

# Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Final GCSE examinations 2022 and Key Dates

With examinations beginning next week we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the arrangements in school but also to reassure all families that we remain steadfastly committed to ensuring your child achieves well whilst maintaining a healthy outlook during this time. If at any point over the next six weeks and beyond the examination period you require additional support, please do let school know – we are here for you. In addition, you may find the resources on the following link useful during the exam season and beyond:

[Resources to help students prepare for exams and assessments - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

There have been several adjustments and modifications to examinations this year to support students following the disruption of the last few years. A reminder of these changes can be found on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-guide-to-exams-and-formal-assessments-in-2021-to-2022/student-guide-to-exams-and-formal-assessments-in-2021-to-2022>

Your child already has a copy of the examination timetable, however, a general timetable is also attached to this email. Students will receive a further timetable detailing seating this week. We advise all families to highlight their child's examinations and note the times in your calendars. The 2022 timetable also includes the **contingency day on 29<sup>th</sup> June**. This 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 that day in case their planned timetable is disrupted. Please do not make any plans until after this date.

Examinations begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May with formal teaching for Year 11 ending after the GCSE Chemistry exam on the morning of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May; students will be dismissed for exam leave after this exam. For the two weeks beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May Year 11 students will have a combination of examinations and lessons; any students completing an afternoon examination during this period will be released for home directly after the exam.

**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 enough time to get to school. The examinations are part of a rigorous national process and therefore timings cannot be adjusted for transport issues. Failure to attend school and examinations in full school uniform will jeopardise attendance at the Year 11 prom, therefore, we urge you to ensure your child is in full school uniform. Additionally breaches of our behaviour policy and incidents of poor conduct may result in a student being banned from the prom; an outcome we do not want for any student. Mobile phones and watches must be turned off and placed in exam envelopes before entry to the examination room. Students are reminded to use clear pencil cases for equipment, remove labels from water bottles and ensure they have calculators for the relevant examinations. If your child needs any equipment or support with any materials, please do not hesitate to contact us at school and we will ensure they have everything they need.



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From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June Year 11 students will only attend school for their examinations and scheduled revision sessions being offered by some departments; please see below for details. Your child's attendance at the revision sessions is advised, however, it is entirely voluntary and we understand if you and your child make the decision to revise at home. As you will know if your child does choose to revise at home the safeguarding responsibility will sit you with as parents and carers.

- Vocational Engineering – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 8am until 8.45
- GCSE Geography Mrs Hormigo and Mr Caldwell's groups – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June p2 and 3
- GCSE Maths – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June period 4 and 5
- GCSE Biology – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June period 4 and 5
- GCSE French and Spanish – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June period 4 only
- GCSE Engineering and Product Design - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June period 3 only
- GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June period 4 and 5
- GCSE Chemistry – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June period 4 and 5
- Hospitality & Catering – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June period 4 and 5
- GCSE Physics – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June period 4 and 5
- GCSE Music – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 3.30-4.30

For safeguarding reasons there cannot be any casual visits to the school site without prior arrangement with subject teachers or other school staff. Nevertheless, we understand that some students may be unable to go home in between morning and afternoon examinations. We offer a silent study space for students in this situation and this will be signposted in the school foyer every day of the examination period starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The study space will be a supervised classroom in school and will be for silent revision during period 2 and period 3 only; the revision space is not available in the afternoon. Students must commit to using the space by completing the reply slip below; students will not be able to opt in and out of the space as we will be committing school staff in advance to supervise. Please sign the slip at the bottom of this letter if your child is intending to use the revision space and the days and times they are intending to use it. Please note for safeguarding purposes we will be creating a register for the revision room from the reply slip returns, therefore, please ensure your child is committed to using this study space for every session indicated. We will need to contact parents and carers if your child has committed to attend but does not arrive. The deadline for returns is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May to Ms Grewal.

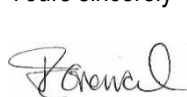
The Year 11 prom is on 14<sup>th</sup> July at Tapton Hall on Shore Lane. It starts at 7:00pm and finishes at 10:30pm and is an exclusive ticket only event.

GCSE Examination results day is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August in the school hall; timings for each form are detailed below. A further letter about results day will be emailed to families at the end of the exam period. Please be aware we strongly advise families to be available in Sheffield on results day in order to access the wider transition and careers support which will be offer in school on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August. A post results service will be available as in a normal exam year when results are published. This will allow students to review their results with exam boards for a cost. Further details will be shared in our results day letter at the end of the exam season.

<b>Arrival time</b>	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	BREAK	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30
<b>Form</b>	11MD	11MP	11SC	11SN		11PY	11HC	11AN	11CD	11TP	Y12 and Y13

We wish your children the very best of luck for the weeks ahead and thank them and you for all the hard work, tenacity and fortitude over what has been a very challenging few years. We feel sure they will reap the rewards of their hard work and we are incredibly proud of them.

Yours sincerely




Ms Harkiran Grewal  
Deputy Headteacher

Holly Morris  
Assistant Headteacher, Key Stage Four



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My child \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the silent revision room on the following days and times:

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Signed parent and carer \_\_\_\_\_

Parent and carer emergency name and contact number \_\_\_\_\_



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