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**Valuing everyone
Caring for each other
Achieving excellence**

**Sixth Form
Open Evening**

**Tuesday
20th November 2018**

Welcome to our Open Evening, we hope you find it informative. This booklet will offer you a snapshot of our Sixth Form, however, for more in depth information, please visit our website:

www.taptonschool.co.uk/sixthform

Here you will find all the subject information sheets, application and admission processes in greater detail, as well as a paper application form for those who need them. There will also be a link that you can follow to the Council's Admission Criteria and Policies.

Tapton SCHOOL

Tapton Sixth Form is an **inspiring, challenging and dynamic environment** in which to take your A Levels. We know that this time in a young person's life is pivotal in shaping their future direction and all students are provided with personalised guidance about appropriate subject choice and their likely post-18 destinations to make sure they are best placed for future success. Throughout their time at Tapton, students experience outstanding **teaching and learning** from staff who aim to **inspire** them in the classroom and to prepare them for their A-level examinations.

All students are allocated to an experienced form tutor who provides them with **academic and pastoral support** on a daily basis for the two years of Sixth Form study, backed up by an extensive and effective Sixth Form Team. At Tapton we are proud of the **diversity** of our students – we have students from a wide variety of educational and social backgrounds. We strive to create a **cohesive and inclusive environment**, run by a team of dedicated teachers and support staff. A student's full timetable is balanced by recreational activities like 'Pop-Up' Sports and charity events, alongside opportunities to attend lectures on political issues, science, mathematics and beyond.

Tapton's strong links with local and national universities mean that our students receive **exceptional support** as they apply for Higher Education and begin the transition to university life. Well over 90% of our students successfully apply to university, with many gaining admission into the most competitive institutions in the country. We are keen to support our students whatever their chosen direction post-18, such as apprenticeships or employment. Our aim is to help **all** our Sixth Formers to lay the foundations of their successful future lives.

There are two ways to apply to our Sixth Form, and it depends on where you are studying for Y11 that makes this choice for you. Schools within Sheffield generally use UCAS Progress which is an online application form and your school will have a co-ordinator (usually a teacher or careers advisor) who will help you through this. If you live outside of Sheffield, or attend a private school, you will complete a paper application form. All our applications go through Sheffield City Council, and we follow their admissions policy.

When applying to us there are several things you need to consider. If an application doesn't work because of the grades you are predicted or the subject combination you have chosen, we will contact you through UCAS progress or email, so please make sure you check these for messages. This will give you a chance to make your application work.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our school and we look forward to welcoming you in September.

Andrew Wright
Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form

BASIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All students need the equivalent of five 9 to 4 grades at GCSE (This **may** include a 4 in English language and/or a 4 in Mathematics).
- Applications for Science and Maths will follow our Attainment 8 guidelines, which can be found on our website.
- Each individual subject has its own specific entry requirement.
- Students require an E grade at AS level to progress from Year 12 to Year 13 in each subject studied. Students who do not achieve the grades to progress from AS to A Level will be offered an alternative curriculum dependant on GCSE results.



NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

We are proud to work alongside the National Citizen Service, and have just been awarded **Champion School** status. We believe the experiences that they offer to young people are incredibly valuable. Indeed, NCS is recognised by UCAS and employers, and is endorsed by the government. NCS promotes team work and independence for young people, whilst building an individual's confidence and leadership skills. Each year, NCS partner with us to provide our Induction Week. Please visit the Common Room on the top floor for more information, and to meet some team members.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 th November 2018	Sixth Form Open Evening
WB 26 th November 2018	Student consultations with Sixth Form (Internal Applicants)
31 st January 2019	Deadline for UCAS Progress application on line. Paper applications submitted to the council.
25 th February 2019	Conditional offers of placements made to students
5 th March 2019	External student consultations with Sixth Form (External Applicants)
11 th March 2019	Deadline for accepting placement offer
WB 1 st July 2018	National Citizen Service Residential
WB 8 th July 2018	University Experience Week and Induction Week at Tapton Sixth Form
22 nd August 2019	GCSE results day & registration day at Tapton for all <u>internal</u> students
23 rd August 2019	Registration day at Tapton for all <u>external</u> students
2 nd September 2019	First day of new term at Tapton School (TBC)

LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

It is wonderful that our students achieve good grades and go on to exciting futures. Alongside what is learnt in the classroom, we endeavour to support our students and teach them about life outside of school, to give them a **broad and fulfilling experience** whilst with us. Students fully engage in our **Charity Week** and raise money for local and national charities throughout the year, as well as raising awareness of **topical and current issues**, responding to events in our world. We are working with a **self defence organisation** to develop a programme aimed at young people leaving home. We offer the **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award**, as well as the opportunity to be a part of the **School Theatre Company, music ensembles, and sports teams**. In the past our Sixth Formers have successfully supported many of our younger students through our **Paired Reading scheme and classroom support**. **Volunteering and work experience** is on offer for all students, as well as the opportunity to engage in **outreach schemes** with Higher Education institutions. Tapton School is an **IRIS school (Institute for Research in Schools)**, providing students with the chance to take part in cutting edge scientific research projects. Alongside this we have our **Science and Humanities lectures, Science Journal Club, Engineering club**. There is plenty to choose from!

RESULTS SINCE 2014

2018	71% A*B	100% A*E
2017	63% A*B	99% A*E
2016	67% A*B	99% A*E
2015	62% A*B	99% A*E
2014	72% A*B	99% A*E

UCAS SUCCESS RATE SINCE 2014 - First time applications

2018	92% of Tapton applications were successful
2017	87% of Tapton applications were successful
2016	87% of Tapton applications were successful
2015	87% of Tapton applications were successful
2014	87% of Tapton applications were successful

DESTINATIONS 2018

Below is a selection of where some of our students went in 2018:

Bethany School	University of Liverpool	Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies (4 years)
Sheffield Girls High	Newcastle University	Architecture
Firth Park	University of Huddersfield	Behavioural Sciences
Handsworth Grange	Sheffield Hallam University	Biomedical Sciences
Meadowhead	Royal Veterinary College	Bioveterinary Sciences
Chaucer School	Aston University	Business and Management
Tapton	Imperial College London	Chemical Engineering
Birley	University of Glasgow	Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry with Work Placement
Tapton	University of Leeds	Dental Surgery / Oral Science
Tapton	Cardiff University	Dentistry
Newfield	University of Oxford	Earth Sciences
Notre Dame	University College London	English
Tapton	Goldsmiths, University of London	English and Drama
Tapton	The University of East Anglia	English Literature
Hope Valley College	University of Bath Spa University	English Literature/Psychology
UTC	Glasgow School of Art	Fashion Design
King Edward VII	University of Leeds	Food Science and Nutrition
Birley	University of Lincoln	History
Tapton	University of Oxford	History and English
Forge Valley	University of Exeter	History and International Relations
Tapton	The University of Edinburgh	History of Art
Tapton	Sheffield Hallam University	Human Geography
King Ecgbert	University of Leeds	International Business and Spanish
King Edward VII	University of Oxford	Mathematics
Meadowhead	University of Cambridge	Medicine
Tapton	University of Manchester	Medicine
Parkwood	University College London	Medicine (6 years)
Fir Vale	University of Sheffield	Medicine (Phase One)
Stocksbrigde	Sheffield Hallam University	Midwifery
Bradfield	University of Sheffield	Modern Languages
Tapton	Durham University	Modern Languages and Cultures (with Year Abroad)
Tapton	University of Sheffield	Music and Korean Studies
High Storrs	Sheffield Hallam University	Nursing (Child)
Tapton	The University of Nottingham	Pharmacy (4 years)
Westfield	Durham University	Physics and Astronomy
Birkdale	University of Leicester	Politics
Westfield	University of Birmingham	Psychology
Hinde House	Sheffield Hallam University	Radiotherapy and Oncology

