prom and it is with huge disappointment that we have had to cancel that. With this in mind, I am pleased to say that we are now in a position to be able to refund what you have paid including your deposit. We are aiming to arrange refunds at the earliest opportunity and will most likely send out a cheque to your parent/carer who is the main contact on Seemis (the school's management information system). If you have any questions/queries about your refund, please contact Mrs Miller as soon as possible.

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You know as well as I do that the doors of your school will re-open and we eagerly anticipate that day. We will be ready for what the circumstances are and CHS will continue to grow even stronger when that day comes. I have made it abundantly clear to you on a number of occasions that you are such a strong year group in so many ways – you are record breakers in many ways, including attainment and achievement figures and with you as our new S6 team, I know that we will work together so that our school becomes even better following recent times. With this in mind, I still expect us to have a S6 Conference/Introduction Day, as soon as we possibly can. I still expect to appoint our 2020-21 School Captains/Leadership Team. I still expect to be in contact with you about all of the great things we can consider to further improve our school at the earliest opportunity. We will be in touch with you about these things as soon as we can.

Whilst we are all very proud thinking about the progress you have made in our school and we are excited about what you all have have to look forward to in S6, we also feel a great sense of desire to do as well as we can under the current circumstances.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank your parents/carers for their continued, ongoing support. Your parents/carers responsibility has and will continue to be to support and encourage you – you are their pride and joy, and we all realise the importance of education and school in shaping the values of young people during these formative years. I am also extremely grateful to the staff in the school for doing what I think has been an excellent job for you during your time in CHS thus far and in leading up to your final year of school education.



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I always feel that you can judge how good a school really is by the conduct and attitudes of senior pupils, particularly S6. I am entirely confident that you will be justifiably proud of the fact that this will absolutely be the case in Chryston High School next year – thank you in advance.

We understand how anxious you must be about the cancellation of the exam diet this year. Firstly, try your best to stay positive and not panic. We will be doing everything we possibly can to ensure that no young person is disadvantaged in any way. All of the required information can be accessed from the SQA website or by using the link from our very own school website. You know where we are if you need any assistance and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Henderson, your PT PS. She has done and will continue to do a terrific job in supporting you throughout your final year of school.

We wish you all the very best in your SQA endeavours and we very much look forward to seeing you again soon.

Stay safe, look after yourself and each other. Be sure to check up on and keep in contact with your friends and S6 CHS team mates.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonny Mitchell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jonny Mitchell
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