



# Welcome to NE12 Sixth Form

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**LONGBENTON**  
HIGH SCHOOL



George Stephenson  
High School

# Why study with us?



- Specialist subjects like Sociology, Politics, Further Maths, Psychology, Media Studies and Theatre Studies can be maintained
- We can exploit excellent teaching across the two schools
- A well-established efficient transport system
- New friends and teachers made across the two schools
- A wide choice of subjects on offer
- Dedicated Post-16 area on each campus

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# Collaboration – The Benefits



- “Collaborative provision provides a bridge between schools and higher education as students gain confidence and experience of moving between different sites and adjusting to different environments and styles of teaching”

“Post 16 Collaboration” – OFSTED report

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# Collaboration



“Students receive good advice in the sixth form and take part in a range of activities to prepare them for life after the sixth form. They know how to keep themselves safe and feel well-supported by staff. Students are very positive about their experiences in the sixth form. Behaviour is excellent and they are proud to be members of the sixth form.”

Ofsted Report Longbenton November 2018

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# Collaboration



“Students in the sixth form said they feel ‘lucky’ to be part of the school community. They are great ambassadors for the school and act as positive role models to younger pupils. Almost all students progress onto appropriate higher-education courses, training or employment.”

Ofsted Report GSHS November 2019

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# Destinations



66% - applied to University

11% - apprenticeships

14% - employment

1% - at College

3% - continue with Year 14

5% - Gap/deferred year before University

Opportunities secured with DEFRA, British Army, Northumbria Police, Royal Navy

Out of 50 university applications:

45 Firm choice – 90%

2 Insurance choice – 4%

3 Clearing – 6%

18 Russell Group – 36%

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# Life in NE12 Sixth Form



What do we expect of our students?

- Attendance
- Effort / Home Learning
- Setting a good example
- Contribution to the school community and beyond (e.g. KS3 Form Support, Charity management, Volunteering)

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# Life in NE12 Sixth Form



What can we offer our students? Care, Guidance and Support

- You will be monitored closely to ensure you are making the best progress possible
- You will attend study support sessions and be given study support resources
- You will be offered support and intervention when it is needed
- You will be involved in a full enrichment programme and will become involved in the wider community

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# Post Sixth Form Support

- Futures day
- Personal Statement master class
- Pre-University skills sessions
- University funding advice and guidance
- Connexions support
- Apprenticeship Session – The World of Work
- NU Entry



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# What qualifications do I need?



- You will need at least 5 GCSEs or equivalent at 9 to 4 to be successful in NE12 Sixth Form.
- You can find the entry requirements for individual courses on the next few slides and in our prospectus.
- We understand that this year will be a little different in terms of results at the end of Year 11. We will of course take this into account when considering applications for our courses. Please talk to us about how we can best support you in choosing the right courses for you.
- Higher grades are needed to be successful in many of our traditional A Level courses – check the entry requirements in the prospectus.
- We also know that students achieving 5 GCSE grades with most at 4 or 5 will benefit from a mixture of A Level, BTEC or Applied courses.
- Please also note that admission into the Sixth Form is not an automatic right. Students will have had to display a positive attitude, a good work ethic and positive behaviour in KS4 in order to represent the school at Sixth Form level.

# Enrichment Opportunities



- As students now only study three courses, there will be an allocated time for enrichment which is common to both schools. The enrichment is flexible and personalised but time spent must be recorded and signed off
- All students volunteer to be involved in an activity, beyond their studies or paid work, to enhance their CV / UCAS application forms

## **Examples from this year would be:**

Qualifications – EPQ, MOOCs, resits and possibly ASDAN qualifications.

EPQ: Extended Project Qualification: equivalent to half an A Level, students choose their area of study, can be partly performance based.

MOOCs: Massive open online course, available in almost anything!

- Tuesday mornings: Tuesday afternoon: placements, volunteering, internships, charity work etc.

## **Involvement in other opportunities**

- Music/ Drama Productions
- Fund raising
- Trips – nationally and internationally, Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- University visits and collaboration

# How do I choose my subjects?



## DO:

- choose courses you know you will enjoy
- choose courses you are interested in
- choose courses that are appropriate to your ability and interests
- read the subject information in the Sixth Form Prospectus very carefully
- ask the advice of your subject teachers, your tutor and our careers advisers
- discuss it with your parents

# How do I choose my subjects?



## Don't:

- choose a course simply because your friends have
- allow either like or dislike of particular teachers to influence your choice
- choose a course because you think it might be easy
- drop any subject you may require for entry to a particular occupation or course of further study

# What happens next?



- Explore our Virtual Open Evening website. Each course has their own introduction and taster lesson.
- Read our prospectus carefully.
- Start making plans and researching now for what courses/options are available after Year 11
- Individual interviews with senior staff before Easter to support with decision making
- Bridging work to complete over Summer for three chosen subjects
- Initial applications close for Sixth Form on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Students who wish to apply beyond that date are still able to do so, but must speak to a member of the Sixth Form team initially

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