



Longbenton
HIGH SCHOOL

Year 10
Guide for Parents
2017-2018

...EVOLVE
CREATE
DISCOVER
PERFORM
ACHIEVE

Our Aims and Values

At Longbenton High School we value all of our students as individuals with different needs, talents, strengths and aspirations. In the time that your child spends at Longbenton High School we want to see them EVOLVE into a confident young people ready to take their place in society. We want them to take the many opportunities that are on offer here to help CREATE their future, DISCOVER new talents and interests, PERFORM to their best and ACHIEVE high standards in all that they do.

While at Longbenton High School we hope that students will settle into school, make lots of friends and be inspired to learn by excellent teachers in brand new, great facilities. We will look after your child pastorally and challenge them to be the best that they can be academically.

As a school, we want to achieve the best possible results for our students. To do this we consider that we must focus on the five most important areas that will affect this. These are our keys to success.

The Five Keys:

1. **Teaching** – we strive deliver outstanding teaching to our students. Delivering stimulating lessons that students enjoy and are engaged in.
2. **Attitudes to learning** – we want to foster a positive attitude to learning and inspire our students to develop their understanding further.
3. **Curriculum** – we will offer an appropriate curriculum for all our students. This may also involve opportunities beyond the normal every day curriculum. We recognise that these opportunities will further enrich student's individual experiences.
4. **Assessment for learning** – we recognise that regular, timely and accurate assessment will support progress and improve outcomes for students. Student progress is closely monitored across all subjects and appropriate interventions applied, if necessary.
5. **Care, welfare and guidance** – we want to get to know our students well, understand them and be able to support them throughout their time with us. We will give them excellent guidance along the way, no matter what their chosen path may be. Student welfare is at the heart of the school and we constantly seek to ensure that students are happy, healthy, safe and well cared for.

Introduction

The main school is organised into 5 year groups from Year 7 – 11. Each year group is led by a Year Leader, who has responsibility for the progress, behaviour and safety of the year group. They are supported by an Associate Pastoral Leader and Form Tutors. Students are allocated a tutor group in Year 7 and will normally stay with this Tutor throughout their time in school. Form Tutors play a vital role in helping students settle in, encouraging progress, identifying problems that may arise and in finding solutions to these. Form Tutors also have an oversight of their tutees progress. Tutors are, in most cases, the primary link between home and school. Should you require information on school matters please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance. If there is a change of circumstances, which could affect your child's, behaviour or work at school, please contact us so that we are aware of the issue and can deal sympathetically with your child.

Please ensure that we are kept up to date with any changes of address or telephone numbers.
It is crucial that we are able to make contact with a parents should the need arise.

Staff: Our Team

Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher	Mr P Quinn
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs K Holbrook
Assistant Headteachers	Miss S Callender Mrs V Short Mr I Williams
Director of Support Services	Mrs A Peach
Associate Leadership Team	Mrs M Houlton

The Year 10 Team

Year Leader	Mr M Pringle
Associate Pastoral Leader	Mrs K Lambert
Form Tutors	Mr D Kiernan, Mrs L Hutchins, Mrs A Maughan, Mr G Hughes, Dr G Roberts, Mr J Foley

Curriculum Leaders

English	Ms A Westgarth
Mathematics	Mr E Hunter
Science	Dr G Roberts
ICT/Business Studies	Ms A Teale
Modern Foreign Languages	Mrs D Baldwin
History	Mrs L Skinner
Geography	Mr J Foley
Religious Studies/PSD	Miss L Lowery
Create	Mr M Charlton/ Ms J Younger
Physical Education	Mr R Towler
Learning Support	Mr I Little

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Free School Meals	0191 643 2288 https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals

Travelling to school

	Many of our students live within a mile or two of Longbenton High School and use this to their advantage by taking the healthy option and walking to school. You can use Googlemaps to work out a walking route from your house; just enter 'Longbenton High School' as your destination and you will see it clearly on the map.
	A growing number of children cycle to school, taking advantage of the secure and well-covered bicycle shed at the front of school. We recommend that students bring their own bicycle lock to secure them inside the shed.
	Parents and carers may drop their children off at school by parking on Hailsham Avenue. Parents are advised not to enter the school gates and park in the marked bays in the main car park for the purpose of dropping children at school, as this can delay or prevent teachers and other staff from parking. Please note that it can get very busy at the end of the day.
	The No.18 Stagecoach public service bus travels from Walker to Benton and has a stop at the bottom of Hailsham Avenue right outside the school. See the timetable and route here: https://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/north-east/18/walker-benton-estate/xmao018.i The No. 62 or 63 Arriva bus travels towards Longbenton from Killingworth. We are well-served by the bus network being so close to Four Lane Ends Interchange. See here for other bus routes: https://bustimes.org.uk/localities/E0031020
	Many students travel to Benton or the Four Lane Ends Metro stations and walk from there to school. Metro trains run regularly every 15 minutes or so at peak times; the walk to the school is approximately 10 minutes. http://jplanner.travelinenortheast.info/nexus

Communication with us

Parents are important to our school and we rely on your support with the education of our students. Where possible we will communicate with you electronically via School Comms. Parents will receive letters and information directly to their own personal email or by text to a mobile phone. If you have not already registered, details regarding how you can do this will be sent out to parents early in the Autumn Term. Copies of our correspondence are also displayed on our website.

Your help can aid in the smooth running of our school in the following ways:

- Check planners regularly, read and sign these each week
- Please talk to your child about what they are doing in the classroom and their general school life
- If you would like to come into school to discuss any issue please contact the school to arrange an appointment, if this is not possible and the situation is urgent please be aware that staff are busy or may be teaching
- Attend events specific to your child so that you are aware of their progress and opportunities available to them
- If at any point you are unhappy with how the school have dealt with an issue and need to speak to us about it, please do not let your feeling override normal courtesy.

In particular please speak calmly to Year Leaders and teachers or any other member of staff who deals with your concern. When you are patient, calm and polite it will make it easier for them to respond quickly and appropriately to the concern. It is important to remember that we all want the best for your child.

School meals

The school is committed to promoting a healthy lifestyle and making sensible food choices. In school, we have an excellent catering provision, with a wide choice of food including soups, sandwiches, snacks and full meals. Currently the revised school meal price is £2.15, which will buy a substantial meal. Students can spend more or less than this amount depending on their own food choices. Students have the facility to pre book meals and collect them at the start of their lunchtime. In addition, students can bring in a packed lunch should they prefer to do this.

Students may be eligible for free school meals, if you think this may be the case and your child is not currently receiving them, please contact North Tyneside Council – see useful contact information.

We also have a number of water fountains available throughout the school building, students are encouraged to use these and to replenish their water bottles. To help students drink more water and make more sensible choices, energy drinks will be banned from September 2017. Students with these drinks in school will have them confiscated.

Illness

In the event that your child is unwell or has an accident this must be reported to a member of staff as soon as possible. Usually students will be taken to the main school office where a trained first aider can take care of them. **Students should not initiate contact with home themselves and arrange for family or friends to collect them.** If students are too ill to remain in school, parents will be contacted and arrangements made for the student to leave the site. Until a parent arrives, students will be taken care of by staff in school.

Medicines

Before school staff can administer medicines or students self-medicate, school must have written confirmation of this from a parent. There is no legal duty for staff to administer medication; however, those who do so cannot complete this without appropriate consent being completed.

Medical Information

Should your child have a medical condition please ensure that a health care plan has been completed. This allows school to know how we should react if an issue connected to this were to arise in school. Please contact either Mrs Peach or your Child's Year Leader to discuss this further.

Child Protection

We are committed to keeping our students safe and have a legal duty to safeguard your child's welfare. Our school policies around safeguarding are constructed in line with guidance given from North Tyneside Local Safeguarding Children's Board. If there is ever a concern that a child is at risk of serious harm, staff will notify the member of staff responsible for safeguarding matters in school. All referrals will be investigated and then a decision will be made, regarding referral of this to social services. In these situations, staff are following the law and must report concerns appropriately.

