



Dear Parent or Carer

I am delighted you have accepted your child's place at George Stephenson High School for September 2026. I am writing to welcome you to the school and to provide you with information regarding some key dates and events in our **induction programme** for later this year, designed to ensure your child's smooth transfer to George Stephenson High School.

Induction Programme

Week Beginning Monday 15th June: High School Week.

From the start of this week, students will be visiting GSHS to sample lessons and subjects taught at high school. They will also meet staff and begin to get to know their way around the school as well as find out about some of the routines.

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. The school transition days are as follows:

Holystone Primary School 15th June
Backworth Primary School 16th June
Amberley Primary School 17th June
Grasmere Primary School and Ivy Road Primary School 18th June
Westmoor Primary School, Burradon Primary School & Wallsend Jubilee 22rd June
Bailey Green Primary School 23rd June

Please check with staff at your child's primary school about the travel arrangements for this day. For students attending from other primary schools, we are liaising with your child's Y6 teachers to organise a separate transition day for them. Information will come from your child's school about this in due course.

All students will need to bring a packed lunch, coat and bag with them when they attend their transition day

Monday 29th June 2026: Induction Day.

The Induction Day for all Year 6 students coming to George Stephenson High School in September will be on Monday 29th June 2026. On that day, students will be involved in a number of activities to help them become more familiar with the school and the way it operates, as well as meeting their teachers and their classmates.

On the morning of Monday 29th June students should make their own way to GSHS to arrive at 9.10am. The students will be registered at the high school.

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In the case of **Shiremoor and Backworth**, please note that students will be picked up by coach at their respective schools at the following times:

Shiremoor: 8.40am

Backworth: 8.50am

Students from Holystone have got the extra option of using the scholars bus. This service is operated by Nexus therefore students will need to pay for their journey to and from GSHS. More information on the scholars bus can be found at www.gshs.org.uk/Information/scholars-bus. Information will also be given to students at Holystone about using the service on the day.

When students arrive on site on the Induction Day there will be staff on duty to direct students to the hall.

During the morning programme, students will experience a number of lessons. The afternoon will consist of sporting activities in tutor groupings.

On Induction Day, lunch will be provided free of charge in the dining hall. Students may of course bring a packed lunch if they prefer. Please see the attached letter regarding the food choices offered by our catering company Aspens on the day.

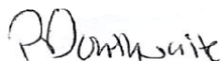
Students should wear their present school uniform and come equipped with pens and pencils as well as **sports kit** for the afternoon.

The Induction Day will finish at approximately 2.45 p.m. Students from **Amberley, Bailey Green, Grasmere, West Moor, Holystone and other primary schools** can make their own way home or be collected at this time. Holystone students that wish to can travel back to Holystone on the scholars bus. Staff will accompany any Holystone students to the bus at the end of the day.

Students from **Shiremoor and Backworth** will be transported back to their primary schools by 3.10pm.

Tuesday 30th June or Wednesday 1st July: Individual 1:1 Meeting

We ask every parent/carer 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. Letters of invite to the 1:1 meetings have already been sent to parents with all the relevant information. Information on the school uniform policy was also included in the 1:1 individual meeting invite.



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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

Operations Manager,
Aspens Services