

## Hello

As we come to the end of the first half term at Lymm I just wanted to send out a message to say how proud I am of the Year 7 children.

They have settled into Lymm life brilliantly and their teachers have been delighted with the positive start that they have made. For some, unfortunately, they have had a few days of online learning, but this has not deterred their determination to do well in lessons and they have engaged with this like pros.

The number of children that have signed up to extra-curricular activities has been outstanding and Mr Mason was delighted to tell me that he had over 90 footballers turn up for an after-school training session. I have yet to hear the singing in Dr McCombs singing club; however, I am hoping that the children that have chosen this as their activity will help me lead the Christmas carols that are sung on the last day of term as the students come into school.....they may be able to drown me out, which I am sure for some would be very welcome! Hopefully, we will get more pupils joining extra-curricular activities next half-term so that they can get this signed off on their Leadership Ladder.

I have been into lots of lessons over the last seven weeks and the fantastic attitude to learning has just blown me away. The classes have been calm and quiet, a wonderful learning environment – I did have a bit of a panic when walking past a drama lesson as I thought there was a small riot taking place but upon further investigation I found out that this was all part of the lesson and the children were able to show their more dramatic side while practicing their acting skills.

Congratulations to those that have been awarded the honour of form captains, sports captains, eco reps and wellbeing mentors. The speeches that were written for these posts were outstanding, well thought out and truly heartfelt.

I would also like to thank our form tutors and Mr Guatella for supporting the children through their first half term. Without their help the children would not have been able to settle as well as they have – the work they do behind the scenes is awesome and the impact that they have on the smooth transition process is huge.

We have welcomed our Year 12 mentors into the forms, and they have been a real support for some of our children. They have shown kindness and maturity and have been true role models for the Year 7 children. We look forward to welcoming them into our form times on a more regular basis next half term.

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I am hoping that the children are able to have a restful holiday as I am sure that they are all extremely tired by this point (I know I am!). I am looking forward to seeing them all back in school in November where we can start to look forward to picking up even more hall points, joining more clubs, getting more golden tickets and taking part in some Christmas activities.

Take care

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