



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter as we come to the end of another term that has been full of fantastic opportunities and successes for our students. I am sure you will enjoy reading about some of the activities and opportunities our students have taken part in during this busy time. These are an ongoing reflection of the hard work and dedication of both our highly skilled team of staff and the students themselves. This term has not been without its challenges as we continue to be faced with the ongoing impact of the global pandemic, but we are exceptionally proud of how our students continue to demonstrate such strong resilience and adapt to the challenges they are faced with in order to engage so positively with all aspects of school life.

As always, our students continue to be great ambassadors for our school and the local community. The activities and events they have been involved in over the past term have been particularly impressive, and at a time when so many families have been impacted by the pandemic, our students have been demonstrating a real commitment to raising money to support our local foodbanks and a range of other charities. They continue to make us all proud on a daily basis.

It has been wonderful to see the return of our enrichment offer in school. Our learners have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of clubs and activities across subjects and more widely across school, and it is fantastic to see so many of them developing new skills and interests and making new friends, whilst taking part in such enjoyable and rewarding experiences.

The recent Aspire Presentation Evening was a real highlight in terms of celebrating some of the successes of our students past and present, and I would like to thank everyone involved in school life for supporting our students to reach these standards. It has been fantastic to witness such commitment from everyone in school, and we are looking forward to building on these successes as we are working hard to ensure that Longdendale continues to improve and become a truly world class school with opportunities to match.

Best wishes to you and your families for a safe, peaceful and restful Christmas holiday, and we look forward to welcoming your child back in January ready for another successful term in school.

Mrs Andrea Jones
Headteacher



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CHRISTMAS AT LHS



Over the last few weeks we have had lots of Christmas Charity Events happening. Christmas is a really important time to reflect on what we have and how we can help others. Our students have absolutely taken this on board with the events they planned!

We have had a Christmas Toy Appeal running for a few weeks in partnership with Astley Sports Village. We had lots of generous donations which we collected last Friday. These have now been wrapped and distributed to families and in our local community. This is a new appeal we have run this year and it has been incredibly heart-warming to see all of the donations.



We also recently had our annual Christmas Jumper Day. This year we asked for foodbank donations instead of money and this was a huge success. We received over 30 bags of food which will now be delivered to our local foodbank. We also had lots of brilliant Christmas Jumper. Between the jumpers and the Christmas Dinner in the Canteen it was lovely to get in the festive spirit!

AFTERNOON TEA



Last week some of our Year 10 Student Leaders planned a Staff Afternoon Tea. This is something they have been planning for weeks in advance and all that hard work paid off in a wonderful evening. We had special guests including The Civic Mayor of Tameside and her consort. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Civic Mayor for attending our function, her attendance made the event extra special. All of the teachers here at Longdendale joined the event and all shared what a wonderful time they had.

The evening started off with a selection of cakes and sandwiches that had been made by the students. It's safe to say there wasn't a cake left in sight by the end of the evening. This was then followed by a Quiz that the leaders had planned. The rounds included General Knowledge, Famous Faces and a special round dedicated to interesting facts about our staff!



We were also treated to a musical performance from our Head Girl and Deputy Head girl Grace and Marshall. Finally, we had the raffle!

All the staff were anxious to win one of our brilliant prizes however it was Miss Warnock who won the top prize of a restaurant voucher that had been kindly gifted to us. A huge well done to the Year 10 leaders: Charlotte, Katie, Isabella, Caitlan Halle, Ruby and many more. Also, a big thank you to our Year 11 Student Leaders who supported the Year 10s throughout the event and the planning. This was a brilliant event that we hope to continue to host each year!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our School Council have continued to meet weekly this half term and discuss issues they are facing around school. The School Council representatives have been well organised and effective in delivering messages back to their forms, Well done to all of our form reps! Some of our Year 10 Student Leaders will be starting a leadership course called Bright Leaders in January which will be a brilliant chance for them to continue to improve their leadership skills. Whilst our Year 11 Senior Student leaders continue to work hard in their roles and this all builds to the SSAT qualification they will get at the end of Year 11.



Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have also had a busy half term. Anti-Bullying week took place a few weeks ago and the Ambassadors worked hard to spread awareness of the Schools policy of being an upstander. This included a drop-down form time session where the students looked into what it means to be an upstander. The Student Leaders planned a tutor time activity where each tutor group came up with some Kindness pledges for their tutor group. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will continue to check in on these pledgers throughout the year. These activities help the Ambassadors work towards their kindness badge with the Diana Award.

This half term has been full of charity events that all the Student Leaders have worked really hard to organise. At the end of last half term Ruby in Year 11 organised a Bake Sale to raise money for The Christie. With donations from Tesco's and Morrisons we managed to collect lots of cakes ready for the sale. Having missed out on Cake Sales due to Covid this year the students more than made up for it with this one! We had queues of students down the corridors. Ruby and the other student leaders managed to raise an incredible £470 for The Christie which we know will go a long way.



We had the Poppy Appeal ran by Beth in Year 11. Beth planned an Assembly that was delivered to all Year groups and together with the charity leaders sold Poppies around school all week. The sale of the poppies and the other accessories meant we raised a total of £145 for the Royal British Legion which is a fantastic achievement. Our Head Boy and Deputy Head girl, Louis and Summer also laid a wreath at the cenotaph in Hollingworth on remembrance Sunday on behalf of the school community.



The next event was Children in Need. Students were asked to wear something yellow for the day. We had lots of creative accessories and the odd set of Pudsey Ears! The Students completed a quiz in tutor times in the morning and paid 50p to enter. By far the best round of the quiz was guessing which member of staff the baby picture belonged too! It turns out Mr Paradiuk hasn't changed a bit as every form guessed him correctly. The winning form was 11P who will have a non-uniform day as a prize in the new year! Again, through the kind donations of students we managed the raise £210 for Children in Need!

