

WELCOME NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

DEAR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS,

Congratulations to all Year 6 students who will be joining Longdendale in September.

We were delighted to welcome everyone for two fantastic transition days earlier this month. Students approached every activity with enthusiasm, confidence and positivity and it was wonderful to see them beginning to make new friendships while getting to know the school, staff and each other.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter which highlights many of the exciting events our students have been involved in throughout the Summer Term.

We wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**.

We are pleased to confirm the Year 7 staffing team for September as below. If you have any queries when your child starts with us, please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance.



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Mr R Holt
10A Tutor

Miss M Finlay
7B Tutor

Mr S Millbrook
7C Tutor

Mrs C Kennedy
7D Tutor

Mr D Baxter
7E Tutor

Miss L Hamilton
7F Tutor



Mr A Robinson
Year 7 Pastoral Support



Mrs J Willis
Head of Year 7



Mr J Bowland
Head of Achievement



Mr M Chiles
Headteacher

YEAR 7 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

DEAR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS,

Congratulations to all our Year 7 students on a fantastic end to the summer term. It has been a wonderful year and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Year 7 have embraced new opportunities, worked hard and made an excellent start to their secondary school journey.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, which celebrates many of the memorable events, achievements and experiences from across the summer term.

As your child prepares to move into Year 8 in September, we are pleased to confirm the staffing team for the new academic year. If you have any questions when we return to school, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

We wish all our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students entering Year 8 back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.



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Miss L Booth
8A Tutor

Miss L Entwistle
8B Tutor

Miss C Burton
8C Tutor

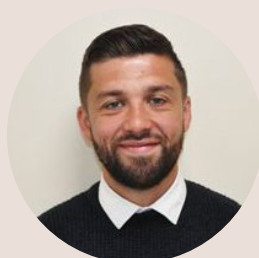
Mr R Marsh
8D Tutor

Miss S Hulston
8E Tutor

Miss C McIlwraith
8F Tutor



Miss K Smith
Head of Year 8 &
Pastoral Support Worker



Mr L Crompton
Head of Achievement



Mr M Chiles
Headteacher

YEAR 8 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

DEAR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS,

We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 8 students have achieved this year. They have made a positive contribution to school life in so many ways. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment have been outstanding - well done Year 8!

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, which celebrates many of the memorable events, achievements and experiences from across the summer term.

As your child prepares to move into Year 9 in September, we are pleased to confirm the staffing team for the new academic year. If you have any questions when we return to school, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

We wish all our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students entering Year 9 back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.



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Mr A Hulley
9A Tutor

Mr Z Bragg
9B Tutor

Mrs F Lucas
9C Tutor

Ms R Kerfoot
9D Tutor

Mrs N McCormick
9E Tutor

Mrs C Frangleton
9F Tutor



Ms J Pauline
Year 9 Pastoral Support



Mrs L Kelly
Head of Year 9



Mr M Hollin
Head of Achievement



Mr M Chiles
Headteacher

YEAR 9 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

DEAR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS,

We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 9 students have achieved this year. They have made a positive contribution to school life in many ways, approached their GCSE options choices with maturity and thoughtfulness and worked hard to uphold our school values throughout the year.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, which celebrates many of the memorable events, achievements and experiences from across the summer term.

As your child prepares to move into Year 10 in September, we are pleased to confirm the staffing team for the new academic year. If you have any questions when we return to school, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

We wish all our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students entering Year 10 back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.



Mr M Kilkenny
10A Tutor



Ms D Healey
10B Tutor



Mrs J Williams
10C Tutor



Miss L Wood
10D Tutor



Mr B Bowden
10E Tutor



Miss K Humphreys
10F Tutor



Mr C Brown
Year 10 Pastoral Support



Mr A Boardman
Head of Year 10



Dr A Glancey
Head of Achievement



Mr M Chiles
Headteacher

YEAR 10 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

DEAR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS,

We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 10 students have achieved this year. They have worked hard throughout the year and we were delighted by the positive feedback received from employers during their work experience placements. This reflected our students' growing maturity, commitment and professionalism. Well done, Year 10!

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, which celebrates many of the memorable events, achievements and experiences from across the summer term.

As your child prepares to move into Year 11 in September, we are pleased to confirm the staffing team for the new academic year. If you have any questions when we return to school, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

We wish all our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students entering Year 11 back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**.



Mr B Wilson
11A Tutor



Miss N Slinger
11B Tutor



Miss C Woods
11C Tutor



Mrs C Shields
11D Tutor



Mrs C Maiolani
11E Tutor



Mrs E Baxter
11F Tutor



Mrs A Clare
Year 11 Pastoral Support



Mr P Rea
Head of Year 11



Mrs S Ayre
Head of Achievement



Mr M Chiles
Headteacher



LEGACY PRESENTATION EVENING

In June, we celebrated our annual Legacy Presentation Evening, recognising the achievements, dedication and contributions of students who have made a lasting impact on our school community.

