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Dear Poppy,

I'm writing because I wanted to thank you for being a part of my life and to let you know what that meant to a seventeen year old, out of home, not on the greatest terms with her parents and as a very confused year 12 student.

To be honest when the opportunity for a mentorship came up I was at first reluctant to let someone else into my life. I was unsure of what sort of relationship would evolve with my mentor and how it would change my life. When I met you however we clicked straight away, you were nothing like my preconceptions of what a mentor would be. Bubbly, genuine and clearly very strong and I liked how upfront you were with me.

As I came to know you, some of the things that I appreciated most was the positive support and attitude I received, no matter how many cancelled meetings or how little progress I believed I had made. Also the suggested solutions to whatever life or schooling problems I was experiencing. It is quite different to receive advice from someone you can tell practices what she preaches with great success in her own life rather than hear repetitive recommendations from teachers who you don't have a bond with.

You also constantly encouraged me to be proactive, to keep on track with my schooling, career and future, as well as helping me see outside my personal problems, especially regarding my relationship with my family.

Just being around someone with such enormous passion, work ethic, and who has overcome so much was really positive for me and you still awe and inspire me.

Most of all I appreciate the way you always made time for me and still do. So I just wanted to say thank you for everything during one of the most important years of my life, you were definitely one of my stabilising factors, and to wish you success and all the best in the future. I hope we still keep in touch.

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