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Dear families,

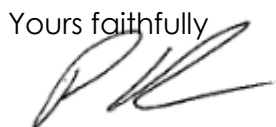
As we come to the end of another half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Year 9 students for their hard work, and their parents and carers, for their continued support of the school. This has been very much appreciated with all the positive changes that have happened over the last few, especially with our new behaviour, uniform and achievement policies that were introduced at Easter.

We strongly believe that preparing our young people for the working world, through taking pride in their appearance, uniform and punctuality is an important part of growing up during their time with us. It has been an incredibly successful half term in Year 9 since the Easter holidays. The new achievement policy has been well received by all of Year 9, resulting in an increase in the number of achievement points being awarded to Year 9 learners. We already have a number of learners that are well on their way to achieving 100 points and a Head of Year certificate.

It has been an exciting half term for Year 9 as they have chosen the GCSE options, and I fully expect them all to give 100% in each subject. I look forward to continuing the development of the year group as they move towards the end of this current school year, helping to prepare them for the new challenges ahead when they start year 10 in September.

I sincerely hope you all have a restful and well deserved half term break, and the students come back ready to finish the year positively, before we all move up to Year 10!

Yours faithfully



**Mr Rea**

### **Head of Year 9**

**9A** - Well done to 9A who have come back to school with a renewed sense focus. Overall, they are a polite and caring bunch and I am proud that they are mine. In particular, I have enjoyed form time: reading lessons, life skills, and lots of debates. I was particularly impressed with the maturity shown in the sex education drop down session- there was no silliness, just intelligent questions and a little light-hearted humour. Well done 9A. I also love Fridays, where I run my own form competition for those with the most achievement points. I am consistently able to reward numerous learners for their fantastic attitude to learning and professionalism. Keep up the wonderful work!

Miss Wither

**9P** - I have recently taken over as 9P's form tutor. I have been really impressed with the level of maturity shown by the form whilst covering the PHSCE curriculum. They have responded well to the 'relationship' curriculum and we have had some interesting discussions. I am equally proud of everyone's professionalism as every day learners are fully equipped and with high standards of uniform. I am looking forward to staying with the form during their time at Longdendale and am sure I will be equally proud of their achievements over the coming months and years.

Miss Francis

**9I** - Well done for returning to school after Easter and for completing another exciting term at Longdendale High School. I am pleased with your hard work you have demonstrated lately. I am proud of you all for your endeavour, professionalism and achievements. It has been a pleasure to see how well we all have worked together as a team to achieve a respectful environment in the class. Thank you all for everything that you have accomplished so far, and good luck to everything you will endeavour to achieve in the near future!

Miss Palma Varo

**9S** - It has been wonderful to see 9S back in school. As their new tutor it has been fantastic to get to know each learner. 9S have been really engaged in tutor time with reading, discussing topics and being involved in competitions with achievement points. I have been able to award the learners each week for their consistent positive attitude, professionalism and respect. I look forward to seeing how 9S continue to engage with school as they begin their journey into GCSE. If they continue with their fantastic attitude, they will definitely make themselves proud.

Miss Maiolani

**9E** - Happy half term 9E! We are nearly at the end of another year, and a strange year it has been. A lockdown sandwiched between 2 school terms. Fantastic dedication and resilience shown 9E during such a difficult time and I am very much looking forward to a "normal" year when we start year 10 in September. One final push over the next 6 weeks and we can say good bye to KS3.

Thank you 9E for getting your options forms filled in, You have shown a real maturity during the last half term, looking at college courses, universities and of course the GCSE options. I am sure you will show the same qualities over the final stages of the year.

Finally a big welcome to Harvey and Jasmine who have joined our form this half term. Youi have joined the best form in the year and I hope you can contribute to our greatness over the next 2 years at Longdendale.

Have a great half term 9E,

Mr Kilkenny

**9R** - Mr Mirfin and I are pleased with how well our form has settled back into school following remote learning. There are lots to celebrate and we would like to say well done to all of our learners in 9R. Currently the top five learners achieving the highest amount of achievement points are: Matilda, Molly, Lola, Emily and Ruby. The following learners are currently on 100% attendance: Matilda, Emily, Matthew, Lily and Daniel. We are also pleased with Alex for attending and contributing to the school council on behalf of our form. We look forward to seeing everyone successfully complete their pledges and having a fantastic final half term.

Miss Booth and Mr Mirfin