We celebrated a range of student successes, from outstanding commitment to our school values and desire to enhance our local community to sporting and academic excellence. We also awarded our prestigious 'Green Blazer' awards, for outstanding overall contributions to school life.

The evening also featured a series of outstanding musical performances from our talented students. It was fantastic to see both experienced performers and those new to the stage showcasing their skills with such confidence and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the evening such a success. Most importantly, congratulations to all our incredible students. We are immensely proud of everything they have achieved and the legacy they continue to build each and every day.

Congratulations go to the following students who all received awards on the night:

YEAR 7

Noah G - Respect
 Alfie W - Resilience
 Alexandra - Aspiration
 Adam N - Community
 Harriet - Sport
 Reya - Legacy
 Adelaide - Knowledge
 Sienna - Green Blazer

YEAR 8

Zaynab - Respect
 Scarlett W - Resilience
 Harry C - Aspiration
 Eden - Community
 Mia - Sport
 Robin - Legacy
 Elena - Knowledge
 Libbie - Green Blazer

YEAR 9

Olivia B - Respect
 Cameron - Resilience
 Mae - Aspiration
 Olive - Community
 Kaitlyn - Sport
 Frankie - Legacy
 Noah A - Knowledge
 Leah - Green Blazer

YEAR 10

Nivi - Respect
 Alex B - Resilience
 Callum - Aspiration
 Jackson - Community
 Ben - Sport
 Eve L - Legacy
 Libby - Knowledge
 Nikhita - Green Blazer

FIRST GIVE PROJECT

Our Year 8 students demonstrated exceptional commitment, compassion and community spirit through their participation in the First Give programme this year.

First Give is a social action programme that encourages young people to engage with local charities, develop an understanding of community needs and take meaningful action to support causes they care about. As part of the programme, students researched local charities, organised fundraising activities and planned and delivered persuasive presentations advocating for their chosen charity.

The project reached its pinnacle in the summer term with a highly competitive final between the Year 8 tutor groups. Congratulations to 8F, represented by Alex and Tristan, who were crowned the overall winners. Their success secured a £1,000 grant for their chosen charity, the Anthony Seddon Fund, helping to support the invaluable work they carry out within the local community.

Special recognition also goes to two highly commended groups - 8A impressed the judges with their presentation in support of Reuben's Retreat, while 8D were recognised for their outstanding advocacy on behalf of Emmaus Mossley.

Every group delivered thoughtful and engaging presentations, demonstrating a genuine commitment to raising awareness and support for, their chosen charities. We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part and the positive impact they have made through this inspiring programme.



INDUCTION DAYS

It was a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 cohort on their induction days earlier in July. From the moment they arrived, they made an excellent first impression, embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and positivity.

The first day began with a welcome assembly led by Mr Chiles, who introduced students to life at Longdendale alongside Mrs Willis, Head of Year 7, and Mr Bowland, our Year 7 Head of Achievement. Students learnt about the importance of aiming high, looking out for one another and being strong, reflecting our core values of aspiration, respect and resilience.

Following the assembly, students met their new form tutors, visited their tutor rooms for the first time and took part in a range of induction activities. They explored our school routines and enjoyed a variety of taster lessons, giving them an exciting insight into life across the curriculum.

On the second day, students attended their first Aspiration Briefing before taking part in creative workshops across our performing arts subjects. In Dance, they learnt a lively Samba routine using world flags as props. In Music, they explored a range of percussion instruments to perform a Samba-inspired piece, while in Art they created colourful and vibrant Name Waves, showcasing their creativity and individuality.

The induction programme concluded with our Golden Ticket Celebration Assembly, where students performed in front of their peers and teachers, celebrating everything they had achieved over the two days. Certificates and prizes were presented in recognition of the enthusiasm, resilience and positivity they had shown throughout the programme.

A special thank you goes to our student transition mentors, who worked hard to ensure that every new student felt welcome, supported and included. Their kindness and encouragement played an important role in helping our newest students settle into life at Longdendale.

The induction days provided a fantastic platform to help students to build confidence and feel part of our school community before they officially join us in September. We look forward to welcoming them back and seeing them begin the next exciting chapter of their journey.





PE NEWS

It has been another fantastic term in the PE department, with students embracing opportunities to challenge themselves, develop new skills and represent the school with pride. From competitive fixtures to outdoor adventures and fundraising events, it has been wonderful to see such energy, enthusiasm and teamwork on display.