Operation Encompass



This is a relatively new project that schools in North Tyneside are part of and is run in partnership with North Tyneside Council and Northumbria Police. The project, aims to support children who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, they may, see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or witness distress afterwards or can be physically hurt trying to stop the abuse. As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care Front Door service who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to. This information is treated confidentially in school.

The School Day

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Period	Timing	
	8.25am	Students arrive
Registration/Assembly	8.35 – 8.55	
Lesson 1	8.55 – 9.55	
Lesson 2	9.55-11.00	
Break	11.00-11.15	
Lesson 3	11.15 – 12.20	
Lunch	12.20 – 13.05	
Lesson 4	13.05 – 14.05	
Lesson 5	14.05 – 15.10	
	15.10	End of teaching day

TUESDAYS

Period	Timing	
	8.25am	Students arrive
Registration/Assembly	8.35 – 8.55	
Lesson 1	8.55 – 9.55	
Lesson 2	9.55-11.00	
Break	11.00-11.15	
Lesson 3	11.15 – 12.20	
Lunch	12.20 – 13.05	
Lesson 4	13.05 – 14.05	
	14.05	End of teaching day

The Home School Agreement

We want all of our students to be successful and achieve the very best that they can. Education at Longbenton High School is three way partnership between students, their parents and us the school. This involves commitment from all parties to do their best to follow our agreement.

The student will do their best to:

- attend school regularly and on time
- arrive at lessons on time
- bring an appropriate school bag containing all the equipment needed every day (pen, pencil, ruler and planner)
- keep an up to date planner and show it to parents/guardians regularly for signing
- follow the school uniform policy, including general appearance, this includes wearing PE kit, in the appropriate manner
- follow school rules, work hard in class, do all homework set and hand it in on time
- be polite and helpful to others, creating a climate that does not accept any form of bullying behaviour
- try to make school a happy place for all who work in it
- respect the building and keep the school pleasant and tidy, free from litter and graffiti
- behave in a way which allows others to learn and follow the school's BfL code and expectations, including substance misuse and the no smoking policy
- follow the guidelines for the use of the computer network and the internet in school
- follow guidelines for the appropriate use of mobile phones and iPads in school
- inform their family about school by delivering newsletters, reports and other communications
- take pride in and celebrate their achievements and those of the school
- report any concerns they may have to their Form Tutor, Year Leader or teacher
- act responsibly in the community as a representative of the school
- where appropriate, follow all guidelines regarding examination board rules and regulations e.g. plagiarism

Parents/Guardians will do their best to:

- ensure that my/our child attends school regularly, following the school uniform policy, is on time and with the correct equipment
- inform the school of any concerns or problems that may affect my/our child's work or behaviour
- not contact my/our child on their mobile phone during the school day
- support the school rules and policies, such as those relating to uniform, behaviour and homework and reinforce any punishment given by the school in terms of misbehaviour
- encourage my/our child to be polite and helpful to others, creating a climate that does not accept any form of bullying behaviour
- support my/our child in completing homework and other opportunities for learning
- read, check and sign my/our child's student planner

- attend Parents' Evenings, discussions and/or meetings about my/our child's progress
- be respectful in dealings with all school staff
- ensure that my child gets adequate sleep, is well fed and does not have access to drugs, alcohol or other substances
- get to know about my/our child's life at school, e.g. via Parents' Evenings and events
- encourage my/our child to take part in extra-curricular activities and the wider life of the school
- avoid term time holidays
- notify school promptly of any unavoidable absence of my/our child

The School will do its best to:

