

NO. 11 - 7th February 2007

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



**REMINDER: EARLY CLOSURE, 2.30 PM FRI 9TH
FEBRUARY 2007**

At 2.30 on Friday we will be presenting their Progress Files to the Y11, in front of staff and their parents, with a guest speaker. School will be closing for other years at the end of period 4 (2.30 p.m.), and the 651 school bus has been arranged for that time. Y11s will be dismissed at the end of the event.



**COMING PTA EVENTS - PLEASE HELP THEM TO
SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**

Mrs Hilton's Famous Tapton PTA Quiz Night on Friday 23rd February

The Quiz itself has a well-tried and popular formula. People come as teams or join tables when they arrive. The questions are all to teams so it's all good fun and no-one's exposed. The questions are mainly general knowledge - with a special popular music section, guessing songs from the first few bars - and a few other sections. There are prizes for the winning team but also a prize for the losers - so everyone goes home happy. Bring a team - ask your friends – or just come along yourselves and we'll introduce you to some others. It's a really sociable occasion – fun but quite a contest, if you like a challenge. Excellent food - but no licensed bar - bring your own drink (and glasses). Tickets are £6 each, including food. See the reply slip at the end.

PTA Bazaar/Book & Games Sale .. Saturday 17 th March .. 11.30 – 2.30

Come to the Bazaar. Have lunch with us. Enjoy browsing the stalls. Have some cake and coffee. Meet some friends. It's a relaxed afternoon, looking for bargains and enjoying good company.

Clear out those shelves. Reach to the back of the wardrobe. Make some space! Send us your **BOOKS, CDs, GOOD CONDITION SCHOOL UNIFORM, and GAMEBOY / PLAY STATIONS GAMES** . There'll be someone in the school foyer to receive goods on Tues – Fri of the week of the Bazaar and on the Saturday morning. As last year the PTA are opening up the Bazaar as a local market for people to hire a tabletop and sell their own items. If you would like details, or know of someone who would, please contact Sarah Shields on 230 7301.

Tapton Youth Brass Band Concert .. Friday 23 rd March 7.30 .. School Hall

Another special concert, featuring not only the outstanding Tapton Band, chosen as the best in the country on three occasions in the last few years, but also Thomas Osborne as soloist. Thomas, a former Tapton student, attended the Royal Northern College of Music, was a brass finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition, and has recently launched a professional career. We're delighted and very proud to have him with us again. Come and enjoy the evening. With interval refreshments, the tickets are £7 (£5 concessions) available from Mrs Phillips or Mr Storer at school – but hurry. There may not be room.

TAPTON STUDENTS COMPETE AT TOP NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Could this be science's next big talent? Maybe a future David Attenborough, or even a prospective Einstein or Dorothy Hodgkin? That's the question that might be going through the minds of judges at the prestigious national BA CREST Science Fair, to be held at the Royal Society, London on 23 rd February. We have some Y13 pupils who are some of the top young scientists from across the UK competing at the fair. Their project looks at the methods of creasing and perforating paper, - a project carried out as part of the Engineering Educational Scheme with Rollem Patent Products of Ecclesfield. The BA CREST Science Fair showcases science and technology projects from students' aged 11-19 across the UK . At the fair, budding scientists will present their projects to a panel of judges including research scientists, and will have the opportunity to win trips to prestigious international science fairs across the globe and receive cash prizes for the school's science department.

The BA CREST Science Fair is organised by the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

SCIENCE WEEK 2007 - SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As always we have a busy programme scheduled for science week. Here are some:

Friday 9 th March: 7X to Chester Zoo

Saturday 10 th March: Sheffield Astronomical Society are holding a great all day family event on Space

Monday 12 th March: 7Z to Chester Zoo

Tuesday 13 th March: 8X to Bradford Media Museum . 7.30 – 9,00pm Dennis Ashton and Sheffield Astronomical Society are giving a family lecture on “The New Solar System” with other Space activities.

Wednesday 14 th March: 7.30 – 8.30 Terry Hudson, lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University will present another family lecture on “The Science of Diving” another fun filled, interesting talk.

Thursday 15 th March: 8Z to Bradford Media Museum .

There are a lot more activities going on in School and full details of the programme will be out soon.



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Fri 9 th February	Early Closure (2.30 p.m.) for Y11 Progress File Presentation
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term Holiday
19 th – 23 rd February	Y11 Maths Coursework
Fri 23 rd February	PTA Quiz Night 7.30 School Hall
Tues 27 th February	Y9 Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.00
Fri 2 nd March	Y9 Option Choice Forms for GCSE Courses due in
5 th – 9 th March	Y8 Exam Week
Thurs 8 th March	Y13 Theatre Studies Performances
Weds 14 th March	Y12 Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.00
17 th – 23 rd March	Y10/12 German Exchange to Bochum
19 th – 30 th March	Y12 Geography Fieldwork weeks 1 & 2
27 th – 29 th March	Y12 Drama Performances
Thurs 29 th March	Last Day of Term for Students
Fri 30 th March	Staff Training Day AS/A2 Sports Assessments
Mon 16 th April	1 st day of Summer Term



SCHOOL SHOP

With exam time fast approaching in May, we would like to remind all students and parents about the range of Revision Guides that are on sale in the School Shop. We have Key Stage 3 Science, Maths, English. GCSE Maths, History, Geography, Spanish, German, French, Textiles, Food Tech, Graphics, Resistant Materials, Engineering, Sociology and A2/AS Level books in a wide range of subjects are now in stock. Our supplies are very reasonably priced; many are less than half the price in the normal shops. Please take advantage of this service we provide. There is a good range of art supplies and stationery items also on sale at vary reasonable prices. The shop is open on **Monday** and **Wednesday** break-times and lunchtimes, and is on the first floor near the Art Department .