Congratulations to our Year 8 girls' football team, who reached the Plate Final after an excellent run in the competition. The girls made a fantastic start by taking an early lead against a strong and well-organised opposition. Although two late goals saw them narrowly miss out on victory, they can be incredibly proud of their performance. Their commitment, determination and outstanding teamwork throughout the competition were a credit to both themselves and the school.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed taking part in a series of year group hikes as part of the Outdoor Adventurous Activities PE programme. These hikes provided the perfect opportunity to build resilience, develop teamwork and enjoy the local countryside. Our Year 9 students successfully completed an impressive 6.7-mile hike - well done to you all.

As part of National School Sports Week, students in Years 7 to 9 have also taken part in the Race for Life schools event during their PE lessons, completing our cross-country course to raise money and awareness for Cancer Research UK. It was inspiring to see so many students getting active while supporting a cause that means so much to so many families. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we are delighted to have raised over £600. Thank you to everyone who participated, donated and helped make the event such a success.

The term concluded with students proudly representing Longdendale High School at the Tameside Inter-School Athletics Competition. Every athlete competed with determination, commitment and excellent sportsmanship, showcasing both their individual talents and the values of our school.

A special congratulations go to our medal winners:

Confidence (Year 7) – Bronze Medal, Junior Girls' 100m

Zach (Year 9) – Bronze Medal, Intermediate Boys' 1500m

Ben C (Year 10) – Silver Medal, Intermediate Boys' Long Jump

Phoebe (Year 8) – Gold Medal, Junior Girls' Javelin and crowned Tameside Champion!

INDIVIDUAL SPORTING SUCCESS

Many of our students participate in a wide range of sports outside of school, and it is always wonderful to celebrate their achievements. Thank you to the following students who have shared their experiences with us recently. Congratulations to:

Finlay (Year 8) who won the North West Boxing Championships earlier this year, making him the number one boxer in the North West for his age and weight category for the second year running. A fantastic accomplishment - congratulations, Finlay!

Enya (Year 8) who represented England at the MMA World Championships, where she delivered an outstanding performance to claim a silver medal in her first-ever World Championship. She then competed at the largest European wrestling tournament in Estonia, featuring more than 3,000 competitors from around the world, winning bronze in Freestyle wrestling and gold in Greco-Roman wrestling. In doing so, Enya made history as Great Britain's first-ever female Greco-Roman wrestling gold medallist. A truly exceptional achievement - congratulations, Enya!

Kaitlyn (Year 9) who competed at the Regional Bristol Games as part of Team North West, helping the team become regional champions for the second consecutive year. Kaitlyn also achieved an impressive 33rd place nationally in the individual event for the UK's top synchronised swimmers aged 13-15 - an outstanding achievement.

Zach (Year 9) who represented Tameside at the Greater Manchester Schools Athletics Championships held at Trafford Athletics Stadium. Competing in the Junior 1500m, Zach finished in an excellent 5th place and recorded a new personal best time - a fantastic performance.

Rebecca and Lily S (Year 10) who recently travelled to Lisbon to compete at the inaugural European Summit, a prestigious invitation only international cheer and dance competition. Together, they achieved an impressive 5th place in the Under 16 Lyrical category, while Rebecca also helped her Under 18 team secure 1st place, bringing home a gold medal. Congratulations to you both!

Congratulations to all of our students on their fantastic achievements. We are so proud of your dedication, hard work and success. Please do continue to share your accomplishments with us, we always enjoy celebrating your achievements and recognising the effort that has gone into them.





DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Congratulations to all of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award students for their outstanding effort, commitment and resilience across every aspect of the award this year. From developing new skills and volunteering in the community to completing their physical activities and expeditions, they have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

Both our Year 9 Bronze and Year 10 Silver participants recently completed their expeditions. The Bronze students deserve great credit for the positive attitude and independence they showed during their expedition. The Silver group undertook their challenge in exceptionally hot weather and demonstrated remarkable perseverance, teamwork and good spirits throughout, despite the challenging conditions.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award provides invaluable experiences that help young people develop confidence, leadership and resilience. We are incredibly proud of what our students have achieved.

Finally, a sincere thank you to the dedicated staff team whose time, enthusiasm and commitment make it possible for us to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Longdendale. Their support, encouragement and willingness to give up their own time ensure that our students can benefit from this fantastic programme.





LITERACY REWARDS

We were delighted to celebrate the achievements of students who have shown exceptional commitment, perseverance and hard work during their literacy intervention sessions this term.

To recognise their dedication, each student was presented with a certificate, a book token and a cupcake in recognition of their fantastic efforts and progress.

