

A Parent's Letter to The Forum School

Dear Principal,

Following an extremely challenging and unprecedented year, we would like to sincerely thank you and all your amazing staff for continuing to provide the high standard of education and care to our son.

It has not been an easy time for anyone, but we would like to pay tribute to you all, for your commitment in carrying on with new ways of working and helping the students to adjust to new routines.

We were impressed to see how well you have adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic, doing things very differently whilst not detracting from the enjoyment of the young people, especially during their Christmas celebrations! We know a lot of thought, planning and preparation went into putting events together and we loved seeing the photos and video clips posted on the school Facebook page.

On a personal note, we would like to mention the impact you have all had on our son, over this past year and previously. At the start of the pandemic, we took the decision for our son to remain at home, mainly due to family circumstances and the fact that little was known regarding the virus at the time. It was a difficult time for us all and we know that you, as a school, were adjusting to new ways to ensure everyone's safety.

The introduction of Zoom sessions from the Therapy Team, daily online lessons with Lucy, and chats with his peers helped our son feel in touch. It very much boosted his morale and helped him to engage more at home whilst feeling part of the school.

On return to College, he settled well and in time regained his confidence and self-esteem. He tells us he loves learning and is happy at The Forum School. He feels safe there, thoroughly enjoying his work experience and is looking towards his choices for the future.

We are so proud of the young man he is evolving into! The challenges we have all faced this year have most certainly had an impact on him and your support has made him more resilient.

Once again, a massive THANK YOU to you all; nothing has been too much trouble. The Forum School stands head and shoulders above all other schools we have encountered. We look forward to a time when you are able to let parents back into school, so we are able to pass on our thanks to you all personally.