Stationery	Prices	Art Supplies	Prices
Pens	From 10p	A1,A2,A3, Folders and Portfolios	£6.00, £2.50, £1.80
Pencils	From 15p	A3 Graphic Folders	£4.00
Pencil Cases	80p	Sketchbooks	70p,£1.50,£2.00,

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Erasers	10p	Paint Brush Sets	£4.00, £3.00
Rulers	40p	Watercolour Sets	£2.00
Pencil Sharpeners	40p	Acrylic Sets	£3.50
Glue Sticks	£1.00	Paint Boxes	£1.60
Ink Cartridges	2p	Coloured Pencil Sets	85p
Note Books	25p, 50p, £1.00	2B,4B,6B Art Pencils	30p
Correction Pens	£1.00	Putty Rubbers	£2.50
Clear Book Coverings	10p per sheet	A1 Plastic Sleeves	£1.80
Scientific Calculators	£4.00	Pastel Colour Sets	£1.30
Compass	50p	Fine Felt Tip Sets	£1.50
Set Squares	25p	Protractors	25p

Revision Guides		GCSE French	£2.00
KS3 Maths	£2.25	GCSE Spanish	£2.00
KS3 English	£2.25	GCSE German	£2.00
KS3 Science	£2.00	A Level Biology	£5.50
GCSE Maths	£1.50	A Level Chemistry	£5.50
GCSE History	£2.00	A Level Physics	£5.50
GCSE Geography	£2.50	A Level Sociology	£2.00 & £1.55
GCSE Textiles	£3.00	Misc Items	Prices
GCSE Graphics	£3.00	Lab Coats	£8.50
GCSE Food Tech	£3.00	USB Jump Drives 256mb	£13.50
GCSE Science	£2.00	6 th Form Planners	£2.00



SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to one of our pupils who made it to the Great Britain team

He's been selected to represent Great Britain Roller Hockey in the AAU (minority sports) Olympics in Detroit in July. Does anyone know of any organisation or firm who could sponsor him?

Table Tennis:

The Y8 Table Tennis Team had a successful evening in The Sheffield Schools Table Tennis league. They played very well to finish as league champions in the year 8/9 competition.

The year 11 teams also had a good evening this week. There were against

some strong opposition. League results to come.
Good luck to the pupils who will represent the school's U19 table tennis team at Blackburn on Sunday 18th February in the National Schools Northern finals.

South Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Championships:

Results (top 8 go through to represent S Yorks in the English Schools Cross Country Championships):

- 1 Y7 girl came 11th
- 2 Junior girls came 1st and 6th
- 2 Intermediate girls came 3rd and 10th
- 1 Senior girl came 4th
- 1 Y7 Boy came 11th
- 2 Junior boys came 1st and 4th
- 2 Intermediate Boys came 12th and 20th
- 1 Senior boy came 6th

The Sheffield Schools' team showed a very dominant performance across all age groups. Tapton made up a large component of the Sheffield Team. This illustrates the strength and talent of athletes across our school. Well done to all those who took part. Special congratulations go to all the runners who have qualified for the English Schools Cross Country Championships in Leeds on the 24th March.

Badminton: Tapton won the U15 Boys Doubles in the U15 Sheffield Schools Badminton Tournament. One reached the Finals of the boys Singles, but narrowly lost 30-28. Two other students reached the Semi Finals of the Boys Doubles. Many congratulations.

Football: The Y10 football team had mixed fortunes last week, drawing 1-1 with the new Park Academy. The following evening in a very close game we were edged out of the Sheffield Schools cup by Handsworth Grange 1-0. The Y7 football team had a five a side evening with Birkdale on Monday with 25 pupils playing in the games. It was great to see pupils representing school who hadn't in the past. In the sixteen games played the honours were shared with both schools winning eight games each. Other cup fixtures coming up:

- Y7 v Ecclesfield (22/2)
- Y8 v Birley/Westfield
- Y9 v Park Academy
- Y11 v Handsworth Grange

Finally our Y 7 5 a side team have qualified for the Sheffield schools finals which will be played at Tapton this week, hopefully we will have good news for the next newsletter.

Lacrosse : CENTURION TROPHY QUARTER FINAL Sat 3rd Feb

The Sheffield Steelers Lacrosse U14's sailed through the Centurion Trophy Quarter Final with a 13-1 win over Stockport . An excellent team effort with Sheffield dominating play throughout the match. The Stockport goalkeeper was superb making a total of 17 saves but Sheffield were stronger across the pitch and deservedly win themselves a place in the Semi Finals on the 17th of March.

Primary Schools Partnership News

All our primary schools that are involved in our Sports Partnership Programme, Hallam, Lydgate and Netherthorpe, took part in the Primary School Indoor Athletics Competition and the Hot Shots Basketball. Both Partnership Finals took place at the English Institute of Sport which was an exciting venue for all the pupils. It was a great experience to learn new skills and compete against pupils from other schools. Congratulations to all the pupils who too part – you all looked really smart, behaviour was excellent and you performed superbly and thank you to all the staff for getting them up there!

Special congratulations to Lydgate on finishing 1 st in their Athletics group and qualifying for the Sheffield Partnership Finals on Thursday 22 nd Feb at E.I.S. Also special congratulations to Netherthorpe who played some incredibly close matches in the Basketball, and came through to qualify for the overall Hotshots Partnership Finals in March. Several Netherthorpe pupils were talent spotted and invited to the Sheffield Basketball Academy . To have two students from our Tapton Family in two Sheffield Partnership Finals is an excellent achievement – well done everybody!

A big thank you also to the Y10 Tapton pupils who assisted at the Athletics competition at the E.I.S.