

HT6 2026



SCHOOL NEWS



**Longbenton
High School**

A Warm Welcome from Our New Headteacher, Mrs R Watson

It is an absolute privilege and an honour to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Longbenton High School. Leading this wonderful school community is a responsibility I do not take lightly, and I am incredibly excited to embark on this journey with you all in September.

As a proud mum of two, I know firsthand the joys, challenges, and high hopes that come with guiding children through their education. I bring that deeply personal perspective to school with me every single day, keeping our pupils at the absolute heart of every decision we make.

My journey in education began 21 years ago, training as a Chemistry and Science teacher. Over the past two decades, I have spent 13 years in senior leadership across a wide range of roles, including curriculum development, behaviour management, safeguarding, and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). This diverse background has given me a 360-degree view of what makes a school truly thrive.

My vision for Longbenton is rooted in balance: combining academic rigour with unwavering pupil wellbeing. Together, the aim is to foster a safe, inclusive environment where every single pupil feels seen, supported, and challenged to reach their highest potential. I look forward to working closely with you all to ensure the pupils here don't just achieve success, but also enjoy their time getting there.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 17th July: Last day of term (12.15pm finish)
Tuesday 1st September: STAFF TRAINING DAY
Wednesday 2nd September: Year 7 and Year 12 only
Thursday 3rd September: all other year groups return
Wednesday 16th/23rd/25th September: Y11 Geography Fieldwork Visit
Tuesday 22nd September: Y6 Open Evening
Thursday 24th September: School Photographs
Monday 12th September: Y7 Smashed Live PD Performance
Tuesday 13th October: Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 20 October: Y7 Meet your Tutor Evening
Friday 23rd October: Staff Training Day

PSHE/RSHE Parent Consultation

Our RSHE consultation is a collaborative review of how we update our curriculum to meet the Department for Education's statutory requirements. We are asking parents to share their feedback to ensure that our lessons, resources, and the pacing of sensitive topics are perfectly suited to our school community's needs and remain age-appropriate. Please see our proposed curriculum and accompanying letter on our website here:

<https://www.longbenton.org.uk/personal-development>



Please scan the QR code to let us know your thoughts.

June

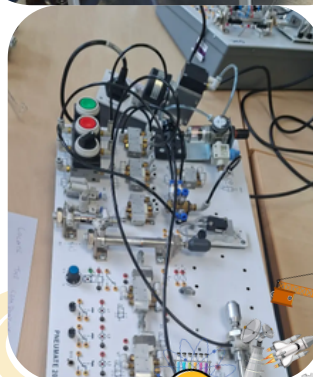
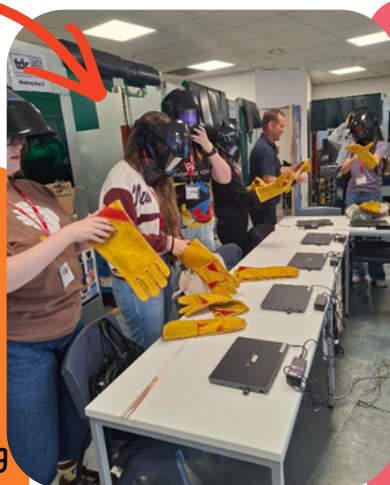
Nine fantastic Longbenton students represented North Tyneside at the County Athletics Championships in Gateshead, delivering stellar performances that helped secure the overall county team title. Highlights included individual gold medals for Elodie Soward (1500m) and Isabella Hunter (300m), alongside multiple strong podium finishes across individual track and field events. The team wrapped up the hot day with sensational relay runs, securing gold for both the Year 7 and Year 8 boys' teams, and a well-earned silver for the Year 8 girls.



careers & culture

TDR STEM Day!

Our Y10 students had an unforgettable, action-packed day exploring the world of engineering during their recent career visit. They got hands-on with high-tech machinery by 3D-printing custom keyrings, programming robotic claw arms, and even watching a spectacular, sparks-flying demonstration of oxy-fuel cutting through a real train track. From braving high-pressure machine setups to touring state-of-the-art workshops—and enjoying a very popular, company-funded pitstop at Greggs—the girls were absolute ambassadors for the school, showing incredible teamwork, perseverance, and enthusiasm from start to finish!



Start Up Sherpas!
The collaborative paid work experience programme run by Startup Sherpas, in partnership with Accenture and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), has officially concluded with a final interactive workshop hosted at Accenture. The program successfully bridged the gap between education and the modern workplace by allowing young people to develop essential digital skills and tackle real-world innovation challenges.



Cyber Girls First day!

To spark a passion for technology, Accenture recently hosted an inspiring Girls in Cybersecurity Day, welcoming students eager to explore the world of STEM. Through hands-on, interactive workshops, the attendees dived into cyber-defense challenges, learned directly from industry professionals, and discovered the diverse, rewarding career pathways waiting for them in the tech sector.



July

Over two days at Newcastle Racecourse, 30 Year 10 students took part in the fantastic Young Citizens Work Experience Festival hosted by Northumbrian Water. The students engaged in hands-on workshops, explored an interactive job market, and gained invaluable employability skills to help kickstart their future careers.



Y8 recently took part in a brilliant "careers safari" around Quorum Park, visiting major employers like Greggs, TDR, and-e.com, and the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) violence reduction unit. This exciting morning gave them a unique, behind-the-scenes look at a massive range of career paths—from food production and engineering apprenticeships to digital technology and community safety.



As part of our Work Experience Guarantee and Cultural Capital programme, our Year 7 students visited the beautiful Gibside and Wallington estates to explore exciting green careers. They went behind the scenes at the National Trust sites to learn first-hand about jobs in nature conservation, forestry, and ecology.



Summer Success

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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

22 SEPTEMBER 2026 4PM - 6.30PM



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