

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2025

DEAR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS,

As we come to the close of a remarkable academic year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements, proud moments, and lasting memories that have defined our school community. This year, our students have once again demonstrated the values and spirit that form the heart of our mission. One of the highlights has been the appointment of our new Prime Legacy Leaders, Brynna and William. These exceptional students have shown dedication, integrity, and a deep commitment to our school, and we are confident they will lead our Student Council with great vision and responsibility in the year ahead.

We were incredibly proud to celebrate the individual achievements of students who have gone above and beyond to build their Longdendale Legacy. Their efforts were recognised at our Legacy Presentation Evening, a truly inspiring event that showcased the remarkable contributions our young people have made across all areas of school life.

The enthusiasm and creativity were truly commendable during Sports Day, our students showed resilience, teamwork, and school spirit. To celebrate everyone's efforts, both students and staff were treated to a well-deserved ice cream, a small but sweet reward for their energy and determination.

As we look ahead, we are excited to welcome our new Year 7 cohort in September. We know they will quickly become an important part of our Longdendale family and continue to build on the legacy that our older students have so proudly shaped.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, our supportive families, and our inspiring students for making this year one of growth, success, and unity. I wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break.



Mr Chiles
Head of School

LEGACY POINTS

Our Legacy Points system continues to reward students whose behaviour exemplifies our school values. Congratulations to Year 7 who are the year group with the most Legacy Points this year. Well done to our top points holders:

1. **Jess** (7C) with 3,221 points
2. **Leo** (9C) with 2,480 points
3. **Noah** (7A) with 2,417 points
4. **Annie** (10D) with 2,245 points
5. **Jasper** (7C) with 1,965 points



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A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUST CEO

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, we want to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate all that has been achieved by our students, staff, and wider school community.

This year has been filled with hard work, determination, and achievement across all year groups. From academic successes and sporting triumphs to creative excellence and community engagement, our students have once again made us incredibly proud.

We also want to recognise and congratulate Mr Chiles on a fantastic first year as Head of School. His leadership, vision, and commitment to Longdendale have had a hugely positive impact, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.

To all our students, families, and staff – thank you from all at Stamford Park Trust for your continued support, dedication, and enthusiasm. Your efforts have made this year a memorable one.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and well-deserved summer break.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September.



Mr McGrath
Stamford Park Trust CEO



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PRIME LEGACY LEADERS

It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 10 students put themselves forward to be Prime Legacy Leader for the year ahead. All students outlined what they would bring to the role via a video presentation, with staff and students then voting for the student they'd like to see go through to the next round. Well done to all the candidates.

Mr Chiles, along with the Head of Year 10, Mr Crompton, and student council lead, Mrs Willis, then had the pleasure of interviewing the nominated students; discovering more about their views and aspirations for the next school year.

After very careful consideration from the panel, we are delighted to announce that Brynna and William are the successful candidates - many congratulations.

The new role of Prime Legacy Leader is a prestigious position within our school community and we look forward to seeing Brynna and William representing the student body, working closely with school leaders and fostering a positive school culture during the year ahead.





LEGACY PRESENTATION EVENING

In June we celebrated our first ever Legacy Presentation evening – a night filled with talent and pride. Our guest speaker, Dr Haili Hughes, spoke of how hard work and dedication can lead anyone to achieve success which set an inspirational tone for the evening.

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 the first of our prestigious 'Green Blazer' awards, for outstanding overall contributions to school life.

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

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Jasper: Respect	Zion: Respect	Jenson: Respect	Alice: Respect
Zara: Resilience	Leah: Resilience	Cameron: Resilience	Dexter: Resilience
Charlie: Aspiration	Maya: Aspiration	Elizabeth: Aspiration	Eve: Aspiration
Luke: Community	Riley: Community	Megan: Community	William: Community
Enya: Sport	Oscar: Sport	Eve: Sport	Lily-Jade: Sport
Latisha: Legacy Champ	Vienna: Legacy Champ	Leo: Legacy Champ	Annie: Legacy Champ
Isabella: Knowledge	Izzy: Knowledge	Isabelle: Knowledge	Lily-Jade: Knowledge
Alex: Green Blazer	Kalu: Green Blazer	Harry: Green Blazer	Brynna: Green Blazer

The evening was brought to life with musical performances that showcased the incredible vocal talents of our students including previews of songs from our school production of Matilda.

Thanks go to everyone who worked so hard to make the evening a success, including the families who joined us to recognise and celebrate the fantastic contributions our students have made this year. Most importantly, here's to our amazing students and the legacy they are building every single day - we hope you all enjoyed the night and are as proud of yourselves as we are.

YOUNG GREEN BRITON CHALLENGE

Over the past year, Year 7 students have been taking part in the Young Green Briton Challenge, a national competition that empowers young people to tackle climate and sustainability issues through innovation and enterprise.

