



LONGBENTON HIGH SCHOOL

6th July 2022

Dear Parents, Carers & Students

Ofsted

As you know, the inspection team were in school last Tuesday and Wednesday (28-29th June) for a Section 5 Ofsted inspection; *this is one where the overall grading of the school can be changed*. I cannot share as yet the outcome; it is expected that the full report will be published and available in September. The Ofsted team were very complimentary about our students who were respectful and courteous at all times in their interactions with inspectors. Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to complete the Parent View survey; I appreciate that there is not much time provided to complete these. The results - which are very positive - are publicly available [here](#). I am particularly pleased that 90% of responses showed that parents felt their child was happy/safe and that they would recommend us to other parents. The intention is to ask parents for more feedback in due course in the Autumn term, so we can capture a wider range of responses from more of our parents and families.

I will write to you again when the report is ready to be shared.

Punctuality

We are currently looking at some changes to systems and routines. **From Monday 11th July the following changes to the consequence system will apply if your child is late:**

- The school building will be open from 8.25am
- All students must be **in form** for 8.35am (not just on site/through the gate) A bell will sound as a reminder.
- If students are late they must have a 15 minute appointment at break time with SLT to discuss why they were late/barriers to punctuality.
- If they fail to attend this at breaktime, they will be kept in a **30 minute detention that same day at 2.45pm.**
- We will notify parents if your child is late to school via School Comms.

All students will have been notified about the changes on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th July. Please encourage improvement to your child's punctuality if you know it is problematic. This is important not only for school but for future employability skills when students go into the world of work.

End of term arrangements

Sports Day is this Friday 8th July. Students should wear PE kit all day. We would like to encourage the wearing of house colours but please do not buy anything just for this event. We can provide bibs and students can wear a PE top as normal. Colours are as follows: Alnwick - purple; Bamburgh - blue; Dunstanburgh - green; Warkworth - orange/red. Please wear suncream and/or a hat and bring a water bottle; it is forecast to be warm on Friday. Above all, the day is about fun, participation and a team ethos so please encourage your child to approach the day positively - it is about our values (determination, ambition and positivity) as much as sporting activity.

Last day of term - 12pm finish

All students will be dismissed from school at 12.00pm on Tuesday 19th July 2022. If your child is entitled to free school meals they will be able to collect this at 12.00pm before they leave the site.

Start of term - September 2022

Term starts on Tuesday 6th September (Monday is a staff training day) but there is a staggered start for year groups as follows to facilitate transition for Y7.

Tuesday 6th September	Year 7 only Year 12 (AM induction) and Year 13 (PM induction)
Wednesday 7th September	Year 7, Year 11 & Sixth Form only
Thursday 8th September	Year 7, Year 11, Year 10 & Sixth Form only
Friday 9th September	All year groups

To clarify - the first day of term for Year 7 is Tuesday 6th; for Year 11 it is Wednesday 7th; for Year 10 it is Thursday 8th and for Year 8 and 9 it is Friday 9th.

Staffing changes

A reminder of key staffing changes which are in bold / highlighted below.

Senior Leadership Team	
Headteacher	Kelly Holbrook
Deputy Headteacher - Culture & Ethos	Paul Atkinson (in post June 2022)
Deputy Headteacher - Quality of Education	Sarah Willis (in post June 2022)
Assistant Headteacher - Inclusion	Val Short
Assistant Headteacher - Teaching & Learning	Ross Towler (in post September 2022)
Assistant Headteacher - Personal Development	Ian Williams

Curriculum	Pastoral
English - Anne Westgarth	Head of Sixth Form - Abby Potts
Maths - Eddie Hunter	RSL Year 7 - Kat Lambert
Science - Gareth Rosbrook	RSL Year 8 - Kevin Leigh
Humanities* - Louise Skinner	RSL Year 9 - Alex Maughan
PE - Rachel Cooper	RSL Year 10 - Danny Harold
MFL - Helen Richardson	RSL Year 11 - Nicola McPherson
Perform - Mary Houlton	Pastoral Managers: Lisa Kennedy & Louise Gardner

Create - Mark Charlton	Learning Mentors: Frazer Vodden & Suzanne Wood
ICT & Business - Alison Teale	
SENCO - Claire Avary	

★ **History, Geography and RS are combined into one faculty area from September 2022**

Finally, a reminder that results days have reverted to the past pattern of separate weeks this year. A Level results day is Thursday 18th August and GCSE Results Day/Sixth Form Enrolment is Thursday 25th August. Students will be able to collect their results from 8.30am on both dates.

Thank you for all of your support this term; have a great summer when it finally arrives.

Yours faithfully



Kelly Holbrook
Headteacher