

# Newsletter

*Induction 2023*

## A message from the Head of Year 7

It has been an absolute pleasure to meet our new students today as they joined us on a transition day from their primary schools.

Year 6 - As you embark on the start of your journey at Longdendale, it has been great to see you meeting your form teachers and getting to know your new classmates. I have seen a fantastic amount of positivity and kindness displayed by you today.

As your Head of Year, I am really looking forward to seeing you grow and develop in the years ahead. There will be so many opportunities to take part in all sorts of activities at Longdendale and I hope the enthusiasm you have shown today is something you will continue to display during your time here.

I would like to wish all our new students and their families a very happy summer holidays. I look forward to getting to know you all better when you join us as our Year 7 in September!



**Mr Boardman**  
Head of Year 7

## Welcome...

Peer Mentors from Year 7 and 8 met our new students as they arrived into school ready to begin their Longdendale journey. After an assembly with Mr Boardman, our excited tutor groups got the opportunity to meet each other and have a quick look around the school. After break it was back into the classroom where the students completed activities exploring their understanding of diversity. The day concluded with celebration, all the children were called out individually by the headteacher, Mrs Jones, to receive their Longdendale tie. We now consider the Class of 2028 to be part of our Longdendale family.



*“The class of 2028 have demonstrated our core values of Respect, Resilience and Aspiration during their transition day. I am so proud that they will be joining our Longdendale community and can’t wait to see them again in September.”*

*Mrs Willis, Director of Primary Liaison and Transition*

## Our Values...

We have introduced our school values to the new students and have been really impressed with how they have already demonstrated Respect, Resilience and Aspiration in everything they have done throughout the day.



## Peer Transition Mentors

Our Peer Transition Mentors from Year 7 and 8 have really enjoyed meeting the Class of 2028 today.

Over the past few months, these students have undertaken training through the PIE (Pursuing Individual Excellence) programme. They led an action-packed day for some of the Year 6 children in June and have enjoyed helping all of the students today as they have settled into their tutor groups.

It was great to see the interaction between current students and new and hopefully our new intake will recognise some familiar faces amongst the students when they start in September.



*"It has been lovely to meet the new Year 7s; they have been fantastic. They have started well and I'm sure they will continue to thrive and be successful. I'm looking forward to the next five years with them on their Longdendale journey."*

*Mrs Jones, Headteacher of Longdendale High School*

## Parent Drop in

If there are any questions you'd like to ask before your child starts with us in September, join us on **21st August** for our parent drop in session.

A team of staff will be on hand to speak with parents/carers and offer tours of the school. Pre-loved, affordable uniform will be available to purchase and refreshments (tea, coffee and cake) will be provided.

No appointment is necessary - just drop in on the day between **10am - 2pm**.



## Summer Activity Camp

**Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd August**

We are offering a two day summer activity camp for our new Year 7 students. This is a great opportunity for students to meet others in their year group and have fun.

Students will be able to take part in games, sports, song writing, treasure hunts, making and creating, parachute and relay games, poetry, word games and more.

We ask that parents contribute £15 towards the cost of the two-day experience. Places on the camp are limited. To secure your child a place log-on to ParentPay and confirm your permission and payment.

## Reading over the Summer

Please encourage your child to continue to read. All the evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment (exam success).

Recommended reads in Year 7 include:

- Artichoke Hearts by Sita Brahmachari
- Kick by Mitch Johnson
- War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
- The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
- The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper
- Wolf by Gillian Cross
- The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland
- Boy and Going Solo by Roald Dahl
- Across the Barricades by Joan Lingard

## Save the Date!

**Thursday 21st September 2023:**

*Welcome to Year 7 Parent/Carer meeting*

Meet your child's Form Tutor to discuss how they are settling in at school and learn more about the Year 7 curriculum.