The challenge, run by GenEarth, is a nationwide initiative for 11-16 year olds, encouraging them to explore climate challenges in their communities and develop entrepreneurial responses. Participants gain valuable experience in teamwork, design, critical thinking, and public speaking, while building confidence as future change-makers.

Two teams from Longdendale were selected to represent the North West in the UK finals of the challenge in Liverpool and from here, one of our teams, Caraplastics, was selected to progress onto the UK finals in London.

Team Caraplastics (Tristan and Alex) impressed the judges with 'Tanya the Turtle' - a creative, vacuum-powered turtle designed to float on the ocean surface, collecting microplastics. Their idea brought a thoughtful and engaging solution to the problem of marine plastic pollution, showcasing innovation, technical thinking, and environmental awareness.

The boys confidently presented their ideas to leading figures in climate education, sustainability and social enterprise at the finals in London. Unfortunately they weren't selected as winners but they had an excellent time and it was a great experience. Reaching the UK finals is a fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of you and all students who participated earlier in the competition.





TAMESIDE ATHLETICS

Over 40 Longdendale students competed in the annual Tameside schools athletics championships at the Sportcity stadium in Manchester this term. All students who participated were a credit to themselves and the school - taking their own event seriously and supporting their team mates too.

Well done to all students who participated. We had 7 individual runners make it through their heats and into the finals along with our Junior Girls relay team - great efforts by all.

We saw our best medal haul in recent years with 11 individual medal winners - congratulations to all of you. Huge congratulations to Teejay who is now the Tameside Champion after winning the Intermediate Boys shot! Our Intermediate Girls team came 3rd overall which is a great achievement.

JUNIOR MEDAL WINNERS

Phoebe (Year 7): Silver in the Javelin
Alice (Year 7): Bronze in the Girls 800m
Mia (Year 7): Silver in the Girls 1,500m
Zach (Year 8): Silver in the Boys 1,500m



INTERMEDIATE MEDAL WINNERS

Jiyah (Year 9): Silver in the Discus
Eve (Year 9): Silver in the High Jump
Lucy (Year 10): Bronze in the Javelin
Brynna (Year 10): Bronze in the Long Jump
Niamh (Year 10): Bronze in the Triple Jump
Kaiden (Year 10): Silver in the Discus
Teejay (Year 10): Gold in the Shot





NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK

In June, we were involved in National School Sports Week - a week where physical activity is promoted and celebrated in school.

Our PE department organised a great selection of activities for students to try, with local sports clubs invited into school to give students taster sessions in sports they may never have had the opportunity to take part in previously. This year we were delighted to offer classes in martial arts, rugby, cheerleading/dance, fencing and basketball.

There was a lot of interest from students in these extra sports sessions and attendance was high which was great to see. The behaviour and engagement of our participating students was commended by many of the external coaches.

We would like to offer our thanks to the coaches from Evolution Martial Arts, The Cheer Lab, Sale Sharks, Ashton Fencing Club and Stockport Basketball for running these sessions in school.

YEAR GROUP HIKES

Our PE team also organised and supervised year group hikes during this week as part of the national curriculum for outdoor activities.

Year 9 got the week off to a great start on the Monday, showing resilience with a 6.47 mile hike completed in 2 hours 43 minutes.

Year 8 followed by completing 4.98 miles in 1 hour 52 minutes on the Wednesday. A great morning and birthday treat for Mr Boardman, PE teacher and Head of Year 8.

The Year 7 hike was re-arranged for the following week due to high temperatures - they eventually got into the great outdoors completing over 13,000 steps in 3 hours.





INDUCTION DAYS

It was wonderful to meet our new Year 7 cohort over two days in July. They showed an abundance of courage, enthusiasm and resilience on their induction days which was great to see. Many thanks to our student transition mentors from the current Year 7 and 8, who worked hard to make sure every student felt welcomed into school during their time with us.

The first day saw students experience their first Longdendale assembly, where they met Mr Chiles and were introduced to their Head of Achievement, Mr Bowland, and Head of Year, Mr Hulley. Following this, students met their new form tutors and had a first look at their tutor rooms for the next year. Students learnt about our school values and enjoyed taster sessions in maths and literacy.

On the second day, students took part in their first Aspiration briefing where they learnt about our school routines. They then took part in dance, drama and musical activities which they later performed in front of their year group and teachers during our Golden Ticket celebration assembly. Students won prizes and certificates and the experience allowed them to feel part of our school community and generate a buzz of excitement for their start on Tuesday 2nd September.

MESSAGE TO NEW YEAR 7

Mr Chiles, Mr Bowland, Mr Hulley and the whole Longdendale staff team really enjoyed meeting you all at your induction days!

Mr Hulley, Head of Year, said "The new Year 7s have really made a great impression already. I'm already impressed by their high standards and good conduct of behaviour; I have a feeling they'll be a great asset to the coming years of Longdendale."

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you again in September when you join us as Year 7 students!



