



# Longbenton High School

6th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the new term; I hope you all had a restful half term break. Students have returned to school incredibly well; we were pleased to see them all back yesterday at LHS for these final two months of the school year.

## School surveys

At Longbenton High School we are committed to building a school culture with meaning, purpose and belonging; a welcoming and inclusive environment for all our students and staff. We are currently working with two external programmes: an external charity, **Diversity Role Models** (DRM) and the Department for Education's (DfE) **Behaviour Hubs** programme to provide some external scrutiny of our systems and thinking, to network with other schools and to access support, training and resources. The Behaviour Hubs programme is open to a wide range of schools, all at different stages of their journey in terms of behaviour culture. Schools like us that join the programme self-refer, because they believe in continuous improvement and want to access information, training and learning from other schools to support that. A key element of DRM's 'Embracing Difference, Ending Bullying project' is surveying all school stakeholders to gain insights into their experiences with the school. The data collected will be integral to the project and enable Diversity Role Models to support us as a school in the development of our bespoke school action plan.

There are consequently surveys that we will be asking students and parents/carers to undertake as part of these projects.

**We require a quick yes/no to consent** for students to complete both of the surveys at the following link here - it will take just a minute to complete: [Parental Consent for student surveys - June 23](#). **Please complete this consent form as soon as possible.**

We would also very much appreciate your time in **completing this first parent/carers survey** to help us assess and reflect on our current school culture: [Diversity Role Models Parent/Carer Survey](#). **Please complete this survey by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Options (Year 8)

Students in current Year 8 will be making option choices for Year 9 over the next couple of weeks. This allows students to have a greater amount of curriculum time in subjects they are considering taking at GCSE. Students must choose one of either French or Spanish. They will then choose a further three subjects from the following: Art, DT, Food Studies, Music or Drama. Students will be given a Google Form to complete on Monday 12th June and should aim to complete this by Friday 16th June. If you have any general queries about the process, please contact Sarah Willis,



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Deputy Headteacher, at [SW@longbenton.org.uk](mailto:SW@longbenton.org.uk) If you have specific queries regarding your child's options, please contact the Year 8 RSL/PM at [Year8@longbenton.org.uk](mailto:Year8@longbenton.org.uk).

### Punctuality & Uniform

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to support us in upholding our basic expectations regarding uniform and punctuality:

- In the summer months, school jumpers are optional; blazers are not. Coats should not be worn inside.
- Ties in house colours must be worn at all times; shirts must be tucked in.
- Shoes should be PLAIN black with no visible coloured logos or branding (eg NOT Converse trainers).
- Students should not be wearing leggings or tracksuit bottoms in place of black trousers/skirts.
- School starts at 8.35am each day including Tuesdays. The side access gate is closed at 8.35am and students are marked as late. Students **should be in their form room BY 8.35am**. Excessive lateness without good reason results in removal of privileges eg supervised lunch/break.

Thank you for your support; it makes a real difference if students are getting the same messages from home.

Finally, I have included an updated list of key dates at the end of this letter, taking you right up to the start of the new term in September.

Yours faithfully

Kelly Holbrook  
Headteacher



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### Key dates - Summer Term 2023

Thursday 15th June - **UCAS Information Evening for Year 12** (6-7pm)

Thursday 22nd June & Friday 23rd June - **SEND Transition & Smaller Primary Transition mornings**

Monday 26th June - **Year 6 Transition Day** (for students starting Y7 Sept 23)

Friday 28th June - **Exam Contingency Date**

Friday 30th June - **Staff Training Day** (school closed to students)

Friday 30th June - **Year 11 Prom**

Saturday 1st July - **Year 13 Leavers' Dinner**

Monday 3rd July - **Y5 Sports Day hosted at LHS**

Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July - **Year 5 Parent Tours** (for students starting Y7 Sept 24)

Week beginning 10th July - **New intake parent meetings** (for students starting Y7 Sept 23)

Friday 14th July - **Y7-9 data posted home**

Week beginning 17th July - **Year 12 Work Experience week**

Wednesday 19th July - **Sports Day**

Friday 21st July - **Last day of term (12.15pm finish for all students)**

### Summer 2023 Results Days

17th August - **A Level Results (from 9am)**

24th August - **GCSE Results & 6th Form Enrolment (from 9am)**

### September 2023

Monday 4th September - **Training Day (school closed to students)**

Tuesday 5th September - **Year 7 and 6th form only**

Wednesday 6th September - **Year 7 and 6th form only**

Thursday 7th September - **Years 10 & 11 return to school**

Friday 8th September - **Years 8 & 9 return to school**