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Dear Longdendale families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I have been impressed with the student's return to school demonstrating our core values of respect, resilience and aspiration. This has been recognised with students rewarded with our new golden tickets and values cards.

Family forums

At the start of the new academic year, I wrote to you to outline my intention to build Longdendale's partnership with families. I am pleased to invite you to our first Family Forum on Thursday 26th September. If you would like to attend, please arrive at 9:15 am, I expect the forum to finish around 10am. On arrival at school please sign in at Reception. This forum will provide an excellent opportunity to ask questions, share your thoughts, and gain a deeper understanding of our goals and initiatives for the academic year.

Canteen

There have been several changes to our school dinners following on from the feedback I received via the student council with additional food items added and theme days set for the academic year. It has also been necessary to increase the school dinner price by 2% due to increases in external costs. You can view the updated prices on our website as well as the autumn menu.

Masters of knowledge

Last week students were introduced to our masters of knowledge approach for the academic year. This will involve all students developing their scholarly habits through using the learning strategies of look, cover, write and check, knowledge drop and flashcards. For the autumn term, students will focus on the first two strategies at home using their mastery sheets. The mastery sheets provide all the core knowledge that students should know for their lessons. Students should practice recalling this knowledge from memory in their masters of knowledge books and check for accuracy using their mastery sheets. Once work has been completed students can share this at our ambition table to be awarded golden tickets and recognition for aspiring to be masters of knowledge.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Chiles
Head of School