



# Longbenton High School

1st March 2022

Dear Class of 2029\*

Welcome!

I am sure you are feeling excited and nervous about the next stage in your school journey now that you have had your secondary school places confirmed. We are delighted that you have chosen to come to Longbenton High School and we are looking forward to getting to know you and your family as you join our school community. Moving to secondary school is a huge step, but it should be something to look forward to rather than get scared about. If you haven't watched our films yet, which show you what our school and our Sixth Form are all about, please go to our website to watch them. You can also find us on Instagram (longbenton\_high\_school) and Twitter (@longbentonhs), where we try to post regular news updates about our school.

The first invitation I would like to extend is for you to attend our Year 6 into 7 **Welcome Event on Tuesday 22nd March**. This is the first part of our transition programme and is an opportunity for you to get to see the school fully in a way that we couldn't offer due to Covid back in October. There will be two welcome presentations from me depending on your arrival time (one at 4.30pm and one at 5.30pm). You will then be able to talk to us about how we can shape your transition to best suit you, meet our students, try some activities, win some prizes and start to get to know each other. We will aim to finish at 6.30pm.

I will be sharing with you and your school our wider transition plans as soon as we can and planning to visit you at your primary school with some of our primary alumni (ex-students from your primary school) and our House Captains. Mrs Short (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Avary (our SENCO) will be working with your school closely to prepare and to find out as much about you as we can from your current teachers.

We are also making plans to have you visit Longbenton High School after Easter during the school day.

In the meantime, please take a look at our attached Transition Newsletter; we will be sending you more of these over the next few months to help you learn more about our school and what Year 7 will look and feel like. You might spot some of our current sixth form students who went to your primary school on the alumni pages. We have email addresses and contact details from admissions which we will be using in the first instance. Please get in touch with us via [transition@longbenton.org.uk](mailto:transition@longbenton.org.uk) if you have any additional contact details to share or immediate questions to ask.

We can't wait to meet you all and start making amazing high school memories with you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Holbrook  
Headteacher

*\*In the summer of 2029 you will be finishing Year 13!*