

# Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Final GCSE Examinations 2024, Results Day and Key Dates

GCSE examinations begin on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the final arrangements. Your child will receive a personalised copy of their examination timetable; the personalised timetable will detail dates, times, seat numbers and exam locations. We advise all families to note their child's examinations in family calendars. Ofqual have also published a final examination guide which can be found on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofqual-student-guide-2024/ofqual-student-guide-2024>

Formal teaching will end at the end of school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Students will have the opportunity to sign spare shirts during period 5 on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May when we will say our goodbyes; please note these shirts cannot be worn during exams. **From Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May Year 11 students will only attend school for examinations and scheduled revision sessions.** We will share the timetable of revision sessions in a further letter. Students who are in receipt of free school meals will be able to purchase food from the POD or canteen when they are in school from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, however, to avoid food wastage the canteen will not be preparing food for the wider year group. In addition, please note that from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Year 11 will no longer be able to purchase food from the canteen without funds in their account. Please ensure your child has enough money in their account to purchase food for the rest of their time in school.

For safeguarding reasons there cannot be any casual visits to the school site without prior arrangement with subject teachers or other school staff. Students who are **unable** to go home in between examinations must request a seat in our supervised quiet study space. The study space will be signposted in the school foyer every day of the examination period starting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and students must specify their intention to use the study space in a further letter which we will send out shortly.

The 2024 exam timetable details a number of contingency days: the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13 June (pm only) and the 26<sup>th</sup> June (all day). These will be used if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are able to take an exam when planned. Students should be available throughout the exam period including on these days in case their planned timetable is disrupted. Please do not make any plans until after the 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**A final reminder - Students must arrive on time and in full school uniform (not signed school shirts) for each examination and with the relevant school equipment.** Morning exams begin at 9.00 am and afternoon exams begin at 1.30 pm. Students who rely on public transport need to ensure they leave with plenty of time to get to school. The examinations are part of a rigorous national process and therefore timings cannot be adjusted for transport issues. As detailed in our letter in March failure to attend school and examinations in full school uniform will jeopardise attendance at the Year 11 prom. Mobile phones and watches must be turned off and handed to the invigilators in pre-prepared exam wallets. Students are reminded to use clear pencil cases for exam equipment, remove labels from water bottles and ensure they have calculators for the relevant examinations.

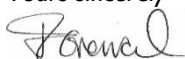
The Year 11 prom is on 11<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm – 10.00pm at Tapton Hall, Shore Lane, S10 3BU.

GCSE examination results day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August; timings for each form are below. Students who are unable to collect their results will need to contact school in writing if they wish to nominate an individual to collect them on their behalf; nominated individuals will need to bring a form of photo identification to collect the results and arrive at the allocated time for the child they are representing. These letters must be in school before the end of the academic year. In addition, any students who are absent on Results Day and have intentions to enrol in our 6<sup>th</sup> Form must inform the 6<sup>th</sup> Form team before the end of term.

<b>Arrival time</b>	9.00	9.20	9.40	10.00	BREAK	10.30	10.50	11.30
<b>Form</b>	11KS 11ED	11HO	11HA 11MM	11LF		11FG 11RB	11PM 11AS	Y9, Y12 and Y13

Finally, and most importantly we wish your children the very best of luck for the weeks ahead and thank them and you for all the hard work and tenacity. The year group have worked very hard already and we feel sure they will reap the rewards on results day. We are very proud of them.

Yours sincerely



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