- promote a broad and balanced curriculum to meet the individual needs of all children
- care for your child's safety, happiness and welfare
- encourage students to be polite and helpful to others, creating a climate that does not accept any form of bullying behaviour
- ensure that your child achieves success as a valued member of the school community
- promote high standards of work and behaviour through promoting a partnership between home and school and developing a sense of responsibility
- keep you informed about school activities and achievements through regular newsletters, notices and other lines of communication
- send home regular reports and arrange Parents' Evenings during which your child's progress will be discussed
- set, mark and monitor homework and provide facilities for children to do homework in school
- let parents know about concerns or problems which could affect their child's work
- celebrate achievement and success through school reward systems and public acknowledgment
- be welcoming and offer you opportunities to become involved in the life of the school
- offer you opportunities to develop your own learning and to learn with your child
- ensure that you are fully aware of all school systems and procedures
- be respectful in communication with parents and students
- ensure equality for all

Signature of Parent: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

Signature of Student: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name : _____

Signature of Headteacher: _____ **Date:** _____

School uniform and PE kit

All students must wear a white shirt, school tie, blazer as well as suitable trousers or a skirt. Trousers and skirts must be black, please note that leggings and jeans are not acceptable. Students must also wear black school shoes, not trainers or canvas equivalents.

School ties are available in four different colours and students should choose the colour they would prefer.

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Uniform that is not allowed:

- Black jeans or combat trousers
- Leggings
- Polo neck shirts, tee-shirts and shirts with a sports type collar (Shirts must be able to accept a tie)
- Any colour, other than white, for shirts
- Grey trousers
- Brown or any other coloured shoes
- Trainers
- Boots (higher than the normal shoe)
- Baseball caps
- Denim, corduroy, brushed cotton or other standard materials for skirts and trousers
- Jewellery, which includes more than one pair of stud earrings, finger rings, bracelets and necklaces, are not to be worn in Years 7, 8 and 9
- Any piercings other than one pair of stud earrings (including expanders)
- Students in year 7, 8 and 9 should not wear make up
- Long Acrylic painted nails (in the interest of safety and hygiene)
- Extreme hair styles – e.g. hair which is cut particularly short or dyed an unnatural colour.

School equipment

Students are expected to have the following in school with them for lessons – Bag, Planner, Pen, Pencil and ruler.

Additional items that are useful are - scientific calculator, protractor and compass.

Please support us by ensuring that your child has the correct uniform and equipment and that they are ready to learn and engage fully in lessons.

Mobile phones

Students have been informed where and when it is appropriate to use mobile technology around school. Before school, break and lunchtimes in the public areas/outside is entirely appropriate, but not walking around corridors or in classrooms. It is too easy for us all to become addicted to using mobile phones and we want to make sure that students do not grow up expecting to have their phone constantly to hand. Parents can really help on this by NOT ringing or texting their children when they are in school. **If you need to contact your child urgently, please ring the school office.**

Assemblies

It is school policy that we have regular assemblies, both in Tutor groups and as a full year group. This is based on a particular theme of the week. Year group assemblies are held in the main hall, once a week. Tutor group assemblies are held in the tutor room and are also once a week.

Form time activities

Each day we follow a format for registration. In a typical school week, students are involved in a range of the activities on allocated days:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 7	Skills	Admin/planner check	Tutor Assembly in tutor room	News and topical issues	Year Group Assembly in Hall
YEAR 8	Admin/planner check	Tutor Assembly in tutor room	News and topical issues	Year Group Assembly in Hall	Skills
YEAR 9	Tutor Assembly in tutor room	News and topical issues	Year Group Assembly in Hall	Skills	Admin/planner check
YEAR 10	News and topical issues	Year Group Assembly in Hall	Skills	Admin/planner check	Tutor Assembly in tutor room
YEAR 11	Year Group Assembly in Hall	Skills	Admin/planner check	Tutor Assembly in tutor room	News and topical issues

Attendance

Aim for your child to achieve 100% attendance and good punctuality to give them the very best chance in life. Poor attendance and punctuality can affect overall achievement. Establishing good habits from the start helps children to settle more quickly into new settings and routines.

WHAT MUST I DO IF MY CHILD IS ABSENT?

- Parents/Carers must telephone on the day if their child is absent before 9am
- Keep school informed and let us know of the return date

Whenever possible, medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day. If this is unavoidable then it is expected that your child will be in school either before or after this appointment.

