

# Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Y12 Assessment Week – January 2022

We are writing to remind you that Year 12 students have an Assessment Week running from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January when they return to school in the Spring Term. The week has been deliberately split to include a weekend to support student wellbeing. All assessments will take place in class under controlled conditions. All subject teachers will be speaking to their classes about the nature and form of assessment and providing guidance on revision topics. This information will be shared on Satchel One. The assessments will inform the forthcoming tracking, options and Parents' Evening on Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Tracking

Alongside providing students with a percentage score for their assessment, teaching staff will also make a judgement on whether or not students are currently meeting expectations and whether or not they are currently recommended for progression to A level. Please note that where students are not currently recommended for progression to A level they are not expected to drop the subject. These students will be provided with additional support from our Academic Mentor and they will also take further assessments in the week beginning Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> in order to receive feedback from staff to support their progression to A level.

### Options

Following discussion at Parents' Evening, students taking four subjects will be asked to complete an online form stating which subject they would like to discontinue and complete at AS level. Students will then sit trial exams in the subject they are discontinuing in Year 12 trial exam week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February in preparation for their external AS examinations. The deadline for the completion of this form will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February to enable examination entries to be completed over the February half-term. Please note that where appropriate students will also have the option to complete four subjects at A level.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place online on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February between 4.30 and 7pm. Parents will be sent a letter in January advising them how to book. We use a system called SchoolCloud – this is the same system that we used for the Form Tutor Consultations in September.

### Revision Guidance

There are a number of resources on the Sixth Form section of the Learning Platform to support student revision, these include:

- Revision Guides for Individual Subjects. These are also displayed in the Sixth Form Common Room.
- Becoming an Independent Learner (BILs) Presentations on Time Management, Effective Note-Taking, Using Exam Board Websites and Taking Care of Yourself.



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In addition, all students have been provided with their own copy of Surviving Your Workload! Essential Study Habits for Sixth Form Students by Tim Foot and all students will have an assembly on How to Learn Better based on the research of Dr Tom Stafford, Experimental Psychologist, Sheffield University.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions.

Yours sincerely



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