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Dear Longdendale Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am delighted to introduce myself as the newly appointed Head of School for Longdendale High School for September 2024.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the school community in this capacity and would like to take this opportunity to recognise and celebrate the work that Andrea Jones has done for the Longdendale community over the last 22 years. As part of the handover, I will be working at the school, every Wednesday, starting after the May half term break.

I believe in a values-driven education, where respect, resilience, and aspiration are not just words, but guiding principles that shape every aspect of our school culture. It is crucial that we equip our children not only with academic knowledge but also with the values they need to thrive as successful global citizens. Respect for oneself and others lays the foundation for strong relationships. Resilience teaches our children to bounce back from setbacks, to persevere in the face of challenges. Aspiration fuels the fire of ambition, inspiring our children to dream big, to set goals, and to work tirelessly to achieve them.

As your new Head of School, my mission is to continue to build on the culture of excellence and ambition for all. I am deeply committed to ensuring that every child who walks through the doors of Longdendale has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Together with our dedicated staff, I will ensure the school provides a supportive and nurturing environment where every child feels valued, challenged, and inspired to succeed.

I believe that excellence is not a destination but a journey, and that our collective commitment to continuous improvement is what sets us apart as a school community. With your support and partnership, I am confident that we can achieve great things together and empower our children to become the compassionate, courageous, and capable leaders of tomorrow.

I am eager to meet with you and to embark on this exciting journey together. My door is always open, and I welcome your thoughts, ideas, and feedback as we work together to build a brighter future for our children.

I will be in contact before the end of the academic year to outline the first week of the new school year.

Kind regards,



Michael Chiles
Head of School