Amendments to the Education Regulations (Pupil Registration) which came into effect from September 2013; they state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Therefore, any leave of absence requested for holidays in term time will not be

granted as they seriously disrupt the continuity of your child's learning. Letters requesting leave of absence should be sent into school outlining the exceptional circumstances that necessitate this absence. These should be marked for the attention of Mrs Short.

Any leave of absence taken without permission will be marked as unauthorised. Under government guidelines, any absence marked as unauthorised can lead to involvement from the Education Placement Service in cases of persistent poor attendance. Please consider that any absence or punctuality problem will seriously disrupt the continuity of learning for your child and will have an impact on their progress, achievement and relationships in school.

We monitor attendance and categorise students using the information below:

ATTENDANCE CATEGORY	ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE	COLOUR CODING
Excellent	98-100%	
Good	95 - 97.9%	
Cause for Concern	90.5– 94.9%	
Persistently Absent	90% and below	

Punctuality

Being punctual to school is vital. Lateness can have a huge effect on learning and progress. Students who are late to school will complete a lunchtime detention that day. This will last for 15 minutes. If further punctuality problems persist students may be placed onto report, or be involved in additional mentoring/interventions or require parents to attend school for a formal meeting, to bring about an improvement to the situation.

ARE YOU HEADING FOR THE DANGER ZONE?

5 minutes late each day 3 days lost
10 minutes late each day 6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day 10 days lost
20 minutes late each day 13 days lost
30 minutes late each day 19 days lost

Behaviour For Learning

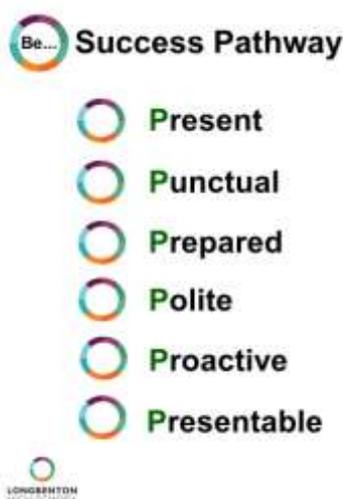
The staff of the School are committed to ensuring that their classrooms are places in which students want and are able to learn. Likewise, we expect students everywhere across the school to show respect to others and their environment. In order to achieve this we shall promote behaviour for learning. This involves praising and rewarding students for making a positive contribution to lessons and school life in general. It also involves students accepting the consequences of any wrong behaviour. Consequences will be set at a level appropriate to the misdemeanour committed by the students. Students will be aware of what is expected of them and how the system of praise and consequences will be administered.

At Longbenton High School we want to recognise and celebrate our student's hard work and achievement. Parents are integral to this process and we feel that they need to be involved in day-to-day successes as well as major achievements throughout the year involving their children. Regular praise and rewards are considered to be vital for effective motivation and success of individuals. This is at the core of our school ethos. The rewards system is centralised in order that all students are treated fairly and consistently.

The full behaviour for learning Policy is available to view on the school website.

Ultimately, we encourage our students

to follow our success pathway:



Students who consistently follow these guidelines

will be recognised and can expect to be considered

for various rewards:



All behaviour has a consequence, be that positive or negative.

While we want to focus on rewarding students,

unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated in school.

In the instance of unacceptable behaviour in the classroom

students will follow the behaviour pathway.

Behaviour Pathway

New lesson, New start



Warning



Call Back



Remove



Detention



Isolation



WARNING

1st incident - verbal warning

2nd incident - written warning

CALL BACK

3rd incident - CALL BACK to the teacher for a 10 minute CONVERSATION

REMOVE

any further issues in a lesson result in the student being removed to another classroom

DETENTION

Behaviour DETENTION for 30 minutes after school
Homework DETENTION for 30 minutes after school
Punctuality DETENTION for 15 minutes at lunchtime

ISOLATION

situation that results in a day in ISOLATION

Should the situation not be resolved or there has been a serious breach of school rules then either an **INTERNAL** or **A FIXED TERM EXCLUSION** may be considered.

