

# **Year 13**

# **The Year Ahead**

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**Dr Winters Year Leader  
and Mr Wright Head of Sixth Form**

# The Sixth Form Hierarchy of Needs



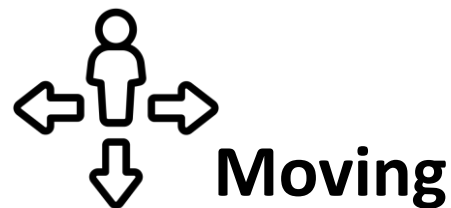
# Health and Wellbeing

There is plenty of reading out there that teaches different ways of looking after your wellbeing.

## Examples:

- Dr Rangan Chatterjee, *The Four Pillar Plan*
- Isabel Hardman, *The Natural Health Service*
- Mark Williams and Danny Penman, *Mindfulness*
- Emma Mitchell, *The Wild Remedy*
- John Sellars, *Lessons in Stoicism & The Fourfold Remedy*

All of them agree on **four** fundamental things that support your health and wellbeing.



# Health and Wellbeing

All Sixth Form students will have one hour of timetabled **Personal Development** lessons per week delivered by **specialist staff** covering a range of topics designed to help them make a **safe and successful** transition to Sixth Form and adulthood.

Students will follow **rotations** with four speakers in the Main Hall



## Preparing for Adulthood

Year 13
Food and Nutrition
Financial contracts, payday loans and debt
Addiction
Equality and diversity
Travel
Financial ventures including illegal ventures
Health services and personal safety
Mental health

## The Personal Development Curriculum

# Health and Wellbeing

To support our students to manage their own health and wellbeing, they will also be engaged in Sixth Form Reading during Form Time from the Autumn Term onwards.

They will learn about the Stoics Epictetus, Seneca, Marcus Aurelius alongside Epicurus via John Sellars of Royal Holloway University.

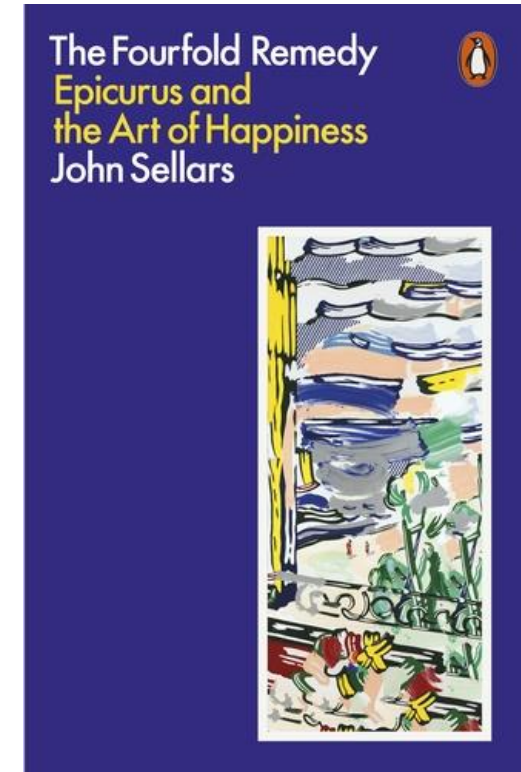
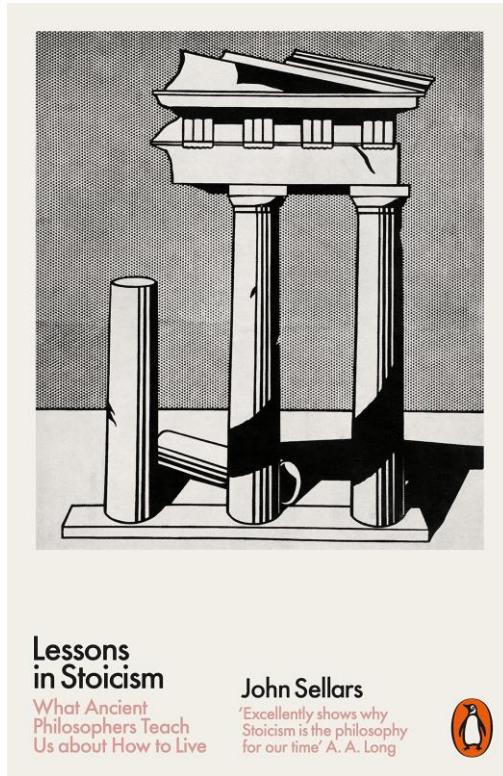
**Monday** – Reading

**Tuesday** – Pastoral/Unifrog/BILs

**Wednesday** – Bulletin

**Thursday** – Assembly/Current Affairs Quiz

**Friday** – Assembly/Current Affairs Quiz



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# Behaviour and Attitudes

## Sixth Form Privileges

Common Room and Café, including Sixth Form Toilet

Free Periods

Permission to leave site at break, lunch and free periods (with parent/carer permission)

No uniform (ID lanyard)

Use of mobile phones and devices in the Sixth Form Common Room

## Expectations and Sanctions

Most importantly you are expected to act as a **role model** for students in Years 7-11.

