

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the summer holidays I would like to share some updates.

I am really excited to serve as sole Headteacher at Tapton. This is a challenge I feel honoured to undertake and know the school will continue to improve under my care. To this end we have made a number of changes to the leadership team to add capacity. Ms Tabani is now Assistant Headteacher responsible for Safeguarding, Attendance, Punctuality and Alternative Provision. Ms Grewal remains as Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Student Achievement, with an additional focus on Y11. Ms Sharman will now work with Y7-8 and Mr Stewart will now work with Y9-10.

In the wider school, Ms Travers has started to work with Y6 students during their transition into Y7 and we have appointed a new Year Manager, Miss Jackson, to work with our current Y7 students. In addition to this, a new Y9 Year Manager, Mrs Moorwood, will begin on Monday 1st July. We would like to thank Mrs Czauderna and Ms Allinson for all the work they have done with the year group. Mrs Czauderna has a change of role and will become our Support Worker for Looked After Children. Miss Allinson will return to her role as Cover Supervisor. Ms Mohammed will become full time Wellbeing, Resilience and Student Engagement worker. We are really pleased with these appointments and feel they will strengthen the pastoral support we can offer at Tapton.

AS/A level and GCSE Exam Results Dates

If your child is not available to collect their results and would like to nominate a person to collect them, a letter needs to be handed into school before the end of term. The nominated person must bring photo ID with them, for example, a driving licence or passport. Results can only be collected on the relevant results days. Uncollected results will then be available at the start of term.

Thursday August 15th: 10.00AM: A2 results collection begins in the main hall

11.00AM: AS results collection begins in the main hall

Thursday August 22nd: 9.00AM: GCSE results collection begins in the main hall

Y10 GCSE Trial English Exam

Y10 students are sitting the second of their English Literature Trial Examinations, **Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel** on Thursday 11th July. The exam will take place in the afternoon and lasts for **1 hour and 45 minutes**. This will mean some slight alterations to the timing of their school day:

- The school day will start promptly at 9.30am for Period 1, where students will be registered.
- Period 1 and 2, all Y10s will be in their normal English groups for a revision booster session.
- Students will be sent to lunch between 11.30am and 12.15pm. The school canteen will be open as usual.
- All students must be at their examination room for 12.15pm.
- The exam will start promptly at 12.30pm.
- The exam will end at 2.15pm. Papers will be collected and students without extra time **will be sent home**.
- Students with extra time will finish at approximately 2.40pm and **will be sent home**.
- **ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM ON THIS DAY.**

Planners and Homework for 2019-20

Over the past few years we have used a system called Show My Homework, where teachers have set homework through an online system and students have been able to access this through their computer/smart phone. Using an online system allowed our teachers to attach documents and specific details of the homework which ensured students had the all the information needed to complete homework to a high standard to extend their learning.

Since September we have used a system called Bromcom to support the daily running of the school. A key part of Bromcom is an online homework system which allows parents and students to access the detailed information needed. We have decided to move from Show My Homework to Bromcom Homework. In September you will receive a log in and detailed information on how you and your child can access this.

Further to this we have decided that the use of planners has decreased so much as to render them obsolete and an unnecessary expense in our current financial climate. Students can purchase their own diaries if they feel the need to use them within school life.

Sixth Form Update

This is an incredibly busy term in Sixth Form, despite us being down to one year group. Our Year 13s have now completed all their exams and we wish them a happy summer and the best of luck with whatever plans they have beyond Tapton. We are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves during the challenging exam period and look forward to spending time with them at the prom this Friday.

This in turn means that our attentions move to the future destinations of our Year 12s and supporting them with looking at what they would like to do when their studies finish. The start of this was our well attended Higher Education Evening. We were grateful to all the universities who sent representatives and to the speakers who delivered specialist sessions on subjects related to making a University application. A large group of students attended the UCAS convention at the Arena last week and made the most of investigating all the options open to them once they leave school, and collected information on a variety of providers. This information will lead into our Destinations Day on 11th July when students start to fill out their UCAS applications and write their personal statements. We know that this is a busy time for University open days, and encourage students to attend these. However, we would request that this is done at a weekend where possible. If a student needs any support, please encourage them to speak to their form tutor or someone from the Sixth Form team.

A Level and AS Level results will be released on Thursday 15th August (as detailed above). UCAS Track will hopefully be live from 7am, and students may find that they have an email from university confirming their place. If a student has not had confirmation of a place, school will be open from 7am. We would ask that all other students wait until 10am to come and collect their results. AS Level results will be available from 11am.

Sewing Machines

Do you have a sewing machine you no longer use at home? Our Textiles department would really appreciate any donations of working sewing machines to add to our current resources. Please contact Mrs Shepherd via email on mshpherd@taptonschool.co.uk if you are able to help.

Thanks for your continued support of our school. We wish you a restful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Kat Rhodes

Upcoming dates for your diary

28th June 2019	Y13 Prom
W/C 1st July 2019	School Play- 7pm
4th July 2019	MFL& History Visit to Berlin (returns 8 th July 2019)
W/C 8th July 2019	Y7 Form Tutor Reviews

	6 th Form Induction Week Y10 Careers Information Evening 6- 7pm Y7 Maths Challenge
9th July 2019	Y7 Parents Evening
11th July 2019	Sports Day (Y7,8 &9)- ALL STUDENTS TO FINISH AT 2.30PM Y10 GCSE English Mock exam (please see arrangements above) Y11 Prom Sixth Form Destination Day
W/C 15th July 2019	Y9 Science trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
15th July 2019	Sports Awards Evening
19th July 2019	School Closes for the Summer at 12.30 for students
15th August 2019	A/ AS Level Results
22nd August 2019	GCSE Results
3rd September 2019	School Re-opens for Students (arrangements TBC)