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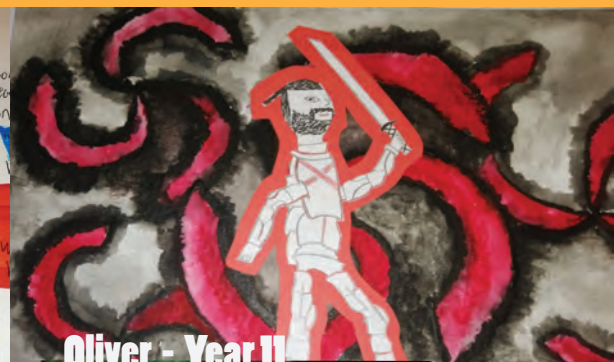
The LRC Comic Book Club is as popular as ever, over the last term students have been working hard creating their own comic book characters with the aim of creating their own comic book, students have created some fantastic looking super hero's and super villains with amazing super powers such as seeing in to the future, an all seeing eye, the ability to summon plants from the ground and even clean the world of viruses. If you like to participate in comic book club please see a member of staff from the LRC to sign up! Comic Book Club runs every Tuesday in the Library.

Below are some of the fantastic characters our students have created:

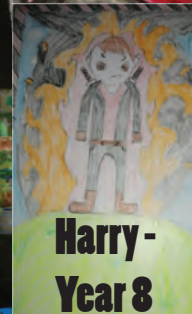
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Aimee - Year 10



Oliver - Year 11



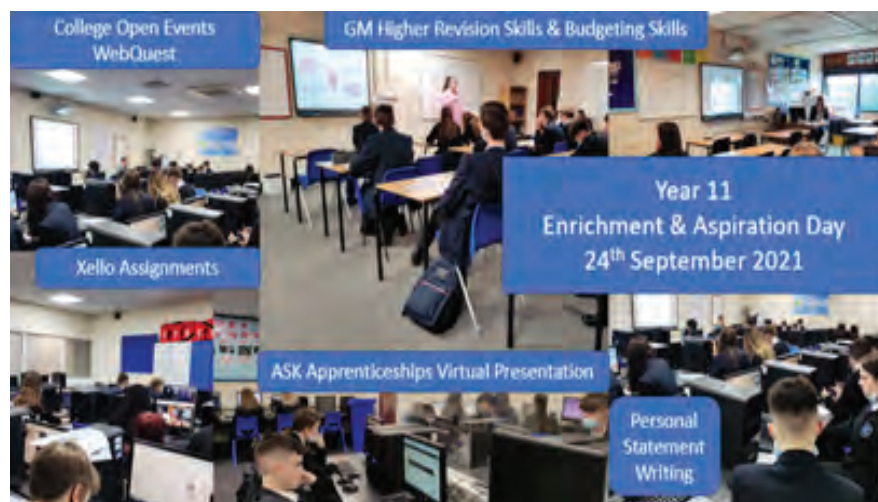
Harry - Year 8

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CHRISTMAS CARD
COMPETITION

The Winner of the 2021 Christmas Card competition is
Annie - 7E



CAREERS, EDUCATION, INFORMATION & GUIDANCE



As part of their CEIAG provision this term, our Year 11 students had the opportunity to complete a carousel of events to set them up for their next steps beyond GCSEs and Longdendale High School. As part of the Enrichment and Aspirations Day, the experience included a virtual workshop on budgeting skills and an in-house workshop on revision skills, both thanks to GM Higher. Students worked with the Year 11 tutor team to complete a WebQuest researching local colleges and courses in readiness for open days and college applications; a session on Apprenticeships from the ASK Programme alongside a Xello Assignment and a Personal Statement session.

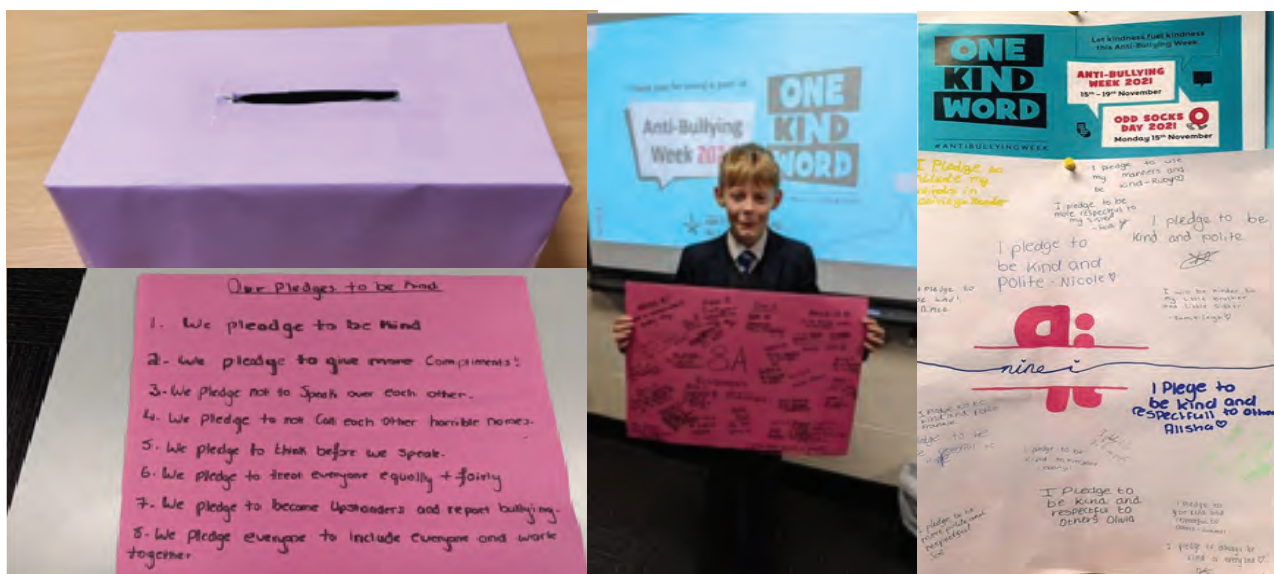
Year 11 have also been able to explore their options for transition to KS5 through the Futures Roadshow. This enabled them to access virtual presentations from 8 local colleges and provided them with the opportunity to meet with post-16 providers on-site. It was fantastic to give them chance to explore a mix of apprenticeships and college options, meet the RAF/Army/Navy as well as the National Citizenship Service and to get face-to-face answers to the many questions they had about their futures.

