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Dear families,

It has been an incredibly successful half term in Year 8 since the Easter holidays. The new achievement and behaviour policy has been well received by all of Year 8, resulting in a reduction of behaviour incidents and sharp increase in the number of achievement points being awarded to Year 8 learners. We already have more than twenty five learners who have got more than 50 points, earning themselves a Form Tutor Certificate, and a few learners have already hit the 100 mark, earning themselves a Head of Year certificate from me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the learners, and parents and carers, in Year 8 for their support with our uniform policy here at Longdendale. We strongly believe that preparing our young people for the working world, through taking pride in their appearance and uniform, is an important part of growing up during their time with us. The efforts by the community as a whole, to ensure that all of Year 8 arrive at school dressed smartly and ready to learn, is greatly appreciated by myself and the whole Longdendale team.

It has also been brilliant to see the return of after school clubs this half term, which have been well attended by our Year 8 learners. The skills learnt and developed through these varied activities, from trampolining to debating, will serve you all well throughout Longdendale and beyond.

I sincerely hope you have a restful and well deserved half term break, and come back ready to finish the year in style, before we all move up to Year 9!

Yours faithfully



**Mr Baxter-Smallwood**

**Head of Year Eight**