

Newsletter

Year 8

Dear Families,

The Class of 2026 have another term at Longdendale under their belts, and, unsurprisingly, have continued to impress us all, starting off from where they left off at the end of Year 7.

I'm sure when the new year arrives, Year 8 will continue to go from strength to strength. The year group have always set a very high standard and they really seem to respond positively to a challenge: I look forward to seeing them raise the bar again next term.

It goes without saying that the continuing progress the year group are making couldn't be achieved without the excellent work of the Year 8 form tutors and pastoral team who have been an amazing source of support for the students in their tutor groups, and I'd like to thank them for their continued hard work.

I would, of course, like to thank you all too for your support in encouraging the Class of 2026 to be the best versions of themselves: the support of families is invaluable to Longdendale and is a pivotal factor in helping the school to continue to develop. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday.



Mr Hulley - Head of Year 8

8A have carried on from their fantastic first year at Longdendale and are now starting to mature into brilliant young students. I have no doubts how successful everyone in 8A is going to be at Longdendale if they continue to keep working the way they are doing. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year feeling refreshed and refocused!

Mr Boardman - 8A
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Well done for making such a great start to the year 8S. Together we have received over 1,800 achievement points and we're only a third through the year.

I'm so pleased with how you've all started this year and I can't wait to see you all after the holidays. Have a very Happy Christmas!

Mr Mirfin - 8S
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You have all remained as passionate and as focused as you were in Year 7 so well done! I'd like to congratulate Brynna, Lois and Alice for their outstanding contributions to Longdendale; always getting involved in school activities and going above and beyond. 8P, you are doing a brilliant job so far! Now enjoy a well-deserved break - Merry Christmas!

Miss Winkler - 8P
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8I have settled really well into Year 8. They are doing well in terms of attendance and achievement points, which is testament to the group because they're the smallest tutor group in Year 8! They have also been heavily involved in charity appeals this year which sums up their conscientious and caring personalities! Have a nice Christmas!

Miss Hamilton - 8I
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You have made a fantastic start to Year 8! We have had sporting successes already and I constantly hear positive comments about your conduct and participation in lessons. You are consistently prepared for learning and are attentive and positive in tutor times. You all deserve a fantastic Christmas and I wish you all the best for 2023! ¡Feliz Navidad!

Miss Hulston - 8R
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What a fantastic term we have had at the start of your studies in Year 8. 8E have shown fantastic resilience and respect in all they do. Each and every day they present themselves in a professional manner with the correct uniform and equipment, ready to learn. All the very best at this festive time of year.

Mr Williams - 8E
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PE Activities

Our PE team have continued to offer plenty of additional opportunities to the year group with recent successes in football where the boys team has progressed to the quarter finals of the local cup competition and in cross country several students competed at East Cheshire Harriers – well done to all those involved.



Key Dates for Year 8

Below are some of our upcoming events. Please look out for further information about these on the school website.

31st March 2023

Term 2 Subject Reports/Data will be shared with families

27th April 2023

Year 8 Parents' Evening (Remote Appointments)

30th June 2023

Term 3 Subject Reports/Data will be shared with families

Week Commencing 17th July 2023

Summer Reward Trip, Sports Day – Dates TBC

Chester Zoo

After the bizarrely hot weather in July, our reward trip was moved to the end of September, where we had Chester Zoo largely to ourselves...due to torrential rain! Despite this, those that attended the trip represented the school impeccably, with Chester Zoo staff complimenting us on the way our students conducted themselves: yet another proud moment for me as their Head of Year. The bat cave seemed to be the most popular attraction, judging by the fact I was called there more times than Batman to supervise groups bravely walking through!

Lego Club

A deservedly special mention to Dexter in 8A, who has worked tirelessly to run a Lego club during break times. After initially starting with a handful of students attending, the club is now one of our best attended extra-curricular activities, reflecting the effort and commitment Dexter has demonstrated in providing students with a space to enjoy socialising and discovering a new pastime.



Literacy Leaders

I'm really pleased to have seen the number of students involved in a variety of whole-school initiatives. Amongst those are our literacy leaders – well done to both Annie in 8E and Brynna in 8P for committing themselves to support the school in continuing to build on the excellent work Miss Walker has done in coordinating our approaches to literacy.