Upcoming events will include embedding Xello as a CEIAG application for all year groups. Years 8 -11 should already have their log-ins from last academic year and are able to access their accounts to start to get themselves careers ready. Please look out for further details next term.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK/KINDNESS PLEDGES

For Anti-Bullying Week 2021 our ambassadors focussed on how we can continue working together as a community to prevent bullying. In order to raise awareness of all the good work they do around school, they promoted Odd Socks Day, handed out fliers with information on how to seek support and created thoughtful activities for tutor time. They also refreshed students' memories on how to report bullying through the SafeWatch button on the website and placed a box in the LRC for students to request a catch-up with one of the Anti-Bullying Ambassador team.

The theme for this year was 'One Kind Word'. With this in mind, students created a Kindness Pledge in their tutor groups and participated in a drop down session where they took a fresh look at kindness to find out if it's possible to disagree in a kind manner.



PRESENTATION EVENING



It's always an honour to attend Longdendale's Presentation Evening, but this year was particularly special for me, what with the opportunity to present the first year group I was Head of with their GCSE certificates. It's a really symbolic moment for staff, families and, of course, the students themselves. Five years of hard-work, commitment and dedication finally culminate in the proud moment of being awarded the fruition of these efforts.

It was also amazing to see the various individual accolades that were awarded too, with the outstanding Gulliver (11R) in receipt of numerous awards, Jack (11S) was awarded the Erin Eddlestone Award for Endeavour, Sophie (11R) was the winner of the Stamford Park Trust Progress Award and Jack (11I) was recognised with the Contribution to the Community Award. Gulliver, Jack (11I) and Harrison (11A) were also acknowledged for the incredible achievement of having a 100% School Career Attendance, whilst Ellie, Naomi, Emma, Jack, Thomas and Ellie-Rose all received ASPIRE awards. A huge well done to all these students.



"Perhaps what's most enjoyable about the evening is having the chance to speak to our former students, not only to reminisce about their time at Longdendale, but also to see where their first post-school steps have taken them. Hearing the incredible range of studies, vocations and apprenticeships that our former students have taken all point to a bright future for the Class of 2021."

Mr Hulley
Class of 2021 Learning Leader



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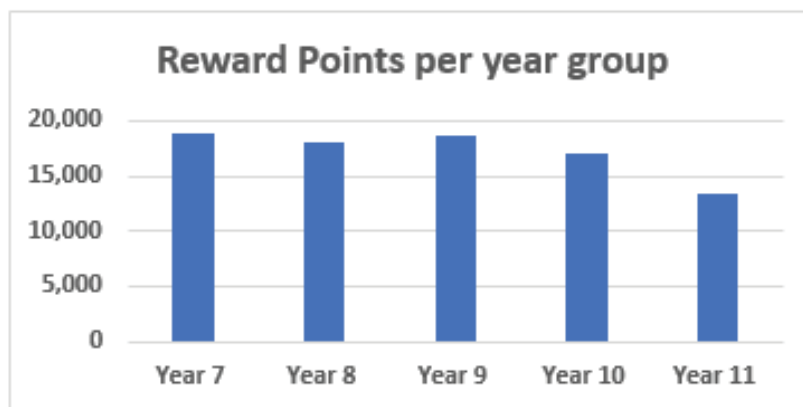


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REWARDS

A total of 86,162 reward points have been awarded to our fantastic students since the start of term in September. This is a three-fold increase in the number of rewards to our students compared to this time last year. This increase in rewards represents the superb attitude to learning of our students, their commitment to their studies and their continued aspiration to be the best version of themselves.

Year Group	Reward Points
Year 7	18,903
Year 8	18,085
Year 9	18,698
Year 10	17,039
Year 11	13,437
Total	86, 162



A huge congratulation is in need for Year 7, our most rewarded year group. Of course, within each year group, there is also a form group which has led the way in receiving reward points. The form groups with the most reward points in each year is as follows: 7E, 8A, 9R, 10P and 11R.

All of our students who have demonstrated a continued drive towards excellence in their studies, who have represented themselves and the school impeccably and shown respect to all members of our community have been invited onto the end of year rewards trips. This year, Year 7 are going to Jump Nation in Cheadle, Year 8 are going to Flip Out in Manchester, Year 9 are enjoying a cinema experience in Stockport and both Year 10 and 11 are going Bowling at Ashton Moss. A range of fantastic rewards and celebration activities are also taking place in school alongside these.

Form Group	Reward Points
7E	4,473
8A	3,599
9R	4,195
10P	3,398
11R	2,933

Continuing the growth of our fantastic reward shop, this Christmas the shop will be offering some Christmas themed rewards to suit everyone, ranging from stationary sets, pencils, rubbers, chocolate coins and of course everyone's favourite; selection boxes!



SEND PARENT INFORMATION EVENING



Our first SEND parent Information Evening was hosted on the 11th November 5pm - 6pm thank you to those parents/ carers who attended. We looked at the four areas of SEND and explored the different needs and which categories they fell into. We gave insight into the range of interventions we offer to coincide with these different areas of needs and the key staff within the Inclusion Team and their roles. There was question time available at the end where valuable questions and queries were raised and answered.

Please join us for our next sessions which will be on :

Tuesday 15th February 2022 5-6pm
Tuesday 7th June 2022 5-6pm

CITY INSPIRES



In September the school started offering a developmental programme provided by Manchester City Football Club. The purpose of City Inspires is to provide young people with essential life skills with a focus on improving their prosocial behaviour and mental-wellbeing. It's provided a real boost to all the students who have participated on the programme so far. Currently, we have a Year 8 and a Year 10 cohorts. The Year 10 cohort will run for the entire academic year, the Year 8 students will finish at February half-term when a Year 9 group start. The course consists of some classroom activities followed by an hour of physical activity every other Thursday.

The current students have engaged very positively and their confidence, social skills and physical health is already benefiting. The coach assigned to Longdendale, Ryan, has said that he is delighted with the engagement of the children on the course, he's really enjoying running the sessions and watching them develop. The students have recently received their first free merchandise – a Manchester City top. There are further treats on the way both in school and out and we hope to have a visit to the Etihad soon.

The Year 9 students who are going to start the course in February will be notified shortly after the Christmas break.



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YEAR 11 GCSE DRAMA SHOWCASE



On the 4th November this academic year, the Year 11 GCSE Drama students performed their devised pieces in front of a live audience as part of their GCSE Drama examinations. After a turbulent 6 months of working on these pieces, with absences, isolations and illnesses, the students worked tirelessly to get their pieces ready for the performance. There were 4 pieces overall which tackled various hard-hitting subjects. The Year 11s performed their work with fantastic and mature attitudes and as their teacher, I couldn't be prouder.

