

What you can expect from Tapton Sixth Form

Academic Results

Experienced and specialist **teaching** and **support** staff who have delivered over a decade of outstanding A Level results.

An average grade **B** and L3VA **0.40+ Top 5% Nationally**.

Post-18 Destinations

A broad curriculum offer of **29 subjects** leading to a diverse range of Post-18 destinations.

Over **90%** of students transitioning to **university** each year.

Over 50 students successfully applying to **Oxford** and **Cambridge** over the last **7** years.

Our community is focused on the **Common Room** and **Sixth Form Café**.

Over **30 feeder schools** from around Sheffield, South Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

High expectations and a focus on the whole student

High expectations for **attendance, punctuality and behaviour** and a focus on the **transition to adult life**.

A wide-ranging **Enrichment Programme** and a **KS5 Personal Development Curriculum**.

A diverse and vibrant community

What Tapton Sixth Form will expect from you

A clear focus on Post-18 destinations

University, Apprenticeship or
Employment

Subject Knowledge and Personal Development

Academic work at the centre of your week

Expect to commit **30+** hours per week for three
subjects or **40+** hours for four subjects

Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour

Being a Role Model; Minimum **96%** Attendance

Being well in yourself

Relaxation, Movement, Diet and Sleep; Personal
Development



**How do I
apply to
Tapton Sixth
Form?**

Apply using **Sheffield Progress** in Y11

Stage 1

Basic Entry Requirement of a **Grade 5 in GCSE English Language**, a **Grade 4 in Maths** and **3 other GCSE Grade 4s**.

Stage 2

Individual entry requirements per subject.

Typically start at a **Grade 5** or **6** for Humanities, **Grade 6** for Sciences, Maths and MFL. The highest requirement is a **Grade 8** for Further Maths.

Individual entry requirements are often a combination of grades. For example, to study **Psychology** you would need:

A grade 5 in English Language, a grade 5 in Maths and a grade 5 in a Science subject.

Stage 3

An **Attainment 8** requirement to access combinations of Sciences and Maths.

Entry Requirements – Stage 2

SUBJECT	ENTRY REQUIREMENT	SUBJECT	ENTRY REQUIREMENT
ART	5 in Art and Design or a visual portfolio demonstrating art work of a GCSE grade 5 standard.	FURTHER MATHS	8 in Maths
BIOLOGY	6 in Biology & 6 in another Science and 6 in Maths or 66 in Combined Science and 6 in Maths	GEOGRAPHY	6 in Geography, 6 in English Language OR Literature, and 5 in Science.
BUSINESS STUDIES	5 in English Language and a 5 in Maths	GERMAN	6 in German
CHEMISTRY	6 in Chemistry & 6 in another Science and 6 in Maths or 66 in Combined Science and 6 in Maths	GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	6 in English Language
COMPUTER SCIENCE	6 in Computer Studies and 6 in Maths	HISTORY	6 in History and 5 in English Language
CORE MATHS (Level 3 Equivalent)	5 in Maths	MATHS	7 in Maths
DESIGN ENGINEERING	5 in Technology and 6 in Maths and 5 in Physics	MUSIC	6 in GCSE Music OR both Grade 5 Theory and Grade 5 in an instrument
DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES	5 in Drama or 5 in English Language and English Literature	PHYSICS	6 in Physics & 6 in another Science and 6 in Maths or 66 in Combined Science and 6 in Maths
ECONOMICS	6 in Maths and 6 in English Language and 6 in Economics if studied	PRODUCT DESIGN	5 in the relevant Design Technology and 5 in Mathematics
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	6 in English Language and a 5 in English Literature	PSYCHOLOGY	5 English Language, 5 in Maths and a 5 in a Science
ENGLISH LITERATURE	6 in English Literature and a 5 in English Language	RELIGIOUS STUDIES: Specialising in Philosophy and Ethics	5 in English Language and 5 in Religious Studies if studied
FASHION AND TEXTILES	5 in Textiles or Art and Design or a visual portfolio demonstrating textile or art work of a GCSE grade 5 standard, and a grade 5 in Maths.	SOCIOLOGY	5 in English Language
FILM STUDIES	5 in English Language or English Literature	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	5 in Biology or 55 in Combined Science, 5 in Maths and a 5 in English Language and significant sporting performance
FRENCH	6 in French	SPANISH	6 in Spanish
LEVEL 3 FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION	5 in Biology or Chemistry, or a 55 in Combined Science and a 5 in English Language.		

What is Attainment 8? – Stage 3

There is an additional entry requirement based on Attainment 8 (A8) for studying Sciences (Physics, Biology and Chemistry) and Maths:

- To study all 3 Sciences and Maths, you need an A8 of 70 (equivalent to all 7s)
- To study 3 Sciences or 2 Sciences and Maths, you need an A8 of 64 (a mixture of 7s and 6s)
- To study 2 Sciences or 1 Science and Maths, you need an A8 of 55 (equivalent to all 6s)
- **Please note, on application, we will calculate your A8 and contact you should a query arise.**
- To create your Attainment 8 we add together:
 - Double English (Language or Literature, whichever is highest), Double Maths, 3 EBACC subjects (Sciences, MFL incl. Home Language, Humanities) and 3 other subjects (Arts, Technology, Performing Arts, other English qualification).

Key Considerations

Number of Applications

Only the top 3 Sixth Forms will be considered.

If you wish to be offered a place in a Trust Sixth Form (Forge Valley or Tapton) they must be in your top 3 choices.

Any applications for more Sixth Forms will be disregarded.

The order is VERY important.

You will be made an offer at your highest preference school that is able to accept your application.

Any applications at other schools will then be removed.

You can hold ONE offer at a Sixth Form and ONE college offer.

Key Dates

22 October 2025	Sixth Form Open Evening
20 November 2025	Student Consultations with Sixth Form (Internal Applicants)
31 January 2026	Deadline for applications – Sheffield Progress Online Applications submitted to the Council.
25-27 February 2026	Conditional offers of places made to students
13 March 2026	Deadline for accepting offer
14 April 2026	Student Consultations with Sixth Form (External Applicants)
w/c 22 June 2026	Sixth Form Induction Week
20 August 2026	GCSE Results Day and Enrolment Day at Tapton Sixth Form for all students <u>Compulsory</u>

**Tapton Sixth Form
Open Evening**

Any Questions?

Wednesday 22nd October

6-8pm