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ENCYCLICAL OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP GREGORIOS OF THYATEIRA AND GREAT BRITAIN ON
THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

To the Reverend Clergy and Deacons, Honourable Presidents of the Ecclesiastical Committees, Auxiliary Associations and School Committees, the Parents and the Children of the School of the Greek-Orthodox Communities and Educational Associations of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain and Ireland.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

On the occasion of the end of the school year 2017-2018, I extend my warm and heartfelt greetings of love, respect and gratitude to all those who have worked this year for the smooth functioning of the schools and the dissemination of the Greek-Orthodox Tradition to the New Generation of the Greek-Orthodox Diaspora in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

I am well aware and conscious of the pains and struggle of every teacher but also of that of parents for the upbringing and the education of their children and their students. For this reason, I warmly congratulate and appeal to each one of you for the renewal of the zeal and care for the Community Schools with the participation of new people in their administration and the financial support by the businessmen and other affluent members of our Diaspora.

My thanks and congratulations go to all those men and women who support and maintain Daytime and Evening Community Schools through their actual and active love for the. May the Lord support and bless your sacred struggle. The value of Education and Training helps us get to know ourselves better, to praise God, to love and honour our fellow human beings, those in Authority, the Elderly, parents and teachers, the Clergy, the Benefactors and all of those who help us learn God's letters and bow with reverence before the work of Creation, which God fashioned in His wisdom. It is worth remembering always that lack of respect for Parents, those in Authority and brothers in need betrays ignorance, lack of sophistication and a want of civility.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Greek State and the Republic of Cyprus which strongly support in many ways the Greek-Orthodox Education of the Diaspora of the United Kingdom and Ireland. I wish to stress, through this letter, the presence of many students who, along with their parents, have settled in this hospitable Country during the recent years and who enrich the Greek-Orthodox Diaspora in many ways by means of their presence and interest in common affairs.

I congratulate each and every one of you for the indefatigable efforts you have made for the benefit of the Greek-Orthodox Education. In particular, I extend my greetings and congratulations to all the children who have been successful at the examinations for the Greek Language Learning certificate, and GCSE and A levels in Modern Greek. I wish you all even greater successes in the future and, I pray for you and your families. Wishing you all a good Summer and peaceful holidays and the angel of the Lord will watch over your steps, I remain with warm wishes and love in the Lord and honour.

London, July 2018

Archbishop Gregorios
of Thyateira and Great Britain

Note: To be read from the Pulpit on Sunday 8 or 15 July instead of a Sermon