The first piece was called Trauma de Bello and focused on the struggles and hardships that men and women went through during WW2. It looked at the effect of shell shock, loss, pride and fear. The imagery displayed played respect to the sacrifices soldiers and their loved ones endured during this important part of history.

Piece number 2, entitled Powerful Women looked at 4 different examples of strong influential women throughout history. The piece aimed to inform audience members about the struggles, battles and discrimination that women have and still endure. Through the case studies shown, the audience began to understand why these women are so influential and inspirational. Piece number 3, called Unsolved Mysteries focused on 5 famous case studies of mysterious circumstances of murder, kidnapping and disappearances. The performance included facts and information to allow the audience to ponder the circumstances around these mysteries.

The final piece was called Holocaust Unheard and told the stories of various people who were involved in the tragic Holocaust during WW2. It focused on various parts of this section of history and how the events effected people's lives. The imagery aimed to tell the audience about these individual stories in an effort to pay respect to their experiences.

All the students handled these topics with confidence and maturity well above their ages. A huge thankyou to their parents, friends, family and teachers who came to support the students on their first live performance as GCSE students.



MATHS WEEK



At the beginning of November, Longdendale celebrated Maths Week England! Students experienced maths in lots of their subjects. In English lessons, students looked at the data behind headlines and used the same data to re-write them. In Music students looked at how many times a chord would be played in a song if it had 4 beats per bar and History looked at Roman numerals. In the maths department we had lots going on. There was a coded message around school for students to work out the missing words and a design a Mathematical Mr Man which we had some amazing entries for. We couldn't pick just one winner, to the left are our top five entries chosen by the department.

In the department we attended some online events including looking at some puzzles in the Nrich webinar. We saw how we can use maths to save the planet in the Maths Inspiration webinar by looking at how fast the arctic is melting and predicting when it might completely disappear, finding out how much CO2 we are each using per year and how much we could save by going vegan, not going on a flight or taking a cold shower once per week (you could save a lot of CO2 by going vegan for a year but then undo it all by taking a return flight to Greece!). We looked at the challenges faced with space travel and the solutions by using geometry and equations of motion along with reasoning and problem solving skills in the AMSP webinar.

In lessons we also looked at visualising inequality by looking at how we would distribute wealth in a school and then in the UK and then saw how it was actually distributed in the UK and around the world (the UK seemed much fairer!).



The week also saw the Senior Maths Challenge take place for 30 Year 11 students. We had some fantastic results with two silver and six bronze certificates. Well done to all those who took part!

Staff didn't miss out with a sudoku given to every member of staff to encourage them to take 5 minutes and enjoy completing a puzzle. They also had a rather difficult maths challenge to complete from our Head Boy, Louis.

We hope the students have seen how maths is so important in so many different aspects of the world around us and have used their reasoning, problem solving and communication skills. Follow us on Twitter

@maths_lhs to see more about what we are doing in the maths department.

If this has got you wanting to try some maths and test your problem solving skills yourself, have a go at these Christmas puzzles:

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PE NEWS

This Autumn term has seen a fantastic response and commitment to our full return to extra curricular clubs and fixtures and firstly we should mention a huge thank you to PE staff and the wider staff community for their support and dedication to running and planning these events.



In November Mr Paradiuk took the Year 8 team boys team to a Manchester United Tournament as part of the emerging talent programme at The Cliff training ground. We are delighted to say they came away overall winners by winning 4 and drawing 1 game. A superb achievement boys, well done!

Our football success has continued with a congratulations to the Year 11 boys football team and a fantastic 5-1 win against GAA recently. A special well done to Tommy (MOTM) TJ, Owen and Luke for his hat-trick. Mr Boardman reported fantastic conduct and sportsmanship.

After a rough first round of fixtures, the Year 8 boys team finally registered their first win at the end of October away at Great Academy Ashton. The score was 4-0, with Riley scoring twice, Oscar and Matt rounding off the scoring. Ethan picked up MOTM. The boys had a fantastic attitude and Mr Paradiuk was very proud of your resilience.

Not to be out done Miss Harrison's Year 7 girls team got off to a great start with a draw with Laurus, a 1-0 defeat with St Damian's but a fabulous 3-0 win against Mossley Hollins- well done all and thank you to Year 11 sports leader Beth for her help and support and we wish them more success in their future tournament matches.



In Dance a huge thank you to Year 10 dance leaders Matilda and Georgia for their commitment and dedication to the weekly Year 7 dance club as we prepare for our first dance production in two years. The year 7 students also performed for the first time as a squad at the Christmas concert and have shown great commitment and enthusiasm. well done!

The dance department also welcomed Ashton Sixth Form College Performing Arts Department to school in the last week of term and KS4 dance students had the opportunity to watch a performance and take part in a workshop. We look forward to accepting the offer to take part in future workshops at the ASFC site as part of our collaboration with the Stamford Park Trust.

Well done to our team of athletes from years 7-11 who took part in the Tameside Cross Country Championships. Their conduct and effort was superb on such a wet and cold day. Huge congratulations to Sam in Year 7 who won a 2nd place silver medal in the under 12 Tameside category and a special mention to Cecilia in year 8 - 5th under 14 girls and Luke in Year 11 - 9th under 16 boys, a huge achievement considering the amount of runners from 14 schools.

The overall results are now in, Girls team 3rd place (12 schools) Boys team 5th (14 schools) Overall... 3rd Place Bronze Medal Tameside Schools Championships. We are so proud of our students fantastic achievements.



YEAR 7 INFORMATION



Dear families, It's certainly been a pleasure to start to get to know the Class of 2026 over the last term. I've been seriously impressed with the standards the year group has set, and I'm proud to say Year 7 lead the way in terms of achievement points, amassing more than any other year group in the school; last week a huge number of certificates were handed out to students who had passed the 50 and 100 achievement point barrier. This truly reflects the excellent conduct that I've seen each and every day from the year group, and, even more pleasing is that this positive approach to school life has extended beyond lessons.

Many students have immersed themselves in the variety of extra-curricular offerings at Longdendale. Mrs Emery has been hugely complimentary about the way many students in Year 7 have embraced our culture of reading, with many entering book review competitions, as well as poetry writing ones too.

