



Dear Parent, Carer and Students

23 February 2018

Welcome back to half term 4 of this school year. I hope you have all enjoyed the February break and feel ready for the challenges ahead. For all students, a new half term is a chance to review personal goals and aspirations and assess how well things are going, both academically and socially. It is a good time to ask the question, 'am I working hard enough to be the best version of myself I possibly can be?' Answering this question truthfully can be quite a challenge but I hope that this PROUD checklist might help:

Perseverance – Are you working hard enough in everything you do, especially when things are difficult and you might fail? Or, are you more likely to give up and avoid the possibility of failure? Be strong and persevere and be prepared to be surprised by what you achieve when you really try.

Responsibility – Are you treating other people as you want to be treated, both face to face and online? I really hope you are but if not, now is that time to start again and try to get it right. Your behaviour is your responsibility and your choices are down to you, make sure they are the right ones!

Ownership – Are you ready to learn every day? Do you always have the equipment and kit you need to learn well? Do you take pride in your appearance and look smart every day in correct school uniform? If so, be PROUD! If not, sort it out! If there are any practical reasons why you cannot be smartly dressed in correct uniform and fully equipped then please let a member of staff know. We will help you to remove those barriers to your success.

Understanding – Are you tolerant of the needs of others? Are you compassionate and caring towards other people? We are a family school and we look after one another. Nothing else is acceptable and poor treatment of other people will not be tolerated.

Determination – As Headteacher of our school, I am determined that this will become the best community high school in this area. I believe that we must not be defined by what has happened to us and must choose what we wish to become. Lathom, our school community, has faced some very challenging times in the last few years. We must learn from these challenges and be determined together to make sure that we have a school that we can all be PROUD of.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see us at Parent Drop In every Tuesday afternoon from 2.15 – 5.15pm. If this is not a convenient time for you, you can call between these times every Tuesday and speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or alternatively please call school or email enquiries@lathom.lancs.sch.uk to arrange an appointment.

Below is a list of key dates for your diaries for this half term:

Tuesday 27 February	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 1 March	Year 8 'Crossing the Line' Police Workshop
Thursday 8 March	Year 8 Options Day – parent appointments available all day 8am-6pm
Weds 14 March	Year 9 and Year 10 Interactive Careers Fair
Friday 23 March	Reports Home
	End of Term – school closes at 3.20pm

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in our drive for high standards and I look forward to working with you again this half term.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher