

# Newsletter

*Year 9*

## Dear Families and Students,

We have come to the end of another term at Longdendale, and I would like to thank students for all their hard work and effort they have put in to their studies. Some of which have earned an end of term reward trip or in school reward, that I hope they fully enjoy.

I am so pleased with the way the entire year group has responded positively to the new challenges of being in Year 9 and the start of their journey into Key Stage 4 and the beginning of their GCSEs. I would like to thank families for your continued support of school, ensuring students are in school and in full uniform. We do need the continued support from home to ensure the great start our students have had, continues for the rest of the year, to set our students up with the best possible chance to succeed in Year 10 and 11.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and families a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. I hope you all get to see friends and family and end the year with a smile!



*Mr Paradiuk*  
*Head of Year 9*



## Christmas Concert

On Tuesday the 13th December, some of our Year 9s participated in our annual Christmas Concert. This was an amazing evening and was really well organised by Mr Marsh, who did a fantastic job as always. The students were brilliant and we had so much positive feedback about our Year 9 students and how confident they were. We definitely have some future stars! A big well done to Robyn, Sian, Aimee, Erin, Tristan, Emily, Tia, Lena, Dan, Nathan and Bentley.



## Sports Mentoring Programme

During this term we have had a small group of students take part in the Sports Mentoring Programme, which looks at taking a group of students to Astley Sports Village in Dukinfield, to take part in a fitness training programme over a number of weeks. This is something we put in place to improve behaviour, outcomes and attendance in Year 9 and 10. The students who have taken part in this have been fantastic and have gained a lot of experience of working towards goals, motivational skills and respect to members of the wider community. We have had some excellent feedback from many members of staff at Astley Sports Village and members of the local community.

## Alton Towers

It seems a long time ago now but Year 9s had their long awaited trip to Alton Towers this term, after it had been postponed at the end of the Summer Term due to the weather. This was a fantastic trip despite the awful weather we had to endure and the students had an amazing time. The long wait had paid off because the queues were much shorter, meaning the students got to experience more rides and had more time to venture around the theme park. We had such a good day and every single student represented the school so well. It really was a proud moment for all of the staff their to see the Year 9s so much more mature after the Summer break. We can't wait to go again already.

## Flip Out

The rewards trip this year was to Flip Out in Manchester. The criteria for this trip was focused around getting 100% attendance as well as showing outstanding behaviour in school. It was fantastic to be able to invite so many students, which shows that as a year group we are really maturing and are starting to take responsibility for our own success. The students really worked hard to be invited and they were a credit to the school on the day. The staff at Flip Out and on the coaches were impressed with the respect shown by our students. A big well done to all the students for meeting the criteria and a massive thank you for representing the school with such pride.



## Tameside Cross Country

The annual Tameside Cross Country competition at East Cheshire Harriers Athletics Club was held in December. All the schools across Tameside enter their strongest runners following trials within school. Our Year 9 team that turned out were really strong and we stood a really good chance of finishing in the higher places. This year we were lucky to avoid the torrential rain that December 2021 brought and we managed to perform to a really high standard. The PE staff were so impressed with the attitude, determination and professionalism our Year 9 students had shown. This was also a brilliant opportunity for some of our students to experience an event that may have been out of their comfort zone. A massive well done to Olivia, Cecilia, Riley, Rhiley, Fin, George and Nathan.



## Football Team

We were lucky enough to be invited again to participate in the Emerging Young Talent programme, that is run by Manchester United.

The students were outstanding in terms of their attitude, professionalism and teamwork. All the students involved represented the school with such pride and it was amazing to be a part of. Unfortunately, we didn't quite qualify for the Summer finals but came runners up, in what was a very close encounter. Alfie, Kieran, Oscar, Harvey, Fin, Matt, Ethan, Elliot, Archie and Christian should be really proud of themselves for the way they conducted themselves in front of the other schools, academy coaches and scouts.



## Key Dates for Year 9

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

**13th February 2023**

*Year 9 exams start*

**9th March 2023**

*Year 9 Parents' and Options Evening*

**14th March 2023**

*Year 9 Information, Advice and Guidance evening*

**15th March 2023**

*Dance production*