Meanwhile, the PE department have been pleased to see the uptake on various sports, and I know most recently the girls football team have performed well over two tournaments they've participated in over the last three weeks, so a big well done to them; I'm sure they'll continue to go from strength to strength.

I know many students have really begun to shine as student leaders too, representing their fellow peers to help make improvements to their school. Miss Woods has done some excellent work with the student leaders and I know she is strongly encouraged by the Year 7's enthusiasm in trying to shape the school into the best place it can be for all students.

Last month was also Longdendale's presentation evening at Hyde Town Hall, where the achievements of current and past students were recognised. It was a privilege to present several students in Year 7 with an ASPIRE award, recognising their amazing start to life at Longdendale. Congratulations to Niamh (7A), Joel (7S), Lucas (7P), Evie-Lou (7I), Issy (7R) and Ellie (7E) on your awards and the fantastic work you've done so far.

As the first term draws to a close, I'd like to say a massive thank you to the Year 7 Tutor Team, Mr Boardman, Mr Mirfin, Miss Burton, Miss Winkler, Mr Hill, Miss Hulston and Mr Williams, and our Pastoral Support, Mrs Murphy, for their excellent efforts in supporting the students during the transition phase. Their work really has been outstanding, and their day to day interactions with the students has undoubtedly helped them to find their feet at Longdendale.

Finally, I'd like to thank you all for the support you've given myself, the Year 7 tutor team and the wider staff, during your child's first term at Longdendale. Transitioning from primary school to secondary school is always a challenging time, but the positive working relationships we've established has been key in making it as smooth a process as possible.

Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year,
Mr A Hulley

7A - MR BOARDMAN



Firstly, I'd like to say a massive well done to 7A for a fantastic first full term at Longdendale! Plenty of achievement points have been racked up throughout the term, with Olivia, Keira, Niamh, Gracie, and Kaira leading the way. I'd like to say a massive well done to our form representatives Marcus and Keira for helping voice the opinions of our form, as well as George for his work as our mental health and well-being ambassador!

Plenty of our form have been involved in the sports clubs and teams that have been running, and it's been great to have Ryan, Riley, and Lucy representing the boys and girls football teams respectively. It's been great having Graycie, Pops, Lily, and Ellie getting involved with Mr Marsh's Christmas music performance this year as well. As we look into the new year, I'm looking forward to seeing you all continue on your journey here at Longdendale, and racking up lots and lots of achievement points!

Merry Christmas
Mr Boardman



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7S - MISS BURTON & MR MIRFIN



Hello 7S, Congratulations on completing your first full term of high school. It has been a massive change for you all and there has been a lot thrown at you over these recent weeks, so firstly we want to say a huge well done!

We are both so impressed with the number of people taking part in extracurricular activities such as boxing club, football, cooking club and science club (just to name a few!). We would also like to thank our fantastic Form Reps, Mia and Joel, for listening to all our ideas and giving 7S a voice in the school. We would also like to thank all of our ambassadors for anti-bullying, and mental-health and wellbeing, for helping to ensure that everyone can feel happy and safe here at Longdendale. You have all settled in really well: we hope you are all happy at Longdendale and we look forward to many more years with you as our fantastic tutees.

Finally, we would like to wish a Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all of you and your families. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Miss Burton and Mr Mirfin



7P - MISS WINKLER



Hello 7P!

As you know, I had begun my journey at Longdendale High School alongside you this September! It feels like a lifetime ago when we were all introducing ourselves and trying to navigate our way around the school and remember all our lessons!

I hope you have enjoyed your first term of secondary education at Longdendale High School as much as I have. You have all fantastically shown me how much effort you've put into joining in our community at Longdendale! I am so proud of you all and can't wait to continue seeing you grow into fantastic young adults with brilliant minds throughout your time here!

Miss Winkler

7I - MR HILL



How time has flown, it only feels like yesterday that we started the new school year and welcomed all your fresh faces through the school gates. So much has already been accomplished so far in the short time you have been here. We have been well equipped and ready for the school day all term and I have been very impressed with the number of achievement points gained this term. We will continue with our great effort and work when we come back in January. In the meantime, have a simply wonderful Christmastime!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Mr Hill.



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7R - MISS HULSTON



Merry Christmas 7R! Joyeux Noël! ¡Feliz Navidad! I hope you all have a lovely Christmas holiday. It is well deserved after a fantastic first term at Longdendale. I am very impressed with my form and their impeccable uniform, High 5 and achievement points are increasing by the day! I have a few members of my form taking part in the next school production which makes me very proud and I am thrilled to see lots of 7R participating in various enrichment opportunities in clubs of all genres! I hope you have a restful holiday and enjoy time with your families. I look forward to seeing you again in 2022 and I am excited to continue to support you in school and celebrate all your achievements!

Miss Hulston

7E - MR WILLIAMS



What a fantastic start to your life at Longdendale you have all made, 7E. I always knew you would. After talking to you all before the summer holidays online, I knew that this was going to be one of those special tutor groups. I shouldn't have been surprised at how easily you have transitioned from primary school life to secondary school life. You are smashing it when it comes to achievement points, and you are already picking up awards. What also makes you a truly special tutor group is the willingness to make a difference to life at Longdendale by getting involved in leadership roles, with positions such as anti-bullying ambassador, well-being representatives and form reps. All these roles show that you want to give back something positive and make the most of your time at Longdendale. All I will ever ask of you is to always try your best and consider others.

Finally, I would like to apologise to my tutor group for my daily dad jokes but until you come up with better jokes yourselves, you will have to suffer my sense of humour!

Keep safe and well.

Mr Williams



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YEAR 8 INFORMATION



I would like to say a massive well done to all of Year 8 for an amazing start to their second year at Longdendale High School. It has been amazing to welcome the students back after a really challenging first year and a well deserved Summer break. The students have really matured and have represented Longdendale with such pride on many occasions. There have been some really stand out students who have excelled this Year and they have been highlighted by the school. This includes the boys football team who won the Manchester United Tournament, the cross country runners who represented the school with fantastic attitudes, as well as the amazing work the student leaders and anti-bullying ambassadors have been doing. There have been many more occasions where the Year 8 students have made the school really proud and I hope this continues after the Christmas break.

