

16th July 2021

Dear Families

As we come to the end of another term and school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the 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 changes that have happened over the last few months, 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 a remarkably successful term with almost all out students achieving their Form Tutor certificate for achievement points and a high number of students have received their Head of Year certificate for getting over 100 achievement points. Special congratulations will be going to one student that has surpassed 300 achievement points, this reflects well on the whole year group.

I sincerely hope you all have a restful and well-deserved summer holidays, and come back ready to start Year 10 with the optimism, professionalism, commitment and hard work that I have come to expect from you all.

Mr Rea Head of Year 9

9I

Well done for completing another exciting year at Longdendale High School. I am pleased with your hard work you have demonstrated throughout the year. I am proud of you all for your endeavour, achievements and the way you all have grown and matured during your time with me. As I have said to you lately, 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. I hope that you continue to demonstrate an excellent commitment to school in your last two years.

I am very proud of Keira, Maia and Georgia for their participation in the design of a new logo for school and their professionalism in class. I am very proud of Leo, Kennedy, Sophie, Harvey and Josh for their reading skills. I am very proud of you all for being fully equipped for school, fully meeting my expectations and being very respectful and patient in tutor. I am pleased to see how professional you are all now in my class.

I will never forget the time I left you on your own for our first Life Skills session, my lovely 9I! Thank you all for everything that you have accomplished this year, and good luck to everything you will endeavour to achieve in the next coming years! I will certainly miss you.

Miss Palma Varo.

9S

As their new tutor it has been fantastic to get to know each learner in 9S. They have continued to work incredibly hard whilst returning to school this year. They have been enthusiastic whilst completing out tutor time activities, such as reading and discussions on topics. Their achievement points each week have increased, which is a clear indication of their engagement and motivation with their classwork and attitude to doing well. They have also been involved in many competitions and it has been wonderful to see them achieve numerous awards. As their form tutor, they are always positive, professional and respectful. I look

forward to seeing how 9S continue to engage with school they continue their journey into Year 10. If they continue with their fantastic attitude, they will definitely make themselves proud!

Miss Maiolani

9A

It is difficult to believe that next year you will be entering into your G.C.S.E. courses. It seems like five minutes ago that you were bright eyed and bushy tailed year sevens, dancing in E9 and playing musical bumps. I am so proud of the way that many of you are maturing and growing. This year has been immensely difficult for most of us, but you have remained kind, courageous and have worked hard, despite it all. Well done to the best form in Year 9. Onwards and upwards!

Miss Wither

9E

We are now at the end of another year, and a strange year it has been. A lockdown sandwiched between two school terms has made it feel like two years. Fantastic dedication and resilience shown during such a difficult time and I am very much looking forward to a "normal" year when we start Year 10 in September.

Thank you for getting your options forms filled in and finishing the year off on a real positive. You have shown a real maturity during this last year and you have engaged well with the lessons, especially since coming back from lockdown. Next year you will start your GCSE's and it will be important to have a mature, strong start to September. Have a great summer, I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Mr Kilkenny

9P

I am proud to say that 9P have had another very successful term. They all have a mature attitude when undertaking our PSHE curriculum and the majority contribute well to classroom discussions. It is a real pleasure to be the form tutor of 9P as all are well behaved during both form time and when in lessons. Well done 9P, keep up the hard work and responsible attitudes towards school. I am looking forward to Year 10 already.

9R

You have had a very unusual year with spending part of your time of Year 9 completing remote learning at home. However, your resilience and adaptation to change has shown how mature you all are. As you complete Key Stage 3, the independence and resilience skills you have learnt during this year will help you to succeed at Key Stage 4. You have chosen your subjects to take at GCSE and in September this is where you start develop your academic and personal skills further. I want to say how proud of you all I am and look forward to seeing you all back in September ready for the next stage of your learning at Key Stage 4. I hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Miss Booth

9R

It's been a very hectic and unusual year and I just wanted to say how proud I am of how well you have coped with such a strange situation. You have been my first form at Longdendale and I really appreciate how welcoming you have all been. You have all made fantastic progress in Year 9 and I'm sure you will go on to do great things in Years 10 and 11. It has been lovely to get to know you over this year and I wish you all the best of luck with your GCSEs.

Mr Mirfin