

3rd March 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Year 7 Admissions September 2025

I am delighted to extend a very warm welcome to you and your child on National Offer Day. Today, you will have found out which secondary school you'll be joining in September, and we are thrilled that you'll be joining us! (If you have received this letter in error and have not accepted a place with us, please accept our apologies - we have contacted you based on information provided to us by North Tyneside Admissions).

For students: starting a new school can feel daunting, but it's also an exciting new chapter. It's completely normal to feel nervous or have mixed emotions about leaving primary school—most students do! But rest assured, our school is a welcoming, supportive, and inspiring place where positivity, ambition, and fun go hand in hand. We believe in helping every student achieve more than they ever thought possible—and that includes YOU.

For parents: the transition from primary to secondary school is a significant milestone, and we understand that it brings both excitement and apprehension. Regardless of whether this is your first time supporting a child through the move to secondary school or not, please rest assured that we are committed to making this transition as smooth and supportive as possible. Your first point of contact for any initial questions or queries in the forthcoming weeks is Mrs Kat Lambert (Associate Assistant Headteacher Y7-8) via our dedicated inbox: transition@longbenton.org.uk

We have planned a range of activities and opportunities to help your child settle in and start to get to know us which we will communicate to you soon. Our goal is to ensure that every student feels safe, valued, and inspired to learn from the very first day. Our Welcome Event for all Year 6 students and families with places confirmed for Year 7 will be on Thursday 3rd April from 5.30-6.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet key staff, find out about our summer term transition event calendar, get used to our amazing building, meet some of our house captains and student council team and start to get excited! We deliberately deliver this event as early as possible to help reassure families that you have made the right choice.

In order to **register your attendance at this welcome event**, please complete the <u>online form here</u> or scan the QR code at the bottom of this letter.

Parental engagement is a crucial part of our school ethos, and we look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's academic progress and personal development. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any initial questions or concerns – our staff are always here to help.



We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to welcoming you to the LHS community. Thank you for choosing our school! Together, we can make these years successful, happy and memorable ones for your child.

Warm regards,

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