We have also managed to finish off 2021 with a rewards trip for the outstanding achievements and attendance that our students have. Well done Year 8!

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, stay safe. Mr Paradiuk.

8A - MISS KERFOOT



I have been so pleased to see 8A return to school after October Half Term with so much positivity. As a form, we have consistently achieved amongst the highest number of achievement points in the year and every member of 8A should be proud of this. I'm particularly proud of Sian, Alice, Olivia S, Helen & Briony who are in the top ten for achievement points in the whole year group. 8A are one of the busiest forms - always involved in whole school events and after-school activities. Alice & Zac were competition winners in Maths Week and Sian & Alice continue to represent the form on the Student Council. A special mention must be made of our Year 8 footballers - Oscar & Christian - who helped the Year 8 team to victory in the Manchester United Tournament. All form members have worked hard in PSHE lessons this year, learning about building positive relationships

and making their kindness pledges. It is a pleasure to be 8A's Form Tutor and see them mature into kind, responsible and thoughtful young people. They should all be proud of their achievements and of how well they represent the school. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and I can't wait to see more 8A successes in the New Year!

8S - MR MARSH



It's been a very strange start to life at Longdendale for 8S, but you have definitely made the most of your time so far.

The behaviour of the vast majority of pupils in our tutor group has been excellent and it has been great to see all of you arriving at school each day with the correct uniform and equipment. 8S pupils have a keen interest in the world and we have enjoyed many discussions about matters inside and outside Longdendale.

Lots of you have been involved in the extracurricular clubs offered by the school including comic book club, music club and the Y8 football team who recently won the tournament held at Manchester United's training ground.

Many pupils in 8S have accumulated a high number of achievement points and awards such as good news postcards, Head of Year Awards and Headteacher Awards and I am sure this will continue after Christmas.

Have an enjoyable Christmas break and I will see you in January.



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8P - MISS PENN



This has been a great half term for 8P. Collectively they have achieved over 1000 achievement points. All students received their form tutor award and Kian V and Connor even managed to obtain their head of year award for getting over 100 achievement points! Attendance has been good overall and I am so pleased that so many of 8P are active participants in the wider school community. Just to mention a few, we have our fantastic form reps - Elizabeth and Lewis - and our anti-bullying ambassadors - Izzy, Kian B and Elizabeth - representing us outside of form. Finally, a big congratulations to our footballers - Fin, Archie H, Harvey, Kieran, Alfie & Charlie - for all their success this term! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

8I - MR MURTAGH



I would like to congratulate 8I on a successful first term of year 8. It has been really pleasing to see how much they matured over the summer and the professional attitude they have had to all the challenges year 8 brings. I would like to congratulate all the students in 8I with perfect attendance and punctuality as this is key to continued success.

It is great to see that the vast majority of 8I have got loads of achievement points and are yet to get any behaviour points. These students often don't get the credit they deserve for doing everything right everyday so I would like to use this time to draw attention to their everyday success. It is also pleasing to see that there are a number of students who have vastly reduced the number of

behaviour points they got in year 7 while increasing their achievement points. I now ask you all to keep this up as they move through year 8. Finally, I would like to wish all the form a Happy Christmas it is important at this time that you have a good rest. Hopefully Santa will get you something nice and you will come back to Longdendale in January well rested and ready for another challenging year.

8R - MISS OSBALDESTON



It has been lovely to see 8R return to school after October Half Term with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Although we are the smallest form, in terms of numbers, I am proud of how well we are doing in the achievement point table and attendance. A big shout out to Emily and Grace for being such amazing Form Representatives! I also want to congratulate our Anti-Bullying ambassadors on their continued hard work. I also want to say a massive well done to the members of our form who are taking part in the Manchester City initiative and representing 8R on a whole school scale. Finally, every single member of 8R should be proud of their achievements in this past term. We have faced many difficulties, but it is amazing to see the improvements and it is important that we celebrate our successes. Let's keep this amazing momentum building and show to everyone how brilliant our form

can be! I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year!

8E - MR MILLBROOK



For the first time 8E have been able to experience a normal time at Longdendale High School. It is great that they have had the opportunity to cook in our kitchens, participate in sporting activities in the sports hall and follow scientific investigations in our labs. All these experiences will boost their chances of experiencing a balanced and rich curricular diet and better prepare them for life after school. Staff around school have been rewarding the students of 8E for their successes. Our highest earners have been Rebecca, Georgia, Keira, Roddy and George E - to add to this none of these students have accrued any behaviour points! George S has received a headteachers award for his fantastic efforts in Art. Students' blazers are now starting to fill with colour and badges as they are receiving more and more recognition for how well they are doing. Christmas time will come as a welcome break to the hard-working students, I hope that they, and yourselves, have a merry

Christmas, and look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed, and ready to go again.



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YEAR 9 INFORMATION



We have made it to the end half term one and we nearing closer to the half way point of your Longdendale careers, where has the time gone! I am so pleased to say that Year 9, you have conducted yourselves with professionalism and maturity throughout this term and I look forward to helping you make decisions about your subject choices later in the year. Have a well-deserved Christmas break and we will see you all in 2022. Here are some messages from your tutor team:

Mr Baxter-Smallwood

9A - MISS ROGERS



It has been so good to get back to more of a normal tutor time this year! It has flown since September! I have loved tracking all the achievement points that you have been awarded this year! You are all doing so well, and I am proud of every single one of you! I hope you have a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas! I have already told Father Christmas not to bring any of you any new pairs of gloves or chewing gum! Can't wait to see you all in 2022! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

9S - MISS DILLON



Well done on a great half term, you have faced the changes and challenges well. You have made lots of positive changes and it is nice to hear more of the positive comments from your teachers. Well done and keep it up and be ready for 2022. Have a wonderful Christmas break and a happy new year. "Make this Christmas as special for others as you want it to be for yourself."

9P - MISS HIGGINS



Well done on a fab first term to the reigning sports day champions, 9P! Year 9 is an important school year to help bridge the gap between KS3 and GCSEs and looking over your first term reports I am extremely proud of the overall positive start you have each made to year 9. A massive well done to our form reps, Ben and Frankie, and to our anti-bullying ambassadors and all other members of 9P who have put themselves forward for leadership positions. We have achieved lots of achievement points and managed to improve our attendance. Keep up the good work for the rest of the year, so far so good! Have a lovely Christmas break.