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I am excited to start school in September. I can't wait to experience the school with my friends, make new friends and meet different teachers and students!

YEAR 6 STUDENT



TAMESIDE PLATE CHAMPIONS

Our Year 7 girls have played some brilliant football on route to the Tameside Plate final. Having not played together as a team previously, they have shown great commitment and teamwork in beating many strong teams along the way.

Defeating Great Academy Ashton 3-0 in the final and lifting the Tameside Plate, we are incredibly proud of the girls - well done to all who have played in the team.

We are looking forward to seeing you play more football over the years as you move up the year groups!

DISCOVER MY TALENT DAY

Congratulations to Year 7 student Mia and Alexis and Eve in Year 9 for taking part in the England Football FA "discover my talent day".

All girls excel in football both in and outside of school and were nominated for the potential they show for girls and womens football both now and in the future.

The girls showed their skills excellently whilst competing with over 100 other students from across Greater Manchester. They won every match in the 3v3 tournament - well done!



INDIVIDUAL SPORTING SUCCESS

Many of our students take part in a wide variety of sports outside of school and it is always great to hear of their success. Thank you to the following students who have shared their experiences with us this term. Congratulations to:

- **Kaitlyn** in Year 8 who won the regional artistic swimming championship with her North West team.
- **Alice** in Year 10 who was selected by the county FA to referee the under 13s county girls cup final.
- **Harry** in Year 9 who met the Manchester United first team during a training session.
- **Lily, Niamh and Izzy** in Year 10 who won events at the cheerleading finals in Florida.
- **Lucy and Jiyah** in Year 9 who have been selected to represent Greater Manchester in cricket.
- **Finlay** in Year 7 who won the North West region boxing belt.
- **Enya** who competed in Estonia at the annual open wrestling competition.

If any other students would like to share their extracurricular achievements, please speak to your form tutor, Head of Year, class teacher or any staff in school - we would love to hear your news.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE

We are extremely proud of our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students who completed their bronze expedition this term.

They spent 2 days navigating, hiking, camping and cooking and conducted themselves admirably in mixed weather conditions.

We hope many of you will progress onto the silver award next year.

A huge thank you goes to our amazing Duke of Edinburgh staff team for volunteering their time not only during the expedition but in the organisation and running of the award.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER

Massive congratulations to our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students who completed their silver expedition in June.

They spent 3 days navigating, hiking, camping and cooking and showed immense resilience and determination to succeed.

This is a fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of each and every one of you for working towards the silver award.

Many thanks again to our Duke of Edinburgh staff team who make it possible to offer this fantastic opportunity to students.

YEAR 10 COLLEGE VISITS

In June, Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit Ashton Sixth Form College or Tameside College to discover opportunities for the future as they look towards options available to them post 16.

Those who visited Ashton Sixth Form College enjoyed a personalised timetable of taster sessions in the subjects that interest them.

Students at the Tameside College taster day undertook sessions in various trades and careers including bricklaying, plumbing, electrics, mechanics and animal care.





UK MATHS TRUST

Well done to nearly 30 of our Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the UK Maths Trust Junior challenge earlier this term.

Special mentions go to Lucas, Tyler, Charlotte and Vienna who were all awarded bronze certificates. Massive congratulations to Robin who received a silver certificate and was awarded the best in school.

PRIMARY SCIENCE MORNING

Many thanks to Year 5 from Hollingworth Primary School for joining us for a fun morning of science activities this term.

Students investigated how different methods of insulation would affect how fast a snowman melts. They discussed their predictions and carried out various experiments to test their theories. Great work Year 5!

Thank you to our visitors for being so polite and enthusiastic. Our science team were impressed with your knowledge and hope to see many of you again in the future!



GOODBYE TO YEAR 11

The Class of 2025 had a fantastic end to their time at Longdendale. It was lovely to celebrate following their exams with a leavers assembly, guard of honour and prom at the White Hart in Lydgate, where they were all dressed to impress and had an amazing night of food, dancing and awards.

We are extremely proud of everything these students have achieved over their 5 years with us and we very much look forward to seeing them again when they collect their GCSE results on Thursday 21st August. Students are invited into school between 10am - 11am to collect their results.

In the meantime, we hope you are all enjoying a well deserved break. Best of luck to all of you in the future and stay in touch - it is always lovely to hear what our students go on to achieve in the future.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND UPCOMING DATES

TERM DATES

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

Tuesday 2nd September

Year 7 and Year 11 students return to school.

Wednesday 3rd September

All year groups in school.

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 24th September

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Begins Wednesday 1st October

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Friday 17th October - Friday 31st October

GREEN CAREERS WEEK

Monday 3rd November - Friday 7th November

PRESENTATION EVENING

Thursday 27th November

Celebratory evening for our Class of 2025.

DANCE PRODUCTION

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th December

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 18th December

END OF AUTUMN TERM

Friday 19th December

Celebration of the Autumn term with our golden ticket raffle.

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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