

No 20 - July 18th 2007

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER HOLIDAY

Have a sunny, peaceful time, with success in whatever venture you're undertaking. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed, on September 4th .



HELLO GOODBYE

Sadly, at this time of year we say farewell to old friends at the same time as we welcome those who are new. The following staff will be leaving Tapton:

Mr S. Holden – Asst Head, Head of Sixth Form
Mr P. West – Asst Head, Inclusion
Mrs CA Dowker – Food Technology
Mrs S. Hinchliffe – IT, Business Studies
Mrs M. Balkow – Languages
Mr J. Collison – IT
Mr M. Slater – Music Tech
Mr J. O'Neill – Science
Mr J. Errington - Science
Ms J. Verney - English
Ms E. Falconer – Science Technician
Ms K. Nesbitt – Art Technician
Mr P. Nelson – Science, Music and Drama Tech
Ms F. Harriott – Student Support Officer
Ms S. Khan – Student Support Officer
Ms E. Williams, Mrs S. Wilson & Ms C. Madin will be taking maternity leave

We wish them the very best and are deeply grateful for all they have given to the school and, in some cases, generations of young people. At the start of the new term, we'll introduce the staff who will be replacing them.



TOP MATHEMATICIANS AT TAPTON

Congratulations to some of our Y8 Mathematicians who took part in the UKMT National Mathematics Challenges.

The final maths challenge took place on the morning of Monday 16 th July, for Y8s. Every pupil in Y7 , Y8 and Y9 has taken part in a Tapton Maths Challenge. The Y7 challenge happened on Monday 25 th June with all our students involved in 4 separate maths challenges during the day. The overall form prize went to 7JM from 7BA. The best I.T. Puzzlers : from 7GO.

The best Maths Treasure Hunters: from 7SH.

The best Logic Puzzlers : from 7DY.

Winners of the Y8 & Y9 Challenges will be announced in assembly this week.



SPARE UNIFORM

If you have any uniform at home which your children have out grown, we would really like to recycle it at school. Please send your spare uniform to your child's form tutor.



NO RAIN IN SPAIN

The recent Y9 Cultural and Language Trip to Southern Spain was a great success. The students enjoyed language lessons and visits to the historical cities of Cordoba and Ronda, including seeing the world famous cathedral and one of the oldest bull rings in Spain , despite the sweltering heat. Well done to all the Y9s who took part.



INTERESTING HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Sheffield Multiple Heritage Service is hoping to deliver group work for 2 hours a day for 3 days during the summer holidays. The topics will include:

- Heritage and family
- Dealing with racism
- Role models
- Craft-based activities
- Black history

If you would like your child to take part, please contact Mrs Ellis on 2941162 for a form.



SPORTS REPORT

Sports Day

A wonderful day was had by all, with DY winning the year 7 competition, WO & CG the Y8, and AK the Y9.

Cricket

Congratulations to our Year 9 Cricket team who won their league in the Sheffield Schools Cricket Competition. They won all their games, beating King Edwards, Bradfield, Myers Grove and Silverdale. They went on to beat Meadowhead School in the semi final of the competition at Graves Park but, bravely, lost to King Ecgbert's in the final. The Y7s went one better and were overall winners.

Roller Hockey

Good luck to one of our students who competes for England in Detroit from 16 th – 26 th July. On 1 st July, he played in the BIPHA nationals at Virtual Ice Rotherham. His team finished runners-up. However, he made the "All Star" team, effectively the best 5 players from all teams represented in the finals. On Saturday and Sunday 7th/8th July again playing for Killamarsh U12's competed in the GBHI nationals at Bisley. On this occasion they won and became National Champions, he scored the opening goal in the final in a 2-0 victory against the Scottish champions. Good luck in Detroit !