



## Longbenton HIGH SCHOOL

### Start of term arrangements - September 2024

**Reminder of our staggered start this week** (please refer to our letter from May 2024 [here](#))

- Year 7 and 6th form only start on Wednesday 4th September
- Year 11 start on Thursday 5th September
- All other year groups return Friday 6th September

### MCAS

As we informed you in the summer term, (please see the April 2024 MCAS Reminder letter [here](#)) we have replaced Class Charts with MCAS as our main communication method with parents and carers. This means that **you will no longer be able to access Class Charts** and will **need to have signed up and created an MCAS account** to see your child's attendance details, timetable, behaviour information etc. Any queries regarding set up of MCAS accounts can be directed to [lhs@longbenton.org.uk](mailto:lhs@longbenton.org.uk)

### Year 7 parents

Please refer to our letter and parent checklist from July 2024 which you can find [here](#)

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to their first day at high school on Wednesday. They need to arrive at school for an 8.45am start.

Parents are invited to come into school from 2.30pm onwards to meet the Senior Leadership Team and key pastoral staff, have some light refreshments to 'celebrate' this first day and collect their child when they finish school at 3.15pm.

On Wednesday we will be organising your child's lunch account using our facial recognition software. We will need your consent to do so. If you haven't already, please complete this consent via this form: [Biometric Facial Recognition Consent](#) Students will be given a PIN number to use at tills whilst this element of their account is being activated. Students on free school meals are allocated £2.60 per day to be spent at either break or lunch; they can also use PIN and/or facial recognition to access this.