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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Year 9 Course Outlines, Subject leader contact details, Examinations, Assessment arrangements and Homework Statements**

The attached booklet is a comprehensive guide for parents and students in Year 9 regarding all subjects studied in school.

Subject leaders have provided a detailed outline of their subject for students. There is crucial information about assessment and a broad guide about the setting and completion of homework. There is also a section which offers suggestions for how students can deepen their knowledge and become more resourceful. We encourage parents and carers to support their child with these activities outside of school as they should broaden their horizons and can lead to academic success.

Subject teachers will always allow sufficient time for the completion of homework. There are many support structures in school which students can use to help them complete tasks. Students are able to use the library before school, at lunchtime and after school until 4.30pm. Equally subject teachers will always support pupils at the point of setting tasks and offer additional help if needed.

Over the last two years we have introduced Show My Homework, an online homework platform to Years 10, 12 and 13. We will now to be rolling this out to all year groups including Year 9 from September and further details including logins will follow. Show my Homework allows teachers to set homework on the online platform which can be accessed by both parents and students. Parents/carers will be able to see what homework is being set and when the deadlines are. Students will still be given a school planner. There will be a short information evening for parents on Show My Homework on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 in the New Hall. Please support your child by encouraging them to set aside time to complete work and revise. Research shows that any positive interest and encouragement by parents/carers is always important and supports our work in school.

Please use the Subject Leader email contacts detailed in the booklet if you have any subject specific concerns or questions. Equally if you have any other concerns please contact me directly at school, [hgrewal@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:hgrewal@taptonschool.co.uk), or Mr Stewart, Leader of Additional Educational Needs [dstewart@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:dstewart@taptonschool.co.uk), or Mrs Higgins, Year Manager of Year 9 [ahiggins@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:ahiggins@taptonschool.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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