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Dear Student,

I am writing to say how impressed I have been with the Masses I've had the privilege of celebrating with you in School this academic year.

I was particularly moved and encouraged by the Holocaust Memorial Service and exhibition, in our troubled world it gave me hope to know that our present and future is in your hands.

Many in our communities were very grateful for the Christmas Hampers.

You show an inspiring spirituality and sense of justice, thank you!

As a result of lockdown and the subsequent restrictions during the pandemic, we have missed the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. I would like to invite you now to think about if you feel called to receive this Sacrament.

If you could think about it and talk it over with your families, after the half term holiday we will ask you to let us know if you are interested in preparing for and receiving this Sacrament.

Do you feel ready to renew and affirm your love, faith and commitment in following the Lord?

I look forward to hearing from you.

God bless you,

Fr Mark

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