Hello

I know that may have be an abnormally formal way to start a letter to a friend. To be fair though writing a letter to a friend, especially at our age, is already abnormally formal so I doubt it matters too much how I start it. I feel like at this stage I'm just writing my stream of consciousness and I've only just started so I'm just going to move on.

I know this is a bit of a deviation from how I, and almost everyone else, gives gifts to people that live a short driving distance away. But I figured this might come as more of a surprise than if I were to do the first time we've met in person since December.

Essentially, I just wanted to give a small congratulatory gift, for both your birthday and for finishing college. That's a serious achievement, finishing college is pretty good too. That goof was so good I put it in both your letter and Dyl's letter. For real though congrats! I only had to do half a year during a pandemic, I can't imagine having to do a year and a half. You deserve any and all praise you get for getting through it. Well done!

I wanted to end this with a paragraph addressed to both of you, hence why it is repeated in both letters.

Before I begin, here's a link to a video of a head chef explaining how to prevent mold building on cheese:
https://youtu.be/7FJ1yEUurcE

You may need it after reading this final paragraph.

I know I've said this before but it makes me happy to surprise loved ones with random gifts. And so, I did think about waiting until you both came over to give it in person. But I think the reason I love it isn't because I see their reaction, its more just because it brightens their day. And whether I'm there or not, if this has that intended effect then that's good enough for me :D