

“Thank you”, by Abigail Smith, read by Abi

Its difficult for me to say everything I want to say in a single letter, or in front of everyone, but here we go.

Dear Matt,

Thank you for answering all my question calls and prank calls.

Thank you for all your science books, your anime models, your dinosaur tapes, your glow-in-the-dark stars.

Thank you for being my role model, even though I might not have let you know it.

Thank you for being proud to be, in your words and mine, a “nerd”.

Thank you for making me lol, even if I was feeling meh.

Thank you for folding your pyjamas.

Thank you for singing, especially the high notes.

Thank you for making space ship and laser noises when we were young.

Thank you for never wearing brands, and for always wearing ties.

Thank you for Star Trek, Doctor Who, Babylon5, Battle Star Galactica and all the others.

Thank you for all the anime we watched together, this was an interest we both shared.

Thank you for jogging round the block with me.

Thank you for your love of shiny things, buttons, machines and technology.

Thank you for being my walking encyclopaedia, and not minding.

Thank you for counting my presents with me at Christmas.

Thank you for rubbing your knees when talking with enthusiasm.

Thank you for crinkling your nose up to keep your glasses in the right place.

Thank you for being so unique, I was always so keen to talk about you to my friends.

Thank you for your intelligence and awareness, you always provided me with an avenue to a more sophisticated and knowledgeable universe

Thank you for being so kind and loving.

Thank you for growing up with me.

Thank you for putting up with me.

Thank you for being my brother.

I can't promise I'll stop watching “rubbish telly”.

I can't promise I'll eventually start using and updating all the applications on my mac.

I can't promise a lot of things, but I can promise I'll try.

I'll try to recycle more,

I'll try to buy more Big Issues,

I'll try to learn more.

I'll try to be a better person,

I may not have shown it, but I have always been, and will always be so, so proud of you Matt. In my eyes, you were going to change the world.

You are my brother.

I love you so much. We all do.

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