**Minimum attendance of 95%+**

**Under 95%** letter home; **under 90%** parent/carer meeting; **under 75%** withdrawal of examination fees

**Punctuality to AM (9am) and PM (1.30pm) registration and ID lanyard**

Same day lunchtime or afterschool detention

**On Calls and Suspensions**

Same day afterschool detention/withdrawal of UCAS reference



# Behaviour and Attitudes

## Attendance

Where students have a planned absence parents/carers should inform the Sixth Form Learning and Inclusion Coordinator, Ms Ridal, [lridal@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:lridal@taptonschool.co.uk) two days in advance.

Where students are unwell parents/carers should call the school absence line 0114 267 1414 (Option One) and their absence will be authorised. Sixth-form students cannot authorise their own absences, if a student is unwell this must be reported by a parent/carer listed as a priority contact on the school system.

Where students fall ill during the school day they **must** sign out with Ms Ridal, who will contact home and then authorise their absence.

# Behaviour and Attitudes

## Authorised

**Medical appointments** should be made outside of school hours unless unavoidable. If a student is reporting a medical appointment, this should be accompanied with evidence (e.g., medical appointment card/text).

Any exceptional circumstances e.g, **professional sporting events/funerals** should be supported by an email/phone call from parents/carers.

**University interviews** and/or open days should be evidenced with an email/letter of invitation.

**Driving tests** can be authorised.

## Not Authorised

**Driving lessons** should be taken outside of school time.

**Eye tests** with providers such as Specsavers / Vision Express will not be authorised. This is due to students being able to schedule these appointments during free periods or weekends.

# Attendance and Attainment

Attendance Band	Number of Students	A*B%
95%+	97	75%
90-95%	62	55%
85-90%	31	54%
80-85%	18	41%
75-80%	19	17%

Statistics from the 2023 A Level Results

# Change to the School Day

From September 2023 all schools are required to increase the length of their day by 15 minutes. At Tapton the start of the school day will now be 9am.

	Current Timings	Timings from September 2023
Start of School Day	9.15	9.00
Registration in Form Groups	9.15 – 9.30	9.00 – 9.20
Period 1	9.30 – 10.30	9.20 – 10.20
Period 2	10.30 – 11.30	10.20 – 11.20
Morning Break	11.30 – 11.50	11.20 – 11.40
Period 3	11.50 – 12.50	11.40 – 12.40
Lunchtime	12.50 – 13.35	12.40 – 13.30
Period 4	13.35 – 14.30	13.30 – 14.30
Period 5	14.30 – 15.30	14.30 – 15.30
End of School Day	15.30	15.30

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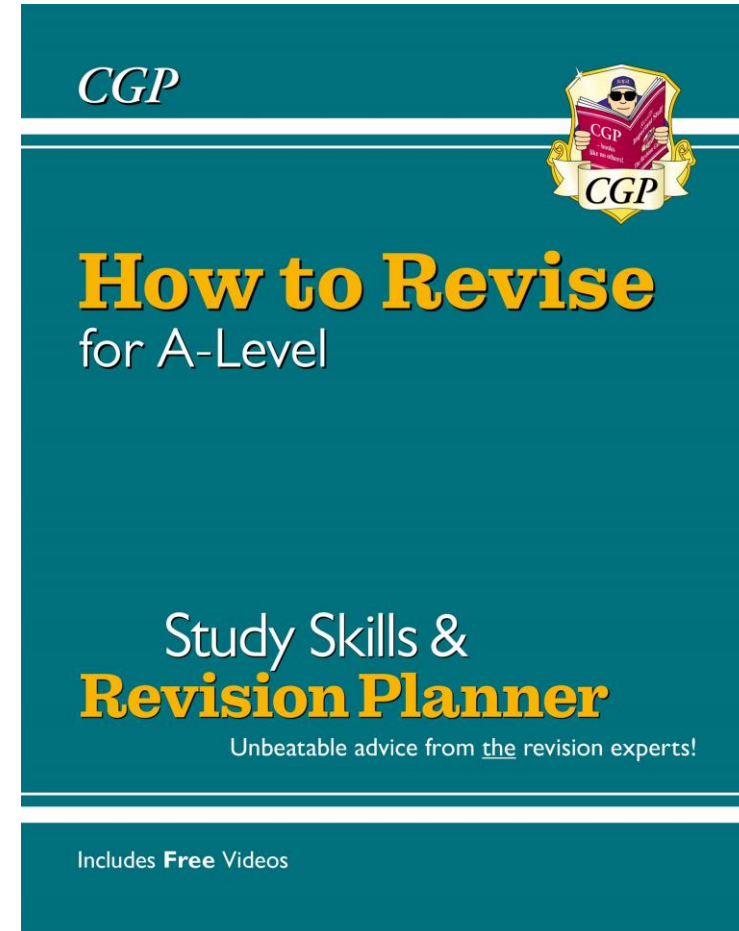


# Becoming an Independent Learner (BILs)

To support our students with the **interleaving of their Year 12 content** they will follow a BILs programme during form time to help them to develop skills such as **time management and organisation** and **note-taking**.

