

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a positive new year. The new year at Tapton has brought with it a number of changes to our Leadership Team. After 18 months as Associate Headteachers under David Dennis as Executive Headteacher, we are proud to share that we have now been recognised as Co Headteachers. Approval has been granted from our Local Governing Body and Trust Board.

This move will allow David to focus on his CEO role across the Trust and will enable us to lead on a strategic level at Tapton. David will still teach his Y13 class at Tapton, his office will be based here and of course as CEO he will clearly influence the direction Tapton takes in the future.

In addition, we have appointed Harkiran Grewal as Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Behaviour and Attitudes. Danny Stewart will become Leader of Y10 and 11 but will also work at Chaucer School for two days a week. Steve Rippin will focus on Personal Development and Student Support and will become our SENCO. Finally Dawn Cook has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher for Achievement for All, to support our disadvantaged students.

We hope these changes will allow our team to work closely with teachers, students, their families, governors and the wider staff body to improve behaviour and attitudes across the school, whilst ensuring all students enjoy their learning, feel inspired and succeed at Tapton.

In order for us to begin to consider the views of everyone we would like as many parents as possible to complete the following online survey so we can focus on improving the areas that matter to you most.

Please follow this link to do so

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fpBfyJYGBtKka0XyRYxXv2ldlDsKYwPhpZQPP2_trjY/edit

Fundraising Success

As well as our hugely successful reverse advent calendar in December, staff and students also raised considerable funds for various charities in December.

Our 6th Form Charity Week and Quiz raised £593.94 and our Music Concerts raised £435.60. The total of **£1029.54** will be split between Roundabout and British Heart Foundation. In addition, our 6th Form Certificate Evening raised **£188.00** to be donated to Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity. Our staff Christmas Jumper Day and Cake Sale raised **£158.86** which will be donated to Save the Children. And finally, our End of Term Non-Uniform Day raised **£625.19** to be split 3 ways between Roundabout, Save the Children and British Heart Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who got involved and gave generously at all these events.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Tues 29th January	Y8 & Y9 HPV Immunisations
Tuesday 29th January	GCSE Exam Information Evening
Thurs 31st January	Y9 Parents Evening
Tuesday 5th February	Y12 Parents Evening
Week commencing 11th February	Y13 Exam Week
Week commencing 18th February	Half Term Break
Week commencing 25th February	Y11 Exam Week
Week commencing 4th March	Y12 Exam Week

Thanks for your continued support of our school,
Kat Rhodes and Adrian May