

13th July 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Set Changes (REF: 0109-25ASW)

As we move towards the end of term, we are finalising the September timetable. This year, in Years 8 to 11 we have been able to put maths, science and English lessons on at the same time, rather than in two blocks.

The advantage of this is that pupils will be able to move sets easily if we need to accommodate any academic improvements.

Setting is done to support the teacher to maximise challenge when class planning. Specific need is always considered within the context of each set, and no child is disadvantaged due to any special educational need or disability. The sets are driven by performance in key assessment pieces, collated throughout the year to indicate individual ability, knowledge and understanding across all topics.

New Year 7 pupils will be in mixed ability classes across the curriculum until we have an opportunity to analyse SAT data and internal base line assessment. This will be the case until Christmas.

Over the next few weeks, we will be allocating pupils to sets in Arbor. This will become visible to parents and pupils via the Arbor App / Portal in the final week of August.

All children will be issued with a paper timetable for their Pupil Passport on the first day of the new academic year, Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "A Sweeten".

A Sweeten
Headteacher

Headteacher: Angela Sweeten

longfield.nalp.org.uk

📍 Longfield Road Darlington DL3 0HT

☎ 01325 380815 | 01325 380816 ✉ enquiries@longfield.nalp.org.uk