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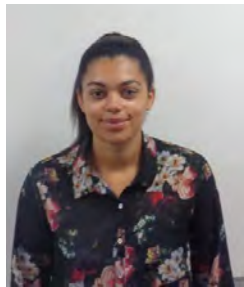
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9I - MRS HEALEY-WILDE



Well done 9I for your continued hard work and professionalism. Already this term you have been fully involved in school life and it has been great to see Mia and Isobel performing in music and singing at Presentation Evening, Jamie gave a fantastic performance on the drums at this event too - well done. Some of our form (Isobel, Ruby, Jamie- Leigh and Mia) have signed up to be reading buddies as part of the student mentoring and I was very impressed with all your detailed written applications forms that were completed. A congratulations to Heidi who recently took part in her Latin Dance Competition and was placed 3rd, a fantastic achievement and well done for showing such commitment and dedication. I look forward to reporting more achievements later in the year and seeing those students in our form involved in the school Christmas concert next week!

9R - MISS LAMBERT-THOMPSON



I would like to say a massive well done to 9R for a fantastic start to the school year! I am very proud in all that you have achieved so far. Keep it up and let this continue throughout the school year; you are all doing amazingly! Again, you have all managed to earn an incredible amount of achievement points, Head Teacher Awards and lots of you have contributed to our school charity events! I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas holiday. Have a good rest, eat lots of good food and enjoy yourselves! See you soon when you come back in the New Year!

9E - MRS DOP-HUGHES



Merry Christmas 9E! well done on an overall fantastic start to Year 9. I hear so many positive things about you from your teachers and it makes me so proud. Keep on working hard and trying your best in lessons. Enjoy a well-deserved Christmas holiday and see you in the New Year.



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YEAR 10 INFORMATION



What an extremely busy first term we have had to start Year 10. All students have embraced getting back to some kind normal school life and are fully engaged with their GCSEs. It is a scary thought that they only have four full terms left before they start their GCSE exams.

The end of term reward trip will be taking place on the 16th December, a well-earned day out bowling or cinema experience for over two thirds of the year group. These students have followed our expectations and demonstrated a professional and excellent attitude to their school work, and deserve their day out.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their continued support they give to School, with regards to attendance and the professionalism of our young people. This I believe gives them all the best chances of success at Longdendale and in their future endeavours.

I would like to finish by wish you all a very relaxing, enjoyable Christmas and I hope you get to see friends and family! Merry Christmas. Mr Rea

10A - MISS WITHER



Congratulations. You have made an excellent start to your Key Stage 4 journey, and I couldn't be prouder. I am thrilled to see that so many of you have taken a leadership role, such as Charlotte and Jack who are our fabulous forms reps; they work hard to ensure that all of our students have a voice. We also have subject leaders: Sienna and Mischa, our fantastically talented art leaders. Will, a superb rugby player and cricketer is 10A's PE lead, Lexie is doing an amazing job leading food technology, Lucas is tres bien as our languages leader, and Jack, an extremely talented guitarist, is our music leader. It is amazing to see that so many of my form have been chosen for such an important and responsible role. In addition, we have students attending extra-curricular clubs, such as sport clubs, band, and our very own news television show NewsCube. In addition, many students are furthering their talents and studies outside of school, such as Georgina who plays guitar and saxophone, Charlotte who has piano lessons, and Grace who is a keen and enthused swimmer. I love that you are developing your skills outside of school- well done. Congratulations to everyone who was invited on our reward trip- 10A had the most invites in year 10, with 26 out of the 31 being invited for outstanding behaviour and attitude. Amazing. so many of you have achieved 50 achievement points and many of you have even achieved over 100. I am so excited to see what the rest of the year brings; I am enjoying getting to know you more and more each year- and what a lovely bunch of individuals you are. Well done year 10. You are awesome

10S - MISS MAIOLANI



10S have successfully completed their first term as GCSE students. They have taken on every opportunity and challenge in order to succeed so far. As a tutor group, they have managed to achieve so much in a short amount of time. Congratulations to those individuals who are part of the Student Leadership team. I have noticed all the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm you give to your roles. Moreover, Well done to our Form Representatives, they have been able to take our ideas and allow the tutor to have a voice at the school council. I also want to extend a huge well done to those in the tutor group who have successfully gained many achievement points and no behaviour points this term. This is a clear indication of their engagement with school and they are

a shining example of what we expect as Longdendale students. It has been a pleasure to be their form tutor for another term. Spending each day in tutor time with them is the best part of my morning. Over Christmas, they have the chance to reflect on the year and look forward to a year hopefully filled with more school experiences. I hope 10S enjoy their time over the break and New Year.



10P - MS FRANCIS



10P have, so far, maintained their excellent standards of uniform and attitude to learning. As always, I am extremely proud of their efforts as it is a pleasure to be their form tutor. Several members of the form have been busy organising charity events. These events include a toy appeal and a staff afternoon tea party. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

I wish them all a happy Christmas and an even better new year.
Ms Francis

10I - MISS WARNOCK



Well what a wonderful first term we've had already! Thank you for giving me the warmest welcome and being so lovely (and funny!) every single morning I am loving being your form tutor! I am so thrilled with how well you've done this term you have made a fantastic start to Year 10 in and out of lessons I'm so so proud of you all. Massive shout out especially to the Cheerleaders, Dancers, Horsey-riders, Footballers, Boxers, Kickboxers, Army and our Swimmer – who has raised a significant amount of money for Charity I am the proudest Form Tutor everrrr!! Have a lovely Christmas break, enjoy yourselves, eat lots of goodies and I will see you next year!

Lots of love from Miss Warnock

10R - MISS BOOTH



Congratulations for completing your first term in Year 10. The time has gone by so quickly and we have so much to celebrate. First of all, I would like to say well done to the form reps for 10R for attending school council meetings, sharing our form ideas at council meetings and for your feedback from these meetings. I would also like to congratulate the subject leaders in our form for all your hard work promoting your subject. Finally, I would like to say well done for everyone getting involved with the new PHSE lessons, we have had some great discussions and everyone is very engaged with the topics we have studied. We have welcomed a new student into our form and said goodbye to some from Year 9. As a form we are ever evolving and as you continue into Year 10 I know you all will continue to work hard and achieve your best.

