



Friday 10th June 2026

End of Academic Year Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the summer term, I want to thank you for your incredible support over these past few months. Stepping into the role of Acting Headteacher of Longbenton High School has been an absolute privilege. I am immensely proud of how our school community has come together to ensure a successful and productive term for all of our students.

This period has been filled with outstanding achievements, from those Year 11 and 13 students sitting their final GCSE and A level examinations to the many students who have represented our school on visits to Gibside, Seaton Delaval Hall and the local business park to name a few. Our students have consistently demonstrated our core KIDMAP values, showing resilience and kindness through every challenge and triumph. In this letter, I would like to outline important information for the final week of term, the upcoming summer break and our return in September.

Final week of term arrangements

Monday 13th July	Tuesday 14th July	Wednesday 15th July	Thursday 16th July	Friday 17th July
Rewards Day	<u>Normal</u> School Day	Sports Day	<u>Normal</u> School Day	Students will finish at 12.15pm

New Term Arrangements – 26/27 Academic Year

Monday 31st August	Tuesday 1st September	Wednesday 2nd September	Thursday 3rd September	Friday 4th September
Bank Holiday Students not in school	Staff Training Day Students not in school	Year 7 & Year 12 ONLY	<i>All students</i>	<i>All students</i>

Changes to the timings of the school day

Please see below the updated timings of the school day for the next academic year.

From September, the structure and timings of the school day will change. These changes have been made to support the smooth running of the school, make the best use of learning time and ensure that pupils have a clear and consistent routine throughout the day.

We would ask all pupils, parents and carers to take some time to familiarise themselves with the new timings before the start of the academic year. It is particularly important that pupils arrive on site in good time and are ready to begin the school day promptly.

The full timings of the school day, including registration, lessons, break and lunchtime, are set out below. Further reminders will also be shared with pupils and families ahead of the start of the new school year.

The school day on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Year 7 & 8 & Sixth Form		Years 9, 10 & 11	
Inspire	08:00 – 8:40	Inspire	08:00 – 8:40
AM Tutor Time	08.40 – 8:50	AM Tutor Time	08.40 – 8:50
PD Lesson/Assembly	08:50 – 9:15	PD Lesson/Assembly	08:50 – 9:15
Period 1	09:15 – 10:15	Period 1	09:15 – 10:15
Break	10:15 – 10:30	Period 2	10:15 – 11:15
Period 2	10:30 – 11:30	Break	11:15 – 11:30
Period 3	11:30 – 12:30	Period 3	11:30 – 12:30
Lunch	12:30 – 13:00	Period 4	12:30 – 13.30
Period 4	13.00 – 14:00	Lunch	13:30 – 14:00
Period 5	14:00 – 15:00	Period 5	14:00 – 15:00
PM Tutor Time	15:00 – 15:10	PM Tutor Time	15:00 – 15:10
Inspire	15:10 – 16:00	Inspire	15:10 – 16:00

The school day on a Tuesday.

Year 7 & 8 & Sixth Form		Years 9, 10 & 11	
Inspire	08:00 – 8:40	Inspire	08:00 – 8:40
AM Tutor Time	08.40 – 8:50	AM Tutor Time	08.40 – 8:50
PD Lesson/Assembly	08:50 – 9:15	PD Lesson/Assembly	08:50 – 9:15
Period 1	09:15 – 10:15	Period 1	09:15 – 10:15
Break	10:15 – 10:30	Period 2	10:15 – 11:15
Period 2	10:30 – 11:30	Break	11:15 – 11:30
Period 3	11:30 – 12:30	Period 3	11:30 – 12:30
Lunch	12:30 – 13:00	Period 4	12:30 – 13.30
Period 4	13.00 – 14:00	Lunch	13:30 – 14:00
Enrichment	14:00 –14:40	Enrichment	14:00 –14:40
PM Tutor Time	14:40 – 14:45	PM Tutor Time	14:40 – 14:45
INSPIRE	No INSPIRE	INSPIRE	No INSPIRE

The school day ends at 2.45pm on a Tuesday

Changes in staffing

This summer we say goodbye to Ms Willis (Science), Ms Donnelly (Science), and Mr Cooke (Performing Arts).

