

Dear Principal, Vice Principals, teachers, students, graduating classes, ladies and gentlemen!

I feel very honoured and privileged to get this opportunity to talk to you now. I don't want to say mere phrases. I wanted to tell you something from heart, so here it is. I love you my friends. At first, I wanted to make you all cry, but now I'm afraid I'll burst into tears myself.

Dear classmates! I did some research. I found out that each of us spent 943 days in school. Or OK, it might not have been 943 days in school, but let's face it: our attendance was nowhere near as frequent as this. But let's say we spent 700 days together. It's 4200 hours, more than 250'000 minutes. I want to thank you for this time we spent together, for every minute. We learnt from each other, we inspired each other, and together we helped relieve this horrible suffering. Because sometimes it was like in prison, really. We've been seeing each other every day for 5 years. We talked to each other, listened to each other. We passed some tests, we failed some tests. We were laughing and crying. I want to thank you for this wonderful time. Now, it's hard to say, but it's over.

I would like to thank everyone who helped us make it here. Our parents did a good job. Unfortunately, they are not here today; but there's another group of people with whom we spent nearly as much time as at our homes.

Dear teachers! You're so lucky you could have taught such smart students. Yeah, really. You only tried to keep our genius secret, that's why we had the worst average grade of all classes. I want to thank you. You taught us a lot. Thank you for everything. It will be very hard for us to say goodbye. But we do not want to say goodbye. You know why? Because you became our friends. The people we were once afraid of turned into the people we admire, people we talk to, people we laugh with, people we chat with, people we go out with. Thank you for everything. Now, being a teacher is not only a job, it's a lifelong mission and vocation. We realize we may not have always been respectful, attentive, or eager to learn – thank you for your effort. I want to wish you the determination, keep trying, keep teaching, keep raising future generations, because the effort is worth it.

Dear fellow students! First of all, let me thank you for the generous offerings. God bless you; we got some money, we got some food today, we got some bread. And we found also these keys. So a quick message for the owner: there's the cashier, the price is 5€, alright? But I have a message to tell you. You know, Harry Potter a great movie series. I haven't read the books, I'm sorry. But I've watched the 4th part – The Goblet of Fire recently. One scene struck me. At the end of the movie, Harry talks to Dumbledore, and Dumbledore says to him this: "Dark and difficult times lie ahead. Soon we must all face the choice between what is right and what is easy. But remember this, you have friends here. You're not alone."

Dumbledore knew what he was talking about. The first part – dark and difficult times lie ahead – is clearly meant for the future medicine students. I'm sorry to say this, but that's how the saying goes. But then we must all face the choice between what is right and what is easy. I want to encourage you not to take the easier option. Sometimes you may feel that you want something but you're put off simply because it seems too difficult and dangerous. My advice is to dare. Dare to try. Take the first step. Don't just follow the crowd of lazy people. Don't follow anyone. Take me for example, I don't even follow music when I'm dancing; my classmates witnessed it at our Stuzkova. It was fun right? So just dare and be curious. Because not having an answer is not embarrassing, it's an opportunity.

Now, listen carefully, because it took us five years to understand this. Finally, we found the closest friends but we have to leave. We're soon going to scatter all around the country, all around the Europe. But we understood this: you can learn any knowledge you want, you can go to Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard, or no matter what place. But what really matters is the people around. I was so lucky to have found these people here. Really, we made some lifelong friendships here during our time together whether it's friends, classmates, or teachers. Thank you all. And for the younger students: just enjoy your time here, enjoy your time together. It will be over soon.

Everyone, remember as Dumbledore put it. However you feel, remember: You have friends here. You're not alone.

Thank you!