I hope you all have a great Christmas break, enjoy seeing family and friends and come back refreshed ready to continue having a successful Year as year 10. Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Miss Booth

10E - MR KILKENNY



Merry Christmas 10E! A good start to Year 10 in the whole. You have embarked on your final journey here at Longdendale with new option subjects, new teachers and a new, more demanding timetable. We have finally had a half term with limited Covid interruptions and it is starting to feel "normal". I am glad to see that you have settled back into school life and we are doing well. Behaviour points are down and achievements points are slowly on the rise. These dark mornings are making it increasingly more difficult to get out of bed and I am pleased to say you are showing the resilience and drive to work hard here at school. The hardest term is now coming to a close, and we look forward to shorter nights and shorter half terms. We have had 2 new additions to the form this term. Megan, in September and Jess more recently. You have both settled in well and I am looking forward to seeing your contributions to what is already a fantastic form.

Have a very Merry Christmas 10E and a Happy New Year!
Mr Kilkenny



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YEAR 11 INFORMATION



Although it has felt as if we are slightly more towards a normal world, it's still been a challenging year so far for too many of us. Throughout these difficult and so very different times year 11 have remained professional and mature as ever. This year is extra difficult for them as they move towards their mock exams, and what we hope will be their GCSE exams at the end of the year. With so many amazing students in year 11 we have had a lot to celebrate. Eight of our clever year 11 students took part in the senior maths challenge and collected their bronze and silver certificates this week!

During the Remembrance events in Hollingworth our Head boy and Deputy Head Girl were fantastic representatives of the school.

It has been a lovely start to the year so far. I hope every student gets some rest over the Christmas period with their families, you all deserve it.

Merry Christmas,

Mrs Frangleton

11A - MR FOX



Congratulations to 11A for all the hard work being put in this year. The students are always so mature and resilient and are starting to prepare for mock exams in January.

It is great to see so many of 11A take leadership opportunities across school and every opportunity to represent school in a positive light. It is a real pleasure to see how 11A support each other on a daily basis and how each student rises to whatever challenge they face.

I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the best

Mr Fox

11S - MISS HILL



I have really enjoyed spending time with 11S this term. They are a pleasure to be with in the morning.

So many of you have had a fantastic first term in year 11. The following students still have 100% attendance: Reece, Amisha and Joshua.

Many of you deserve congratulations for your many successes in year 11 so far. The students that have achieved the most achievement points this term are: Joshua, Grace and Hannah. It is also brilliant to see so many of the 11S students haven't received any behaviour points.

During tutor time and PSHE lessons I am always really pleased and proud of how many students volunteer to read, answer questions and voice their opinions.

I hope you and your families have a relaxing break, a fantastic Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Miss Hill



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11P - MISS HAMILTON



11P have had many successes to celebrate so far during year 11 and we are only one full term in. I am extremely pleased with how well all learners in 11P have settled back into school.

Firstly, a huge well done to our superstars who throughout this first term have not received a single behaviour point!

11P have excellent attendance on the whole with the following fabulous learners achieving 100% attendance so far this year; Gabriel Joshua and Cadee.

All learners have already shown success with the large amount of achievement points awarded so far, however, I would like to say a special well done to the learners in the top five positions;

I am bursting with pride with my tutor groups successes so far, especially during such a strange and challenging time. Every member of 11P has had some fantastic successes this year and it is only term 1! I am looking forward to what the rest of the year will bring and many more successes and achievements. As their form tutor, I could not be more proud.

Have a well-deserved rest and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Miss Hamilton x

11I - MR HOLLIN



I am very pleased with the start that 11I have made to Year 11. The vast majority of the form have been preparing for their mock exams for the past month and are focused on what they need to achieve.

Many students have gained over 100 achievement points which is fantastic, but a special mention to Shaun (148), Brad (147), George (140), Poppy (132) and Erin (118) who have the most achievement points in the form. I would also like to give a special mention to Brad, Niamh, Jessica, Luke, Taylor and George who have 100% attendance this academic year. This is an excellent achievement and very well done to you all.

Please ensure that you all work hard during the Christmas break revising for your mock exams, but please do find some time to relax and have a wonderful time with your family and friends. May I take this opportunity to wish all the students of 11I and their families and very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Mr Hollin



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11R - MR BROWN



Huge well done to 11R on a successful start to the new school year!

The form has been working hard to prepare for their upcoming mocks and additional GCSE work as they go into the final full term of their time at Longdendale.

Firstly, I want to say a massive thank you to Megan and Freya who volunteered to be our form reps for this academic year. The 2 are fantastic representatives of the form and I know they will use their role successfully in the coming terms.

A huge shout out goes to Maisie-Jayne, Marissa, Ryan, Kady-Anne, Adam, Hannah P, Alex K, Ella, Hanna E, Annie and Freya who have gone the whole term without picking up a single behaviour point. This is a fantastic achievement and something you should all be very proud of.

A further shout out goes to Freya, Annie, Hanna E, Ella & Megan who have been battling it out at the top of our achievement leader board since the start of the year, each achieving over 140 achievement points.

Although all of the above is based on school achievements, I know that a number of members from the form have been going above and beyond outside of the regular school day. I'm immensely proud of how far they've come after such a dreadful 18 months. Despite all the setbacks and anxieties, each member has taken it in their stride and continued to make fantastic progress.

Every member of 11R is showing great promise for this year and are well on track for a successful end to their Longdendale journey. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break; a Happy New Year and I will see you all in January.

From, Mr Brown

11E - MRS KELLY



Congratulations 11E on a successful start to the new school year!

Despite the challenges and changes that have taken place for everyone this year, our form has made a fantastic start to their year by engaging thoroughly with the start of their GCSE courses and the PSHE curriculum we cover in form time. I would like to say a huge well done to Mair-May and Fearne, who were elected as our senior leaders last year and I am sure that they will continue to do a fantastic job.

Many teachers across school have recognised the exceptional efforts of 11E and we were praised as being the tutor group with the least number of behaviour incidents in the year group which is something that we should all be really proud of.

Every member of 11E is showing great promise for the start of their GCSE year and I couldn't be more proud of their resilience and adaptability they have shown in the face of all that 2020 / 21 has brought. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and I wish you all the best for the New Year!

From, Mrs Kelly



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