Some of you may already be aware that we are also due to bid a fond farewell to Mrs Sarah Willis, our Deputy Head. Sarah is moving on to become a Maths lead in a trust after an incredible 20-year career at Longbenton High School. Since joining us as a classroom teacher on 1st September 2006, Sarah has been a constant through two decades of immense change. By our calculations, she has driven up and down Hailsham Avenue approximately 7,600 times during her tenure! Sarah's career at Longbenton has seen her progress from a classroom teacher to Assistant Curriculum Leader, Head of Maths, Assistant Headteacher and finally to her current role as Deputy Headteacher.

However, despite these significant leadership responsibilities, Sarah has never lost sight of why she entered the profession: her fundamental love for Maths and her passion for helping students succeed in it. As she moves on, we know she will continue to inspire students and staff alike with that same dedication. We thank her for everything and wish her the very best for her new chapter starting on 1st September 2026.

Several new teaching staff will be joining us in September, as follows:

Mrs Watson	Headteacher	Ms Blench	Science
Mr Murphy	Maths	Ms Shorting	Create
Mr Gordon	Maths	Ms Ferguson	Create
Ms Riley	Science	Ms Sutton	Create
Mr Sexton	Assistant Curriculum Leader Science	Ms Walker	Performing Arts

We have also recently appointed two additional Year Leaders and a new Pastoral Manager

Associate AHT	Kat Lambert		Nicola McPherson		Abbie Potts	
	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12/13
Year Leader	Ms Kearton	Mr Patterson	Mr Wilkinson	Mr Harold	Ms Doucet	Ms Wouldhave Ms Robinson
Pastoral Manager	Mr Angell-Moir	Ms Aikman	Ms Richardson	Ms Bertram	Ms Gardner	

Teacher Training Days

Please see the teacher training days in the adjacent table for the next academic year. Pupils will not be required to attend school on any of these dates.

These teacher training days are in addition to the school term dates and holiday periods set by the local authority, which are also shown below. We would encourage all parents and carers to make a note of these dates and add them to their diaries or calendars in advance when planning childcare, holidays or other family arrangements for the year ahead.

Further reminders will also be shared with families during the academic year.

LHS Training Days 26/27

Tuesday September 1st

Friday October 23rd

Friday December 4th

Monday January 4th

Friday July 2nd



2026	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27

2027	January	February	March	April	May	June
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27

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Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	1 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26

Term Profile		
Term	Days	Weeks
Autumn 1	39	7.8
Autumn 2	35	7
Spring 1	30	6
Spring 2	24	4.8
Summer 1	34	6.8
Summer 2	33	6.6
Total	195	39.0

Bank Holiday
School Holiday
Weekend
Local Election

190 Pupil day calendar, term time window 195 days
 5 days to be taken as training days.
 Teacher Training Dates are at the discretion of each school
 Autumn term 2027 likely to start on Wednesday 1st September 2027.

School Holidays and Results Days

The school will be closed for the summer holidays from the afternoon of 17th July; the main office is not staffed during this time. Please note that emails and other communications are monitored intermittently and may not be responded to until the start of the new term if not deemed urgent.

GCSE and A Level results will be issued on their respective national results days: A Level results will be available on Thursday 13 August 2026, and GCSE results on Thursday 20 August 2026, from 8.30am on both dates. Further reminder details about how and when to collect results will be shared closer to the time directly via MCAS/Bromcom communication, the school's website and social media channels. Sixth Form enrolment for Year 12 starting September 2026 takes place in school on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August; students do not need to make an appointment and can enrol straight after collecting results on Thursday 20th if they wish.

Best wishes for the summer break ahead.

Mr J Elliott

Acting Headteacher