



Longdendale
HIGH SCHOOL

Year 11 Christmas newsletter 2019



**PRAISE
YOU!**



Well done Year 11. You have started your final year at Longdendale with gusto and the determination to make every teaching day count. The majority of you have good and excellent Attitudes to Learning, you have engaged well with the support being offered to you by your teachers and tutors and you are steadily working your way towards those final exams. As we move into a new year, I hope that you use the opportunity to make valuable resolutions to achieve in your GCSEs and beyond. It is hard to believe you have less than 9% of your Longdendale High School careers to go. Keep that positive momentum and be proud of your successes as you move towards your goals. Remember to balance work, rest and play over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you back with us in 2020, refreshed and eager to have impact!

Mrs. Moffat.

Well done to 11A on a great first term in your final year at Longdendale.

I have been massively impressed by your approach to the recent mock exams. It's been great to see so many of you voluntarily bringing out revision materials and helping each other to prepare during form time.

Well done to Courtney for supplying two full shoe boxes for the shoe box charity appeal earlier this year. This reflects the kind nature of many in our form. Also congratulations to Grace for her success in a recent equestrian competition, and likewise to the boys in the highly successful year 11 football team. Good luck to Josh who will be appearing as a contestant on Channel Four's Countdown, later this year.

I know that everyone has worked hard on college applications and on applications for apprenticeships and you all now have solid plans for the future having gained those positions.

Finally, I am greatly looking forward to the BTEC music gigs which will take place in January and will feature several members of 11A. I know you've been working hard to perfect your performances and put on a two fantastic shows for us on January 28th and 29th. Tickets for these gigs will be available when we return after Christmas.

Mr. Marsh.

Merry Christmas from 11S!

What a term it has been for our form group! It has been fantastic to see so many of you mature so quickly in such a short period of time. Your attitude and behaviour around school will reflect positively in your results come summer, and I am delighted to see so many of you attending after-school revision sessions.

Obviously, as a member of the PE department, I'd like to give a special mention to those in our form that have represented the school football teams this year, with Will, Tom, Dec, Oli, Joel, and Ellie all donning the famous dark blue Longdendale strip this year.

I'd also like to reserve a special congratulations to Katie for maintaining 100% attendance throughout her time here at Longdendale, and continuing that through this first term of Year 11. I would also like to thank Megan from 11S on the work she is doing as Head Girl, the extra hours you are putting into this role aren't going unnoticed!

I am extremely proud of the whole form group and can't wait to see them achieve their successes in 2020, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Boardman.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish my wonderful tutor group, 11P a Merry Christmas.

It was so nice coming back to you guys after being off on maternity leave, and I'm pleased to be able to help see you through your final few months at Longdendale.

You have made such an impressive start to the year, and are showing a mature attitude in everything you are doing. A special mention to the following students, who have shown an excellent attitude to learning so far this year; Josh, Jamie, Chloe, Abi, Evie, Isaac, Molly and Olivia.

In addition to this, 11 students are still on 100% attendance, despite all the bugs going around at this time of year! Really impressed with your resilience and dedication towards your studies. Congratulations to the following students, who have managed to attain over 1000 achievement points so far this year: Olivia, Cam, Elliot, Max, Evie R, Madison, Sam, Isabelle, Abi, Olivia, Zac, Molly, Lucy, Jamie and Josh.

I hope you all have a lovely rest over the Christmas period, and come back refreshed and ready to take on 2020! You are all amazing and have the ability to fulfil your dreams. Believe in yourself and anything is possible.

Mrs. Emery.

I have the honour of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas from Year 11I.

At Christmas I believe that it is important to focus on what you are thankful for and one thing that I am thankful for this year is my excellent new form and excellent is the only fair way to describe them with over ninety percent of them getting a good or excellent attitude to learning. A special congratulation to Molly, Daniel and Ellie who had an excellent attitude in every subject. But that is not the only way that 11I have excelled this year as a tutor group we have also achieved a massive amount of achievement points - a special congratulations must go to Jessica who has got a massive 1335 achievement points and to Lauren who has got a massive 1295 achievement points.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being a form teacher is getting to know the learners and I have to say after getting to know 11I I am very impressed to see a set of learners who are able to achieve so much at Longdendale and beyond. An example of how hard they are all working is at the end of each school day as I head back to the staff room is how many of the form I see on the corridor heading to do extra revision classes. All this gives me massive amounts of confidence of what 11I can achieve in 2020. I would like to wish all the students in 11I a great Christmas. I hope that you have a well-earned rest and come back in the New Year and be the most successful form the school has ever seen.

Mr. Murtagh.



Merry Christmas 11R!

Although I've only been your form tutor for a term, it feels like a lifetime! It has been amazing getting to know you all over the past term and I feel like I can already see the adults you will become. You have had a great start to the year with the vast majority of you showing a good or excellent attitude to learning. I was so proud to see members of our tutor group at my first ever Longdendale Awards Evening and I know you will keep going from strength to strength.

The autumn term of Year 11 can often be a shock to the system but so many of you have risen to the challenge; organising yourselves and your friends to attend after-school revision sessions and preparing for your mock exams. Take time over the Christmas holidays to relax, rest and have fun so that you are rested for your last full term at high school.

Thank you for making me so welcome at Longdendale – so much so that I rarely get a minute to myself without one of you coming to keep me 'company'. You are kind, generous and you make me laugh every day - and we definitely have the best-dressed form room in the school. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Ms. Kerfoot.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of 11E to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

As a tutor group we have made a good start to the academic year and have embraced all the additional opportunities given to us here at school. I have been really pleased to see so many of you mature over your time at Longdendale and see you turn into such lovely young adults.

This term has been another successful term for you all as a tutor group and once again you have made me very proud to be your tutor. I would first of all like to congratulate those who were involved in the Presentation evening, open days and any of the other community events that have taken place as they have all been outstanding. You have all achieved well in terms of achievement points with every member of the group obtaining at least 600 achievement points each and a staggering 25000 between you all.

As a tutor group you always present yourselves in the best ways possible and the vast majority of you are punctual and attend every single day. A massive well done to all of you who are still on 100% attendance for this term as it really is a tough year for you guys.

As we move into the final stages of your Longdendale career, I would urge you all to enjoy your Christmas holidays but to come back in the New Year with a renewed and refreshed focus for the 6 months ahead of you. Make sure you all make the most of every opportunity given to you and ensure that you are 100% focussed every day.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and successful 2020!

Mr. Pomeroy.

“All our dreams can come true – if we have the courage to pursue them.”-Walt Disney

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Days
until GCSE exams**