



Mr Hulley
Head of Year

Newsletter

Year 8

Dear Families and Students,

At the risk of sounding a little repetitive, it's hard to believe another academic year is drawing to a close! The time seems to have flown by again for the Class of 2026, and they stand on the verge of entering their third year at Longdendale, which seems surreal!

Yet again, I've been so pleased and proud at the approach of the year group: I'm sure they'll tell you that I use the word 'standards' a lot! But they've really taken on board the importance of maintaining the high standards of conduct and behaviour they set when they were in Year 7, and I've no doubt they'll continue to work hard to keep the bar high as they progress in to Year 9.

All the achievements and successes of our students couldn't be done without your support and I'd like to thank you again for the positive working relationships you've developed with the school over the last two years: it's greatly appreciated. I'm also really grateful to all the staff that have supported Year 8, not only in their extra-curricular endeavours, but their academic ones too. We have a fantastic team who have encouraged the year group to set the bar really high, in particular our Year 8 Team: Miss Stephenson, Mr Boardman, Mr Mirfin, Miss Winkler, Miss Woods, Miss Hulston, and Mr Williams have all been instrumental in making this another excellent year for the Class of 2026.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming the students back as Year 9 in September.

It has been another fantastic year for 8A, who have been involved in a whole host of positive news stories. Sadly, this will be the last tutor report I write for 8A as I start a new role in September, but I have loved every minute of working with them, and I am so proud of the group they are. I have no doubt that they will continue on their successful journey, and I am glad to say that I was a part of it.

Mr Boardman - 8A
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8S have completed two years at Longdendale and it's hard to believe how fast it's gone. Well done to you all on your hard work and effort this year – it's been a pleasure to watch you all continue to progress.

Good luck in Year 9!

Mr Mirfin - 8S
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8P, where have two years gone already! You have had a brilliant year, continuing to be respectful and aspiring to be the best students you can be. I hope you enjoy a well deserved rest ready to begin your time at Longdendale as a Year 9 student, ready to decide on your GCSE subjects.

Miss Winkler - 8P
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It's been such a pleasure to get to know 8I this year. Although we're a small tutor group, the students have all worked really hard at building our attendance and the number of achievement points we get. I'm really proud of them all for their hard work and I'm looking forward to seeing 8I refreshed and ready in September! Have a great summer.

Miss Woods - 8I
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8R have had another successful year at Longdendale and continue to make me proud every day! They have arrived at school equipped for learning, dressed smartly and are kind to each other every day. From their participation in extra-curricular activities to awards they have won, it is lovely to see my tutor group succeed. Have an enjoyable and fun-filled summer 8R!

Miss Hulston - 8R
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What an amazing year 2022 -23 was. Successes beyond belief. Then we won the Holy Grail. They all said we would never do it, but after coming close last year we did it....8E won the SAUSAGE BUTTY for winning the Attendance league. It took careful planning and a team of dedicated students, all at the top of their game. Have a great summer 8E, then we go again.

Mr Williams - 8E
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Peer Transition Mentoring

Many students in Year 8 have also lent themselves to being supportive and caring of others. In May, Lucy, Evie, Alice, Dawn, Archie, Daniel, Angelina, Dexter, Sammy and Lily-Jade all undertook some training to develop peer mentoring skills: as part of their training they put together hampers full of treats for staff, that were very much enjoyed (especially by myself!). Their peer mentoring training led these students in to welcoming our new Year 7 intake on their induction days: it's so encouraging to see how these students really stepped up to support others, and their conscientious nature is something they should all be really proud of.



Chester Zoo & Cinema Trip

We started the year off at Chester Zoo with a reward trip that was both fun and dramatic with torrential rain and tigers being an interesting combination! But it was amazing to hear staff at the zoo compliment our students on their friendliness and manners.

Our visit to The Light Cinema at Christmas was also a great opportunity to reward the students that deserved recognition for their work in the first term, and I'm hoping to make this a bit of an annual Christmas tradition for the year group.



Athletics Success

Back in March, Brynna, Lois, Lily-Jade, Annie, Ellie, Nicola and Imogen competed in the local Indoor Athletics Competition, where they finished second – another really notable achievement. More recently, Lily-Jade continued to impress as she finished with a gold medal in discus at the Tameside Athletics Championships. Also competing was Niamh, who I'm really pleased to say brought home another gold medal, this time in the high jump. Sam impressed too, winning bronze in the 200m.



Girls' Football

Sunny helped to raise awareness of Girls' Football Day in November, and the promotion of girls' football in school in general: Sunny's work really paid off in the long term as the girls' football team won a tournament at Alder High School back in May. Well done to Brynna, Lily-Jade, Lucy and Sunny, who contributed to the team's success.



Extra-Curricular

Outside of school, Brynna is part of KDA Dance Academy: in late July, she'll be involved in a show of reputable standard – good luck, Brynna! Tallulah continues to be a success as a jockey, having won two races recently, in Scotland and at Haydock and is preparing to progress to an even more challenging standard, whilst Isaac karts for the British Go Karting Team and has enjoyed plenty of racing success.