



Mr Paradiuk
Head of Year

Newsletter

Year 9

Dear Families and Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all students in Year 9 for what has been an amazing year. We started the year with our postponed rewards trip to Alton Towers and even though the weather wasn't in our favour, the students were brilliant with their attitudes and showed how responsible and grown up they are.

We've had many sporting events, including the Year 9 Boys Football team who got to the final of yet another Manchester United Tournament and the Tameside Cross Country students who were amazing in their efforts on a freezing cold morning back in December. We've had the Tameside Athletics competition recently where we came away with medals in some of the running events, a big well done to Nathan and Eva, who finished in the medal positions in their events.

We've had some brilliant representation in the Music Gig, the 80s Night and the Dance Production. The students who performed were incredible. We also had a fantastic turnout for Parents' Evening and the IAG meetings, which was the opportunity for students to speak to their teachers about what options to go with for their GCSEs and I would like to thank all the parents and carers that attended these evenings.

And finally, I would like to say how proud I am of Year 9 and how you have conducted yourselves this year. You have shown a huge improvement in the resilience and, professionalism you've shown and the maturity you are starting to show day to day. You have coped with me every morning during the line ups and you've been amazing in assemblies and lessons. You have taken on board everything I've been asking of you and you've done it with such respect.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break, please stay safe and I will see you when you return as Year 10.

Well done to 9A for being such an amazing tutor group this year. It's been an absolute pleasure to see you all growing up and rising to the challenges of the year. I am proud that so many of you have taken the opportunities that are available to you in sport and the arts. Keep up the hard work and thank you all for being a smart, funny and slightly weird form!

Ms Kerfoot - 9A
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From the start of this year, you have demonstrated outstanding qualities that have made me proud to be your form tutor. Your good behaviour has been commendable, with every one of you showcasing politeness, diligence, and responsibility. I want to wish each and every one of you a fantastic break. Take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy yourselves.

Mr Marsh - 9S
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Well done to those in 9P who have displayed our core values and had a positive attitude to tutor time. Lots of you work hard, are polite and make the right choices day in and day out and you are a credit to the school and make me proud.

Have a lovely summer holidays.

Mrs Harley - 9P
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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate 9I on a successful year at Longdendale. They have for the second time in succession won the Year 9 attendance league which is a great achievement. I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, relaxed summer and I look forward to seeing you come back ready to start your GCSEs in September.

Mr Murtagh - 9I
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I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as the tutor of 9R, and look forward to guiding them through Year 10. 9R have been fantastic throughout tutor time and PSHE sessions and have continually shown maturity and a positive attitude. It has also been encouraging to see the increase in achievement points awards this term, let's make sure we're top of the pile for achievements in Year 10!

Mr Baxter-Smallwood - 9R
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Congratulations 9E for successfully navigating through KS3 at Longdendale! We have consistently been the best performing form group in terms of achievement points, and certain students have worked hard improving their attendance. Have a fantastic summer and let's continue striving forward into Year 10.

Mr Millbrook - 9E
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Sporting Achievements

There have been some brilliant opportunities this year for our Year 9s to take part in our sporting events. We've had another Manchester United Tournament which is a fantastic opportunity for our teams to play against the best schools around Manchester and to perform in front of scouts at Manchester United's training facility.

We've also had the Tameside Cross Country and Tameside Athletics this year, which saw some of our athlete's winning medals in their events against some really tough competitors. Well Done!



Trips

We had our postponed trip to Alton Towers back in September, where our students got a little bit wet but had an amazing time. Students were very professional and responsible and had the day to walk around with their friends and have an experience that some haven't had before.

We've also had trips to Ashton Sixth Form College and Leeds University, where a selected group of our students took part in some workshops that would give them a taste of what life after school will be like. The feedback we received from the facilitators was amazing.

Some of our students have been spending the last week of school in London on an English trip. The students were really well behaved and represented our school with such maturity and respect. The students and staff had a brilliant time and this was a trip that they will always remember.



Extra-Curricular Events

We have had many extra-curricular events where our Year 9 cohort have been heavily involved.

We've had amazing performances in Drama, the Music Concerts, Year 11 Presentation Evening and the 80s Night.

A huge well done to all those students who have shown **aspiration, resilience** and **respect** to perform in these very challenging and demanding shows.

A massive well done!