Congratulations go to:

Year 7: Lucas, Lexi, Grace and Michael
 Year 8: Lewis, Mehrad, Luke and Latisha
 Year 9: Tristen, Iulia, Alicia and Jamie
 Year 10: Hudson and Lois

FUNDRAISING

We'd like to congratulate Year 7 students Poppy, Matilda and Alisha who organised and ran a successful charity stall at Glossop Market Hall, raising an impressive £157.78 for Action Together.

From contacting local organisations and planning the event to making crafts, organising raffles and running the stall, the girls showed outstanding initiative, teamwork, creativity and determination.

Their hard work also brought the local community together, with traders generously supporting their efforts. A huge well done to these students, who took part in the Kindness elective with Miss Hamilton and have put their learning into action so thoughtfully.



UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD VISIT

Year 10 students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to the University of Oxford, where they explored the campus, took part in engaging taster sessions and gained an insight into studying at one of the world's leading universities.

The visit encouraged students to think about their future aspirations and the exciting opportunities available to them.

YEAR 10 KING'S TRUST CARE HOME VISIT

Year 10 students Mathilda, James, Nell, Isabelle and Cameron recently visited The Risings Care Home as part of their King's Trust Community Impact qualification. Over the past few months, the group have been developing their understanding of dementia through listening to guest speakers, conducting research and role playing communication skills activities before planning the visit completely by themselves, including carrying out a full risk assessment.

During their two-hour visit, the students spent time making bird feeders and playing games with residents, demonstrating kindness, patience and maturity throughout. They showed outstanding empathy by ensuring every resident felt included, adapting their communication to meet individual needs and creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

The visit was a tremendous success, with students showing exceptional kindness, empathy and confidence throughout. They communicated thoughtfully with every resident, including those who were no longer able to communicate verbally, ensuring everyone felt valued and included. One resident remarked, "I love it when all my family come to visit," a touching comment that reflected the comfortable atmosphere the students created. We are incredibly proud of the compassion, maturity and respect they demonstrated - they were a true credit to our school.



MFL UNIVERSITY VISIT

Twenty Year 10 Spanish students enjoyed an inspiring visit to the University of Manchester as part of the Insights into Languages programme.

Students explored the Languages department, attended a "Why Study Languages?" talk, met current language students, took part in a creative subtitling activity and enjoyed taster sessions.

The day also included a campus tour led by student ambassadors, giving students a valuable insight into university life.

UK MATHS TRUST

Congratulations to 30 of our Year 7 and 8 students who recently took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Junior Maths Challenge.

We are delighted to celebrate their fantastic achievements, with 10 students earning Bronze Certificates and 3 students being awarded Silver Certificates. A special congratulations goes to Maggie in Year 7 who was just two marks away from a Gold Certificate - an outstanding accomplishment.

We are proud of every student who took part. Their commitment to challenging themselves are a credit to both themselves and the school. Well done to you all!



ANIMAL CARE ELECTIVE

Students in our Animal Care elective enjoyed a memorable hands-on learning experience when a group of friendly farm animals came to visit the school.

Josh T in Year 8 delivered an informative and engaging talk, sharing facts about each animal, their individual needs and the responsibilities involved in caring for them. A huge thank you to Josh and everyone who helped make this experience both educational and enjoyable for all involved.

GOODBYE TO YEAR 11

As another academic year draws to a close, we said goodbye to our Year 11 cohort after five memorable years at Longdendale. Following the completion of their GCSE examinations, students enjoyed a series of well-deserved celebrations beginning with a special Leavers' Assembly, followed by a Guard of Honour as students made their final walk through the school. The celebrations concluded with a fantastic Prom at The White Hart in Lydgate.

We are incredibly proud of everything this year group accomplished during their time with us. They have shown resilience, determination and growth, and we have every confidence that they will go on to achieve their individual goals for the future.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Thursday 20th August to collect their GCSE results. Results will be available to collect from school between 10.00am and 11.00am.

Until then, we wish the Class of 2026 a relaxing and well-deserved summer. Thank you for the memories, and everyone at Longdendale wishes you the very best of luck for the future.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND UPCOMING DATES

TERM DATES

For term dates for the year ahead, please visit our website [here](#).

Wednesday 2nd September

Year 7 and Year 11 students in school.

Thursday 3rd September

All year groups in school.

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 24th September

School closes at 12:15 for students.

DOFE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 8th October

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD EVENING

Wednesday 11th November

PRESENTATION EVENING

Wednesday 25th November

Celebratory evening for our Class of 2026.

DANCE PRODUCTION

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd December

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th December

END OF AUTUMN TERM

Friday 18th December

Celebration of the Autumn term with our golden ticket raffle assembly.

OUR VISION

Excellence and Ambition for all

OUR VALUES



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



ASPIRATION

If you have any questions regarding any of the information in this newsletter, you can contact us using the details below.

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