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Dear Mark,

The Duke of Edinburgh has asked me to write and convey his gratitude to you and all your colleagues following His Royal Highness's visit to Portland College last week. Thank you for hosting The Duke of Edinburgh on the day and for organising such a brilliant visit.

His Royal Highness was delighted to have the opportunity to return to Portland and witness what has been achieved since his previous visit in 2004. The Duke of Edinburgh very much enjoyed meeting your students and seeing the positive difference that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is making in their lives. I know His Royal Highness was also touched and impressed by how quickly you were able to organise a new plaque for the opening of your Newstart Theatre and Sports Hall – which will go down in history as the first to be unveiled with The Duke of Edinburgh's new title.

His Royal Highness is mindful that his visit required a great deal of planning and has asked that his thanks be extended to everyone who worked hard on the preparations. Please give our special thanks to all of your staff who helped ensure things went smoothly on the day, as well as your students for giving The Duke of Edinburgh such a warm welcome.

His Royal Highness sends you his best wishes for the future.

Kindest regards,

Jason

Jason Keen
Assistant Private Secretary to TRH The Duke & Duchess of Edinburgh