This will be based on the **CGP How to Revise for A-Level** book.

Furthermore, all students will have one timetabled hour of **Directed Study in the Library** per subject.



	F	1	2	3	4	5	6	
MON	F	L			FP		Time outside of school	
TUES		DS						
WED								
THURS		PD						
FRI				DS		DS		
SAT/SUN	<p><b>Three Subjects</b> 5 hours of lessons per subject 9 hours of homework and 3 hours of independent study (12 hours)</p> <p><b>Four Subjects</b> 5 hours of lessons per subject 12 hours of homework and 4 hours of independent study (16 hours)</p>							

<b>Lessons (L)</b>	4-5 hours per subject per week
<b>Form Time (F)</b>	1 hour 40mins per week
<b>Personal Development (PD)</b>	1 hour per week
<b>Homework</b>	9-12 hours per week
<b>Directed Study (DS)</b>	3-4 hours per week
<b>Totals</b>	3 Subjects 29 hours+ 4 Subjects 38 hours+



# Assessment and NEA Calendar

## Year 13

**Half Term 1** – UCAS Predicted Grades Update

**Half Term 2** – None

**Half Term 3** – Y13 Trial Exams

**Half Term 4** – Y13 Assessment Week

**Half Term 5** – AS and A Levels

**Half Term 6** – A Levels

## Non-Examined Assessments

- In **Y13** Students will also receive a detailed Non-Examined Assessment (**NEA**) calendar. **67%** of students are completing **one or more NEAs** in Year 13.
- **NEA Subjects:** Art; Textiles; Drama; Music; English Literature; English Language; Film Studies; History; Geography; Physical Education; Computer Science; DT Product Design; DT Engineering.

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#newexperiences

#ihavesignedup

#trysomethingnew

#meetnewfriends

#makethemostofit

# KS5 Freshers' Fair

- Big Challenge Business and Enterprise.
- Film Club
- Paired reading
- KS5 Book Club
- Sixth Form Theatre Company
- Social Sciences Film, Book and Podcast Club
- Music ensembles
- Cooking on a Budget
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold
- LGBTQIA+ Friendship Group
- KS5 Climbing Club
- Cultural Newsletter

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sixth Form Common Room**

# Work Experience

The logo for Unifrog, featuring the word "unifrog" in white lowercase letters on a green square background.

Work Experience can take place in Year 13. However, this must not take place during exams or other key dates in the school calendar.

Students are responsible for finding their own work experience placement. However, our **Careers Leader Ms Williams** is available to support.

**In order to be authorised, placements must be put on Unifrog at least two weeks prior to the placement starting. The placement coordinator is Ms Williams.**

A guide to work experience will be available on the Careers section of the school website from the start of term.

We will also receive opportunities that we will share via Satchel One by Ms Williams, so it is important you check them. **If a placement is shared with you via Satchel One this does not need to be added to Unifrog.**

# Sixth Form Charity Week

A week dedicated to having fun and raising money for good causes.



In 2022 we raised money for:

- **Doctors Without Borders** - International, medical humanitarian organisation working around the world in conflict zones, natural disasters and epidemics. We go where we are needed most.
- **Door 43** - Door 43 offers support to 13-25 year olds on a range of emotional wellbeing issues.
- **Roundabout** – Roundabout is South Yorkshire’s local youth housing charity providing shelter, support and life skills to young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

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## Equal Consideration Applications

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Destinations Day, Tapton

(UCAS Registration with Form Tutors and Former Students and Personal Statements with Form Tutors and University Admissions Staff)

**July 2023** – UCAS Predicted Grades released following Y12 Trial Exams

**June-July 2023** – Form Tutor 1:1s to prepare UCAS Reference (**Please note:** Form Tutors are solely responsible for UCAS references)

**September 2023** – Predicted Grades update.

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2023** – UCAS Application Internal Deadline

**Wednesday 31st January 2024 6pm** – UCAS Application External Deadline

**February 2024 onwards** – University Offers and Student Finance Applications

## Early Applications

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Registration for **UCAT** opens (closing on 29<sup>th</sup> September).