On occasions where students are either isolated or excluded, they will work in our Behaviour Support Unit. This involves keeping students in school, but isolating them from their peers. When in this situation, students will usually complete work set by their teachers that they would have normally completed during their lesson.

Starting in Year 10

Year 10 curriculum

All students in year 10 study:

Maths

English

Science

PE

PSD

Students also choose four options from:

Art and Design

Cache

Geography

IT

Computer Studies

History

Religious Studies

French

Food Studies

GCSE or BTEC PE

Drama

Design Technology

Spanish

Year 10 assessment

Following changes by the government, all students in year 10 will be assessed using a new grading system. This system is known as 9-1. 9 is the highest grade, 1 is the lowest. Almost all subjects are assessed by exam at the end of Y11 although there are some qualifications where students will be expected to complete some form of non-examined assessment (NEA). If you would like a more detailed breakdown of how each of your child's GCSEs are assessed, please contact Mr Pringle.

All year 10 students will be regularly assessed to ensure to monitor their progress. This will take the form of assessment in class, end of unit assessments and Y10 mock exams (see key dates below).

Year specific events

Y10 have the opportunity to go out on work experience in March 2018. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to see the world of work and ideally get an idea of what they may like to do in their own careers. School can organise work experience, but a lot of students choose to organise their own as they are then able to do something of their choice. The school's work experience coordinator is Mrs Anderson in the school office. Work experience will be launched with students on 26th September so they have plenty of time to organise their own placements should they wish to.

During the summer term, there will be opportunities for certain Y10 students to visit Cambridge University, take part in a week long sailing trip or be part of the annual school musical.

Key dates for the year group

Tuesday 7 November – Y10 parents' information evening

Wednesday 17 January – Y10 parents' evening

Monday 12 to Friday 16 March – Y10 exam week

Monday 19 to Friday 23 March – Y10 work experience week

Thursday 3 May – Y10 reports posted home to parents

Wednesday 4 – Friday 6 July – Y10 GCSE mock exams in maths, science and English

Homework Programme

Homework will be set regularly in all option subjects as well as English, Maths and Science. In some subjects, such as maths, this will take the form of regular tasks to consolidate work in lessons. Other departments may expect the students to complete project work over a longer time period.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Below is a list of the extra-curricular activities currently on offer. Please be aware that there may be more clubs and opportunities on offer as the year goes on. These will be advertised to students in tutor time and assemblies.

STAFF	CLUB/ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUP	DAY	WEEK	TIME (LUNCHTIME/AFTER SCHOOL)	LOCATION
Learning Support	Learning Support Lunch Club	any	Every lunch	1 and 2	Lunchtime	SP06
PR	Homework Club	any	Every night	1 and 2	After school 3.15-4.15	CM18
LS/ALP/MP	History Drop In	10, 11	Thursday	1 and 2	Lunchtime	EX05,7 and 8
GB/DOFE Staff	DofE Sessions	10/11/12/14	Varies	varies	After school. Varies	EV11/Cafe
PKE	Guitar Legends	all	Tuesday	1 and 2	lunchtime	PF11
AB	Badminton	all	Wednesday	1 and 2	After School	Sports Hall
MCH	DT KS4 Coursework Catchup	10, 11	Every day	1 and 2	Lunchtime	CR08
GS	Chess Club	All	Wednesday	1 and 2	Lunchtime	EV18
JDU	Basketball	All	Monday	1 and 2	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
GBE	Running club	All	Monday	2	After school. 3.15-4.15	Field
RT	Badminton	All	Tuesday	1 and 2	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
RT	Table Tennis	10 and 11	Wednesday	1 and 2	Lunchtime	Studio
RCO	Netball	8, 9 and 10	Thursday	1 and 2	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
RCO	Netball	8, 9, 10 and 11	Thursday	1 and 2	After school. 3.15-4.15	MUGA/SH
JDU	BTEC PE Catch Up	10	Thursday	1 and 2	After school. 3.15-4.15	LRC
RT	Cricket	All	Friday	1 and 2	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
JDU	Volleyball	All	Friday	1 and 2	After school. 3.15-4.15	Sports Hall
SDW	Drop in Revision: Focus on Religion	10 and 11	Thursday	1 and 2	After school, 3.15-4.00	EX00
LL	Divine! An Interfaith Union	All	Monday	1	Lunchtime	EX00
LL	Curious! Debate and Discussion Club	All	Tuesday	1 and 2	Lunchtime	EX00

