



Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls and especially Year 6, welcome to our Leaver's service. I am Scott and I have been the Head boy throughout this year.

I have been at this school since I was three years old and I would like to share with you my experiences and what learning at St Mary's has meant to me.

There were times when I felt that I was not very clever. St Mary's has helped me in many ways to discover who I am and what I want to become. I now have achieved really well and I know that everyone in this class has worked hard and has done really well also.

So how did this happen? The staff have encouraged me, pushed me and taken me out of my box. They have made me feel like I can achieve great things. My confidence has grown from a shy young boy to a happy person who wants to do well in everything. I felt like I was a pencil that hadn't been drawn! All my friends have supported me and I hope they will do so in the future! My friendship has become stronger in every passing moment. Mrs Day has always been joyful and always found a way to make me happy, Mrs Chapman has been a constant source of encouragement with her positive attitude. Miss Loy got me into music and taught me things I didn't expect to learn. Mrs Neale has given a second language so I feel freer to go places in the world. I would like to thank all of the staff who have helped me and all of my year 6 friends. The staff at St Mary's really do go the extra mile.

So what have I learned during my time at St Mary's? In the Robin Hood play which we performed this week there was a line which said 'from little acorns to big oak trees grow' which really inspired me. I hope like me you have grown more aware of who you are and you feel able to go to secondary school prepared and ready for new challenges. I have loved the trips like,

my quarry visit blowing up rocks, to my amazing London trip to the Houses of Parliament. The London trip not only taught me to understand politics more, but it gave me a new outlook on life. It made me realise there is a bigger world out there than Kirkby Lonsdale which needs to be explored. So I say to my fellow Year 6 friends take risks, think differently like Tim Peake – look at the world from a different perspective.

George Sanders said ‘Success is like a mountain that grows ahead of you as you hike’. Life is not always going to be easy but we need to find something in us that helps us persevere, the hard work will be worth it! St Mary’s has taught me this and I hope you believe it too.

So I would like to finally thank:

- My family and friends for always being there for me,
- The teachers and staff for teaching me things I thought I’d never learn
- And also wish my Year 6 family a great life in the future, just don’t give up, there is always a way.

Thankyou for listening to my speech and I hope it has your perspective of St Mary’s.