



## Year 8 Christmas newsletter 2019



What an extremely busy first term back we have had. A number of learners have planned and supplied an outstanding afternoon tea for staff as part of their charity pledges. The year 8 football teams are representing us well, as always!

As we enter our second term as Year 8, I hope students continue in the excellent effort they have shown since starting the year, in following our ASPIRE core values and competences. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas! 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. Merry Christmas.

**Mr Rea**

8P, I am very proud of how you have started the new term and how well you have engaged with the curriculum this year. Well done to Halle, George, Jessica and Jack for representing our form as form reps and vice-reps in the school community.

Well done to whole form for completing a beautiful advent calendar for charity. A special thanks to Charlotte who came up with the idea and to everyone who helped packing the bags. You have worked hard on your charity pledges and I am curious to learn what further activities you will plan in the new term.

I am very impressed with Jessica, Katie, Charlotte and Molly for organising an Afternoon Tea for our teaching staff in December. You have gone above and beyond baking cakes, scones and making sandwiches.

Congratulations to those learners who achieved a Head teacher award of a school award. Well done for welcoming our new learners into our form and helping them settle into Longdendale High School.

I am very lucky to be your form tutor as you are all lovely, kind students. I look forward to continuing to work with you and celebrate your successes.

**Miss Webber**

8A I would like to congratulate 8A on an amazing year so far. You have been a great form and I am super proud to be your form tutor. Well done to everyone who has won a learning leader or head teacher award, and congratulations to all of those students who were rewarded with a trip for their excellent attitude to learning and attendance.

Congratulations to everyone who auditioned for the school musical 'The Fame Academy.' Mr Brown, the panel, and I were blown away with your talent and energy.

Well done to those with 100% attendance, and those who have improved their attendance over the year.

I am exceptionally proud of our form representatives for giving their time to improve our school. This is such a selfless act.

Most of all, I am proud that 8A continue to be such a conscientious and caring form. There are some lovely individuals in this class and there is a real sense of community.

Thank-you for making 2019 such an amazing year. Let's go into 2020 with a renewed sense of positivity and focus: let's smash it!

**Miss Wither**



8I What a great start to the year! Most learners have already demonstrated a good or excellent attitude to learning in most subjects and this is reflected in their progress and subject grades. I am very proud that some of our learners have got the highest achievement points in the school. A huge well done to Tia, Adie, Nevaeh, Brooke and Lewis who have all received postcards home for excellent work during lessons. Well done to Kieran, Matthew and Tristan who represented Longdendale in Tameside Football Tournament and came 3<sup>rd</sup> and to Trinity and George for competing in Tameside Cross Country Competition. Congratulations to all learners with 100% attendance during this term – what a fantastic achievement I hope we can all keep up next term! We are also very proud of Georgia and Keira who received the Head Teachers award this year and to Sophie who was nominated for the Integrity award. A special thanks to our form representatives Leo Walsh and Keira Wilde for successfully continuing their roles. I am so proud to be form tutor of such a lovely form. Well done 8I, keep it up!

### **Dr. Khan**

8E What a fantastic start to the year. Cody and Tiana have become our new Form Reps and Freya has taken the mantle off Charlotte to become this year's Form captain. We have had a couple of new additions to the form, myself included. Valentino and Tom have joined us but we have sadly had to say goodbye to Charlotte and Lexi who have moved to new schools. The form have performed excellently with some donations to charity, mainly the Shoe Box Appeal, but have also completed individual pledges to organisations all around Greater Manchester. We are also achieving in extracurricular activities. Freya has completed a full set of swimming certificates. Tom has seen success with the Glossop U-13's rugby team who recently won 16-0. Tiana came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a horse riding competition. Ava, Jess and Emily have passed their most recent dance examinations with a Distinction. Chloe has also been successful with her dancing and is going to be taking part in a Christmas panto, "Goldilocks in The Circus" which she will be showing in Manchester. Maddie has also auditioned for a play in Glossop and will be joining Cody, Freya, Chloe, Jake and Jan in the school Fame performance. I am sure you will join me in celebrating these early achievements for 8E and in wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **Mr Kilkenny**

8S – Congratulations Year 8 you have had a good start to the year! Well done to several members of our form who have been a big part of the Year 8 football team this year who are as yet unbeaten! After 8S triumphed at Sports day last year you are proving yourself to be a very competitive and athletic form. Not to mention being very creative with your Music and Samba dancing workshops in which you were praised for your talented performances. A big well done to everyone who has maintained 100% attendance so far this year, let's try and keep that up until the end of the year! Also a big thank you for all your donations to the food bank this year, I'm sure you will continue to help your community with your charity pledges into 2020. Finally a huge well done for these last few weeks before Christmas you have really focused in lessons and worked very hard and it has not gone unnoticed. Please continue to present yourselves as the lovely young people that I know you are. Let's make 2020 a fantastic year for 8S. Have a lovely break, Merry Christmas!!

### **Miss Woods**

,8R Well done to all of you for a successful first term of year 8. As a form we have had lots to celebrate this first term with many more to successes come in 2020. This year as a form we have made a pledge to do 6 hours of charity work. We wrote Christmas postcards of kindness during a Life skills lesson and sent them to Fernlea care home in Stockport. Some of you have continued your charity pledge during community project by wearing your shoes for 24 hours! Well done to Matilda, Lola, Isobel, Rhianna, Ruby and Molly for completing this challenge in aid of 'Invisible Manchester' people who are homeless. Another well done to Molly, who along with her peers, made Victoria sponge cake and served afternoon tea to staff and together raised £105 for the homelessness charity Wellsprings. In terms of sports well done to the year 8 football team and Alex from our form for your recent football match against Raynor Stephens where we won 8-3! Jemima well done for continuing your hard work in Karate, at the moment you are at the highest brown belt level. As a form we wish you luck next year in your endeavour to become a Junior black belt. I would also like to say well done to Matilda, Lola, Ruby and Ruby for your successful auditions and how proud our form is of you for getting into the school production Fame. This year as a form we will endeavour to achieve our 6 hour charity pledge for 2020 and we will aim to achieve excellent attitudes to learning. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

### **Love Miss Booth and Mr Taylor**