Acting lessons

We offer private acting lessons with a visiting specialist LAMDA practitioner who teaches students on a one-to-one or paired basis. Students use these acting lessons to work towards LAMDA acting performance exams; these are recognised qualifications which not only help structure the tuition but also help to build confidence and self-esteem within a student. This is an excellent opportunity for students who are passionate about performing to gain additional tuition and develop their skills beyond the classroom.

As with the instrumental lessons, Mrs Evans visits the school on a weekly basis and delivers 30 minute lessons which take place during the school day. Lessons are timetabled on a carousel system so that students do not miss the same classroom lesson each week. Places on the timetable are awarded on a first come first served basis; if we become over-subscribed we will operate a waiting list system.

The payment of lessons is managed directly between Mrs Evans and parents/carers. Lessons are paid for in monthly or half termly blocks. Lesson costs are subject to review at the start of the new academic year; the current lesson prices are outlined below:

	Individual weekly lesson cost	Paired weekly lesson cost (per student)
Acting Lessons	£13.00	£7.00

Instrumental lessons

All students have the opportunity to take instrumental lessons whilst at Longbenton High School.

We have a team of talented visiting instrumental teachers who offer weekly lessons on the following instruments:

Singing	Piano/Keyboard
Guitar/Ukulele/Bass Guitar	Upper Strings (Violin/Viola)
Drum Kit	Brass (Trumpet/Trombone/French Horn)
Woodwind (Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone)	

Instrumental lessons are available to all students, whether they have chosen GCSE Music or not. Learning an instrument is proven to have many additional benefits to learning in general including the improvement of coordination, mathematical skills (associated with rhythm and counting) and memory. Students also commonly find their confidence increases and they develop team work skills through performing with others.

Instrumental lessons take place during the school day; students come out of their classroom lessons to attend their instrumental lessons. Instrumental lessons are timetabled on a carousel system so that students do not miss the same lesson each week. Places on the timetable are awarded on a first come first served basis; if an instrument becomes over-subscribed we will operate a waiting list system.

Payment of instrumental lessons is managed directly between the visiting teacher and parents/carers. Students can either have individual weekly lessons or paired lessons with another student. We also try to accommodate small group lessons where possible. Lessons are paid for in monthly or half termly blocks. Lesson costs are subject to review at the start of the new academic year; the current teachers and lesson prices are outlined below:

We would be delighted for your son/daughter to start instrumental and/or acting lessons when they join Longbenton High School in September. Please complete and return the enclosed reply slip in order to express your interest or email Miss Houlton (mh@lblearning.com) if you require any additional information.

Instrument	Teacher Name	Individual weekly lesson cost	Paired weekly lesson cost (per student)
Singing	Mrs Jenni Evans	£13.00	£7.00
Guitars	Mr Joel Bryne-McCullough	£12.50	£7.00
Drum Kit	Mr David Lourie	£15.00	£7.50
Piano/Keyboard	Mrs Irina Gill	£15.10	£9.20
Upper Strings	Mrs Liz Clarke	£14.00	£7.00
Brass	Mr David Milner	£12.00	£6.00
Woodwind	Mrs Sue Belshaw	£15.10	£9.20

Term dates 2017-18

Autumn term

Tuesday 5 September – Friday 20 October

Monday 30 October – Friday 22 December

Spring term

Monday 8 January – Friday 9 February

Monday 19 February – Thursday 29 March

Summer term

Tuesday 17 April – Friday 25 May

Monday 4 June – Friday 20 July

Staff training days

Monday 4 September

Friday 6 October

Monday 16 April

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