These are the reasons why we have great faith in each of you.

**Aliyah**, we love your independent spirit, your curiosity, your insatiable appetite for learning and dedication to excellence.

**Ailin,** we love and admire your amazing musical ability, your quiet helpfulness and your creative artistry.

**Lauren,** we love your deep sense of place, your subtle sense of humor, your kindness and your quiet grace.

**Taylor**, we love your humility and strength, your open-heartedness and your knack for pulling out the best in yourself and others.

**Nevaeh**, we love your confidence, your genuineness, your ability to build strong relationships and your rich understanding of human nature.

**Sophia Sansano**, we love your buoyant, cheerful spirit, and the way you motivate and encourage others through thick and thin; your angelic voice lifts our hearts and minds.

**Charlene**, we love how you dream equity into being; you unite compassion with courage and a strong work ethic, to make the world more humane and just.

**Joy**, you were appropriately named at birth and when we think about you we think of all the joy you bring to our lives; we love your eloquence, elegance, wonderful baked goods and good humor.

**Alle**, we love how you imagine what isn’t here and engineer it into being, you are an inventor and an innovator.

**Jordan**, we love your brave heart, your strong will, your self-discipline, your razor focus and your courage to lead.

**Emily Hinrichs**, we love your perseverance, your independence, your grit and your adventurous spirit.

**Abby**, we relish your exuberant optimism, your inquiring mind, your scientific know-how and your pioneering spirit.

**Chloe**, we love how you navigate the world and life; your intelligence, cleverness and strong, persevering spirit are admirable.

**Erin**, we love your deep reflective wisdom, your creative individuality, your integrity, and your can-do attitude.

**Lilia**, we love your passion, your discerning mind, your compelling writing and your willingness to lead.

**Kiana**, we love your keen insights about the world, and the unique creative artistry that you bring to all that you do.

**Rachel**, we love how you exude love, kindness and compassion. You have faith in the goodness that resides in everyone you greet.

**Brianne**, we love your serene and peaceful nature, your genuine goodness and your willingness to work hard to reach your dreams.

**Maddie**, we love your rich sense of humor, you are steady and steadfast, grounded in who you are and wise beyond your years.

**Sofia Zarella**, we love your free spirit, honesty and candor and your sophisticated understanding of yourself and others.

**Tiana**, we love your creative artistic expression, your thoughtful demeanor and gentle, calm nature.

**Kamryn**, we love your delightful dry wit, your uplifting singing voice, your courage and your gift in creating beautiful spaces.

**Tracy**, we love your curiosity, kindness, and quiet determination; your humility inspires us.

**Anika**, we love your independence, your incredible linguistic talents and your wonderful sense of adventure.

**Kelli**, we love your deep analytical thinking, your beautiful poetry and your insightful artistry.

**Emily Kurth**, we love your kind and helpful nature, your unwavering positive spirit and your keen intellect.

Class of 2018, you are all of this and more. We can’t wait to see where you go and what you do with your Priory education and the many qualities you developed here and now take into the world.

We love your good hearts and minds and have faith in your ability to lead.

The world is such a better place because each of you are in it!

Like Nemo – just keep swimming and always carry with you Queen Emma’s legacy of faith, loving kindness and leadership.

Thank you and may God bless you.