

September 2026

Dear Year 6 Parent / Carer

Choosing a high school is a big decision for both parents and children. At George Stephenson High School, we believe we offer the best education possible for all our young people, as well as a warm and friendly atmosphere. We work very closely with our local Primary Schools to ensure the transition to George Stephenson High School is as smooth as possible and there will be several opportunities for your child to visit the school during Year 6.

We are also delighted to share some recent successes with you. Last year the school received an excellent Ofsted report, which praised the high quality of teaching, the strong relationships between staff and students, and the ambitious culture across the school. In addition, this summer our students achieved their best set of exam results for the second year in a row. These outcomes are a testament to the hard work of our students, the commitment of our staff, and the support of our families, and we are very proud of these achievements.

Please find a link to our [prospectus](#) for 2026-2027 and our [vision document](#). Further information can be found on the home page of our website www.gshs.org.uk I hope this gives you a taste of what the school can offer as you consider your choice of secondary school for your child. More detailed information and guidance will be included in a booklet for parents of incoming students in the summer term. I hope you will take the opportunity to decide to join our school as it continues to go from strength to strength.

Open Evening

I would like to invite you and your child to our Open Evening on **Thursday 24th September**. The evening will run from **5.00 p.m. until 7.00 p.m.** The Headteacher's presentation will be given in the main hall at 5pm and repeated at 5.40pm. You will be able to visit classrooms in each department and talk to teachers about how their subjects are delivered at high school. Members of our leadership team and guidance team will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

If you are unable to attend this event but would still like to find out more about what our school has to offer, please contact us on enquiries@gshs.org.uk.

We will also be running Open Mornings for parents to have a tour of the school and meet some of the students (each tour will begin at 9.00am and will last approximately 90 minutes). The dates for these mornings are:

- **Monday 28th September – 9.00am**
- **Wednesday 30th September – 9.00am**
- **Friday 9th October – 9.00am**

If you wish to attend one of the Open Mornings, please book a place [here](#)

It is important that you read the [North Tyneside Guide to School Admissions](#) before completing your application form. The easiest way to apply is through the '[Citizens Portal](#)' from the 7th September. Please note that it is not first come first served so there is no advantage to applying early. You may also complete a paper application. **Either way, you must apply by 31 October 2026.** If you have any queries, please contact the Access Team on (0191) 643 8724.

George Stephenson High School is a Trust School and as such we are our own admission authority with our own admissions policy. However, like all other Trust schools in North Tyneside, we have formally adopted the North Tyneside Admissions Policy and the coordinated Admissions Scheme. We all operate an equal preference system. This means that an individual school will consider first, second and third preferences equally and apply their admission criteria to everyone who applied on time. If your child can be offered a place at more than one school a place will be allocated at the highest ranked school. Therefore, if your first choice of school is here; you should of course put us down first to ensure that this is place you are offered. If you live in your Primary School catchment area you also live in the George Stephenson High School catchment area. For further details and a catchment area map, please visit the North Tyneside [website](#).

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely



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