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Dear Families

This year has been one of the most challenging that we have ever had, especially for all of Year 7. The children had to start the year with no idea of what to expect after the usual induction days couldn't be completed, they were in separate bubbles away from their friends and were kept in their own separate area of school, just to sum up a few obstacles they've had to face. But despite these challenges it has been an incredible journey and every one of them has shown so much maturity and resilience and this has been recognised by myself and all of your teachers.

Looking forward, clubs and extra-curricular activities, moving around the school and using our usual canteen facilities are just around the corner. I can not wait to get the year group all back in September, so they can experience the full richness of secondary school as they begin your journey into teenage life.

Over the course of this year we have seen some amazing contributions both inside and outside of school, including; the learners who took part in the Empathy Project, the anti-bullying ambassadors, the Debate Club, all of our sports stars, our musicians and the learners who attended the creative writing and Science clubs, plus many more. It has been incredible to see so many of them making the school a better place and setting the professional attitude for the rest of the school and the Year 6 learners coming up in September.

The Year 7 teachers have given a lot of amazing feedback on the way they have conducted themselves this year and when they arrive back in September they will be our Year 8 cohort and they will be able to move around school away from their bubbles for the first time and they will be able to enjoy their lessons in the Music and Drama rooms, the Technology and Cooking rooms, as well as Art and the ICT spaces. It is going to be an exciting first few weeks and I hope that the enthusiasm Year 8 arrive with continues throughout the year.

The high level of professionalism that the students have set will continue with full uniform expected from the start. They can enjoy their six week break from me checking uniform every morning and telling you to tuck your shirts in on the corridor and providing them with school shoes when they have forgotten their own and they won't need to wear their face masks anymore which is a bonus.

We will keep the positive attitudes towards the school, your class work and with their teachers who regard them so highly. The students have set the standard this year, now they need to make sure that they are bettering themselves each day and that they achieve great things at Longdendale High School.

The students have been absolutely brilliant to work with this year in the most challenging of circumstances and I am so proud of each and every single one of them. Time has flown by with the isolations and home learning but we are ready to welcome you back after a well-deserved break in September as our new Year 8 group.

Take care this Summer and stay safe!

Mr Paradiuk

