

Dear Longdendale Families,

As we reach the end of the academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the achievements, progress, and memorable moments that have defined our school community. Our students have embraced the changes to our core routines and have demonstrated a drive to be the best version of themselves to build their Longdendale Legacy. This is reflected in almost 400,000 legacy points awarded across the whole school, a massive achievement and recognition of living our school values of respect, resilience and aspiration.

This year has been filled with accomplishments that truly reflect the dedication, resilience, and collaborative spirit of our students and staff. From academic milestones to personal growth, extracurricular successes to community initiatives, we have much to be proud of. I have been so impressed with our students who have faced challenges and found the resilience to overcome them. This is something they should be proud of, and I know it will support them moving into the new academic year.

Beyond the classroom, students have thrived in a range of activities - from sports competitions and performing arts productions to the Young Green Briton Challenge where we were crowned one of the northwest champions. Other highlights have included Matilda and Tameside athletics, all of which have showcased the talent, teamwork, and enthusiasm of our young people.

As we move into the final week of the academic year, we have lots planned for our enrichment week which will see students experiencing the culture of Barcelona and London, trips to the museums, culture day, sports day, and our final golden ticket raffle of the year. It is going to be the biggest raffle to date. I know whatever your child will be participating in over the coming week it will contribute towards building their cultural capital and provide many first time, long lasting, memorable experiences for them all.

As we look to the next academic year, we are excited to build on this year's successes. Our plans remain to embed the work we have done, and we remain committed to ensuring that every student is supported to thrive academically and personally.

There are a few changes to make you aware of:

1. Students will be allowed to wear **one** stud earring in each ear from September.
2. Year 11 can wear a **plain navy-blue tie** (which can be purchased on ParentPay) if they wish to do so.
3. I'm pleased to announce we have secured funding to refurb two blocks of toilets which will take place over the summer holidays.

We have a phased return like we did for last September with **Year 7 and 11 students only** on **Tuesday 2nd September** and **all year groups** from **Wednesday 3rd September**.

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. It is a privilege to work in partnership with you to support our students in reaching their potential and achieving a long-lasting legacy. We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Chiles
Head of School