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Destinations Day (Student Workshop on **Early Applications**)

**13<sup>th</sup> July** STEM Diploma Conference

**19<sup>th</sup> July** Super Curricular Challenge Conference

**1<sup>st</sup> September** – Registration for **BMAT** opens (closing on 29<sup>th</sup> September).

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2023** – Early Applicant Internal Deadline

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 6pm** – Early Applicant External Deadline

**WB 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – **BMAT** and **Early Application Admissions Tests** at Tapton

**November 2023** – Trial Interviews including MMIs

**January 2024** – Oxford and Cambridge offers

**February 2024 onwards** – Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Offers and Student Finance Applications

# Non-University Routes

All students who are pursuing a non-university route, such as an apprenticeship or employment, or a gap year, are able to have a careers interview with our Independent Careers Advisor, **Carol James**.

Furthermore, opportunities to explore non-university routes are provided by guest speakers and workshops organised by our Careers Leader, **Ms Williams**, who also publishes a regular Sixth Form Careers Newsletter, outlining work experience opportunities and events (**shared on Satchel One**).

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# Support for Disadvantaged Students and 16-19 Bursary

## PPE6

- Students on Free School Meals (FSM) or who were on FSM during their Secondary Schooling are able to access additional support from the Sixth Form Team, including our **KS5 Academic Mentor**.

## 16-19 Bursary

- Students on Free School Meals (FSM) or who were on FSM during their Secondary Schooling may also be eligible for additional financial support during their time at Sixth Form. **16-19 Bursary is administered by our KS5 Academic Mentor, Miss Deakin.**

# Online Platforms

- **MCAS** – This is for parents and allows us to keep you updated with letters, information and announcements. You will also be able to view your young person's attendance and any behaviour points. We will also distribute tracking and reports through the MCAS app. For support around setting up MCAS please email **ssimmons@taptonschool.co.uk**
- **ParentPay** – As a cashless school we use ParentPay to allow parents to pay for equipment, trips and to update their young person's meal balance.
- **Satchel One**– This is where teachers will post homework, including when it is due. There is also a noticeboard where we post information for students, including careers opportunities and events in school.
- **Unifrog** – An online platform used by students to research their post-18 destinations and write their personal statements. For support around accessing Unifrog please email **jwilliams@taptonschool.co.uk**
- **Bursary+** - The online platform used to apply for and manage 16-19 Bursary. Students are eligible where parental/carer income is £17005 or less. For further information and support around accessing the bursary please contact **ldeakin@taptonschool.co.uk**

# Communication in Sixth Form

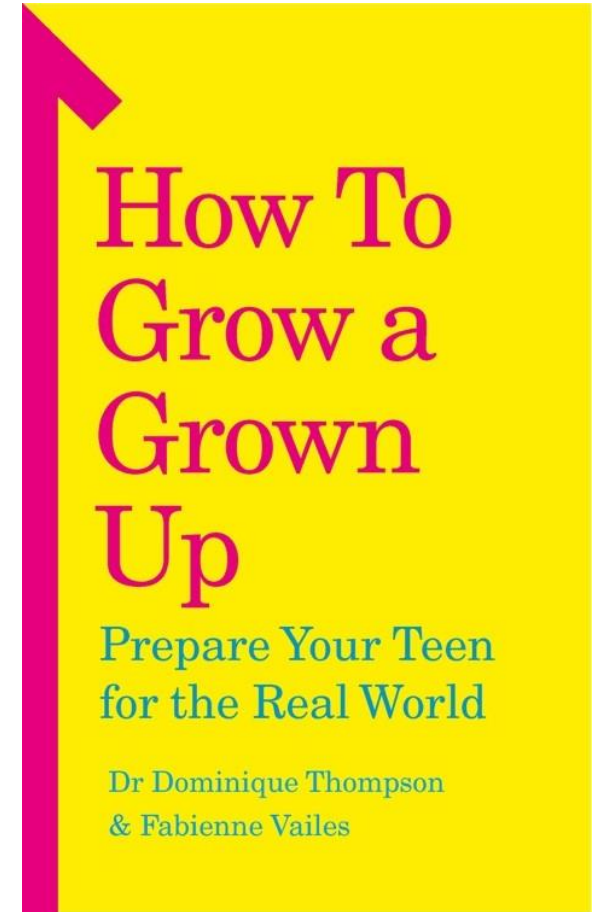
## Academic

- Where you have an academic concern, please e mail your child's classroom teacher and/or Subject Leader and copy in the Y13 Year Leader  
[jwinters@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:jwinters@taptonschool.co.uk)  
and the Head of Sixth Form  
[awright9@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:awright9@taptonschool.co.uk).

## Pastoral

- Where you have a pastoral concern. please e mail your child's Form Tutor and copy in the Y13 Year Leader  
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**Any  
Questions?**



**Recommended Reading**