



George Stephenson

High School

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted you have accepted your child's place at George Stephenson High School for September 2026.

Wednesday 17th June 2026 Information Evening

On Wednesday 17th June we will be holding an information evening for all parents and students to visit the school and meet staff. There will be a brief talk by the Headteacher, and members of the Senior Leadership Team will be available if you have any questions.

Transition Day

We would like to invite parents/carers to the welcome assembly as part of your child's transition day. The assembly will begin at 9.25am and coffee and tea will be available afterwards; here you will be able to meet key staff at our school. As part of your child getting to know the staff and our school, we would like to invite your child to visit George Stephenson High School for a day of transition activities on **Thursday 2nd July from 9:15 to 13:15.**

Individual 1:1 Meeting

We also ask every parent/carers and their child to attend an individual meeting with a member of our Senior Leadership team. It is an opportunity to find out more about our school and have a discussion about your child's future at George Stephenson High School. The meeting will last approximately 15 minutes.

The meetings will be held on Tuesday 30th June or Wednesday 1st July 2026.

This can be booked online via the following link:

https://outlook.office.com/owa/calendar/GeorgeStephensonHighSchool@gshs.org.uk/bookings/s/jK Mt_bR2Kki67SVC3LqWYw2

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For the transition day, your child should wear their current school uniform. Lunch will be provided, or your child may bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

We look forward to welcoming your child to George Stephenson High School.

Please contact us at enquiries@gshs.org.uk if you have any questions.

Please book your appointment by 25th June 2026. We are unable to book appointment or make any changes after this date. A Parent's Guide to Year 9 will be issued to you at this meeting. **Please note this individual meeting is being held instead of a Parents Evening and it is really important you make every effort to attend.**

We have included a fact sheet about our school uniform and details of how to order.

We strongly recommend that parents purchase school uniform/footwear as early as possible and do not leave it until latter weeks of the summer holiday as large supplies cannot be guaranteed at that late stage.

Yours sincerely

PETER DOUTHWAITE
Headteacher

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform is available to purchase from:

Emblematic Ltd

Unit 20G

North Tyne Industrial Estate

Benton

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE12 9SZ

Telephone: 0191 270 1449

Email: sales@emblematic.co.uk

Opening Times:

Monday – Friday: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

(also open on Saturday during summer months - please check Emblematic's website for opening times)

Orders can also be placed online with Emblematic's Internet Ordering Service. Simply visit <https://emblematic.co.uk/> and place your order. Payment can be made by credit/debit card and orders are posted to your home address. This will incur a small delivery charge. Orders may take up to 3 weeks for delivery during the busy summer period. **Please note:** In order to guarantee delivery of online orders before the start of school term in September please place orders before 19th July 2025.

FOOTWEAR

- Completely black, flat footwear. This includes shoes, trainers and boots.
- Trainers must be completely black: black uppers, black laces, black soles and black eyelets. This means we do not allow any trainers with clear, white or coloured soles, logos, laces or eyelets.
- Boots must be flat and ankle length only.
- Shoes and boots must be made of a polishable material.
- The school reserve the right to determine what is acceptable with regards to footwear. If you are in any doubt, please contact school directly before purchasing your child's footwear for school.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

DAILY UNIFORM

Navy blue school sweater with school badge*
School tie
Black school trousers
Black knee length pleated black school skirt
Plain white school shirt with collar (long or short sleeved)
Black tights / black or white socks
Sensible plain black school/ Shoes with a low heel
A plain dark outdoor jacket or coat

PE KIT

Black school polo shirt (short sleeved – PE indoors)
Black school sweatshirt (outdoors)
Black shorts (plain – no stripes)
Black / White sports socks / football socks
Tracksuit bottoms (PLAIN BLACK – NO STRIPES) OR PLAIN BLACK leggings (must not be “see through” but small logos are permissible)
Appropriate Footwear
Gum shield (advisable)
Shin pads (advisable)

ALL UNIFORM AND KIT MUST BE NAMED

We do NOT allow:

- “extreme” hairstyle or extreme hair colouring.
- Students can wear one small ring only on either hand (not large sovereign rings) , a maximum of two earrings, one in each earlobe (simple studs or sleepers) and a watch. Any other rings/studs/bars used in face, mouth, ear or body piercing are not allowed in school for health and safety reasons.
- Ear expanders must not be worn.
- Acrylic or gel nails or nail varnish of any sort must not be worn.
- We do not allow tattoos or body art.

- We do not allow excessive make up (no false or semi-permanent lashes, no fake tan, no drawn-on eyebrows)
- Hats or hoods are not to be worn in school.

We also offer a range of preloved school uniform which can be requested via our school website.



ASPENS

RE: Year 6 Transition Day on School

Dear Parent / Carer,

Aspens Services are the proud providers of the catering services at George Stephenson High School. We are a market leading contract catering company specialising in school food. We only work in the education sector so we know what our customers want. Mixing this knowledge with an understanding of what's hot in the food world sparks creativity and excitement in our chefs. Our kitchens provide delicious home cooked food each day and cater for individual dietary requirements.

On the 29th of June Aspens will be providing a free meal for all year six pupils on the school's Induction day. This is to give all pupils the opportunity to experience the lunchtime routine and encourage them to carry on using the service in September.

The meals on offer will be:

Main meat or vegetarian options from our Streateries offering,

Jacket potato with choice of one filling,

Wedge sandwich with choice of various fillings,

Our Authentic Italian Tomato Pasta.

All of the above will be part of our meal deal and will include either a homemade cookie or a bottle of water.

If students wish to bring their own packed lunch instead of choosing one of our meal deals above they can do this. Free water will also be available in the dining hall, but their own water bottle will be required to refill from the water fountain. If students want additional snacks/food on the day they will need to bring their own, as unfortunately on the Induction day we will not be able to provide them a food offer at breaktime.

Your child will also be given a copy of the new school menu which will be in place from September.

Aspens Services looks forward to welcoming your child into George Stephenson High School and in our dining outlets.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Middleton

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Aspens Services

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