



Longbenton High School

July 2024

Dear Year 6 Parent/Guardian,

Further arrangements for Year 6 moving into Year 7

We wanted to write to you following our transition day to confirm some important details and advise you further of events that are happening before the end of this term and at the start of the new academic year. We do hope that, if your child attended any transition events, they enjoyed their time with us. We were particularly pleased with the way the year 6 students approached the events, engaging really well with the activities on offer. Throughout the events students were introduced to our school values, which are composed from the acronym KIDMAP - kindness, integrity, determination, manners, ambition and positivity. It was particularly encouraging to see so many students displaying these values and being a credit to you. It was also wonderful to see so many students keen to be involved in our period 6 enrichment programme.

During the full transition day students were given some important information regarding who their tutor is and house group. The latter has an implication on the colour of tie that your child will be wearing in September, students wear the colour of their house group; Dunstanburgh (green), Bamburgh (blue), Warkworth (orange) and Alnwick (purple).

If your child did not attend transition or can not remember their house group please email transition@longbenton.org.uk

We have included a checklist for you in preparation for the start of term.

Parent Checklist	Done?
Purchase specific branded uniform items from Emblematic, this includes blazers, ties and PE kit. Up to date prices can be found on their website https://emblematic.co.uk/longbenton-store/ In addition to Emblematic, we do sell ties in school should you wish to purchase these directly from us. We also intend to run a pop up uniform shop on Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th July, see information in the key events table overleaf.	
Have you completed your data collection form so we have the most up to date information for your child? Year 7 24 Data Collection Sheet	
Have you signed up and created a My Child at School (MCAS) App account? This is our electronic communications and payment system. Please follow the guidance on our website here: https://longbenton.org.uk/about/transition/letters-key-documents You will need to read the MCAS New Starter Guidance and MCAS FAQs.	
Have you completed the consent for the facial recognition software to be activated for the first day of term? Biometric Facial Recognition Consent	
Have you completed the photo permissions consent form? Photo & Film Permissions Consent	
If your child is not entitled to free school meals, have you loaded some credit onto the break/lunches section of your MCAS account for your child?	

You will find the key transition activities that we are planning over the next few months in the table below, to ensure that you and your child have everything needed for a successful start at high school. Additional information about these events will be posted on the school website.

Dates	Key Events
Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th July	Uniform Shop We will be running a uniform pop up shop on Monday 3-4pm and on Tuesday 8.45-9.45am for any families who are interested in picking up some good quality pre-loved uniform. This includes PE kit, blazers, shirts and jumpers.
Wednesday 4th September	<p>Starting High School - Year 7 only in school:</p> <p>Students need to arrive at school at 8.45 a.m. in full uniform; they will not need to bring in any PE kit on their first day. Students will start the day in tutor groups and will spend some time with their new class. They will be issued with their timetable and will then follow this to experience four lessons during the school day. They will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm.</p> <p>Parents are invited into school from 2.30pm until approx. 3.15pm to meet the Senior Leadership Team and other key staff, have some light refreshments to 'celebrate' their child's first day at high school and collect students when they finish school.</p>
Thursday 5th September	Students will arrive to begin a normal school day at 8.45am They will experience five lessons and finish at 3.15pm.
Friday 6th September	All other year groups return to school.
September	1:1 meetings with form tutors. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to have a 1:1 meeting with the form tutor to discuss how students have settled at high school. Details to follow in the new term.

In order to ensure that you get the most appropriate information, please continue to visit the 'Transition' pages of our website located here: <https://longbenton.org.uk/about/transition> . This is where we will post all of our updates.

If you have any further questions, please do contact us at the school, either directly at transition@longbenton.org.uk or via the school office on 0191 2189500.

Yours faithfully

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