



Longbenton
HIGH SCHOOL

Our reading culture



Why is reading important?

Reading is important for your education, but also for the world beyond school and in your wider life:

- Reading and writing skills: vocabulary, spelling and grammar
- Achievement in many of your subjects, including maths
- Knowledge and understanding of the world and other people
- Understanding of emotions
- Development of our sense of 'self'

Through books, we can explore places, experiences and opportunities that we may not otherwise have. We can “walk in another’s shoes”, exploring different cultures, time periods and ways of life.





‘What does reading do? It extends my mind. It allows me to feel more strongly. And it also does a magical thing of taking me out of myself and into a broader world. So it helps all of us become bigger than we seem to be.’

David Almond

How and when do we read at Longbenton High School?

Every student will read for the first 10 minutes of afternoon form time every day from September 2023.

On some days the reading might be guided by your tutor.

On some days reading might be listening via an audiobook or podcast.

There is an expectation that everyone carries a reading book with them.

