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Dear families,

I would like to say a massive well done to all of Year 7 for your hard work and commitment over the last term. This has been such a challenging year for many reasons and you have coped extremely well and you should be so proud.

This last half term we have seen the return of extra-curricular clubs and the turn out from Year 7 has been amazing, which again shows their commitment and endeavour to be a success and how much they show pride in the school.

A significant change this year has been the introduction of the new behaviour policy. This has achieved a huge reduction in behaviour incidents and an increase in the achievement points gained by the students, I have to say another massive well done for that. Year 7 currently lie at the top of the leaderboard on both attendance and achievement points, which is a fantastic achievement for every single learner that has worked so hard to give themselves the best possible chance of being a success.

With only six school weeks left of being a Year 7 learner, this is now the time to keep up with the hard work and dedication to your lessons, impress your teachers with your positive attitudes and make your parents/carers and yourselves proud as we move towards Year 8!! Enjoy your well-earned rest.

I have provided you with a personal note from each of the Year 7 form tutors below:

**Mr Marsh 7A** - Well done 7A. You have done brilliantly since returning from Lockdown. So many pupils have picked up awards and badges that there are too many to list here. It's been great to see you getting involved in extra-curricular clubs including table tennis, debate club and the new music lessons that are about to begin.

The vast majority of pupils in 7A work hard every single lesson of every day and avoid any trouble. This is evident when I am able to reward you on Fridays with your tutor achievement points. Keep up your great attitude and endeavour. Year 8 will be even better!

**Miss English - 7S** The form have continued to be fantastic since coming back to school after remote learning. It has been great to see lots of you getting involved in all things extra-curricular, including Rounders club, Table Tennis club, Creative writing and the new debate club! I've also seen what a competitive and hardworking tutor group you are. As a tutor group you are always fully prepared for each day and I hear great things from your class teachers about how hard you are working. A huge well done Nathan, Charlotte D, Dan and Eva who have the most achievement points. Looking back to your first day at Longdendale I am so proud of what you have all achieved. Keep on being fabulous 7S!

**Miss Penn – 7P** This has been a great term for 7P! Since the new rewards policy came in we have had lots of achievement points awarded to the form, with our highest awarded learners being Felicity, Elizabeth and Kian V. Well done to these students - let's see who can beat them next half term! I am also pleased to report that all learners are now arriving to lessons equipped and ready for learning!

In addition to their brilliant attitude in lessons, many in 7P are also keen participants in wider school life, attending debate club and science club to name a few. Many take part in the school-wide competitions run by different subjects and a few have even applied to be anti-bullying ambassadors. Just this week Kian B, Lewis and Connor have had postcards sent home for outstanding contributions to lessons and the school community. Finally, thank you to our amazing form reps, Emily and Kian B, who have been regularly attending student council meetings to make the voices of 7P heard! Let's keep it up and have a great final half term!

**Mr Murtagh – 7I** I would like to take this time to congratulate 7I on what has been a very successful return to Longdendale after lockdown. It is great to see them all back in the classroom and it is great to see that some have returned with a new, more mature attitude. We continue to do really well in school competition with Lilly, Emmie and Erin being picked to present their ideas on the empathy projects. With the relaunching of achievement points it is great to see how much better the form is doing. It is also really pleasing to see how many of 7I are taking part in the different clubs that are now back running after school, it doesn't matter if it is a sports club or science club it is great that these are now back on offer for the learners to get involved and would encourage anyone who hasn't already to take part. I hope 7I continue with their success and improvements and we have a great end to year 7.

**Miss Osbaldeston/Ms Kerfoot – 7R** It has been lovely to see 7R return to school after lockdown with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Many of you have engaged enthusiastically in after-school activities, such as rounders, table tennis and athletics. Although we are the smallest form, in terms of numbers, I am proud of how well we are doing in the achievement point tables. I love hearing from your teachers about how well you have been doing. I know we are all especially proud of Lena and Nikola for their prize-winning empathy project - a huge well done!

### **Mr Millbrook – 7E**

All of 7E have had a fantastic return to in school learning. Thomas is leading the way with achievement points, netting over 100 which is an incredible performance. Georgia is the current school leader with the number of times he has been rewarding, demonstrating her amazing attitude to learning. Christopher, Daniel and Taylor have thrown themselves into the school community by getting involved in Debate Club, which they were very keen to do. I hope everyone enjoys their well-deserved break, and return ready for their final half term as year 7s.

### **Mr Paradiuk**

### **Head of Year Seven**