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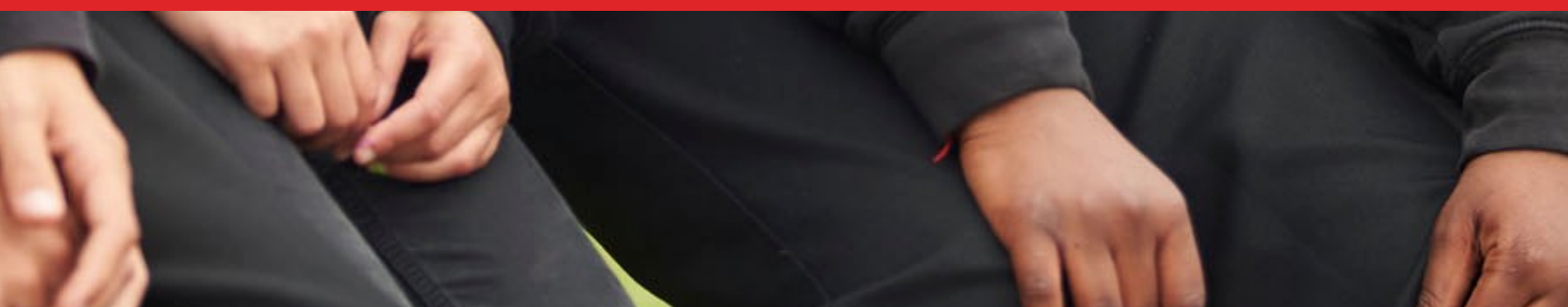
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Year 6 Open Event





Dear all,

Welcome to our Year 6 Open Event. We hope you'll find it both interesting and helpful.

This is a very unusual time with the necessity to hold our Year 6 Open Evening virtually, however we are very excited for you to see everything we have on offer at Tapton School.

In the pages that follow we have gathered together some information that may be of help during the Open Event and transition to Tapton School. This includes an overview of the transition process, as well as our examination results for both GCSE and A-level.

Please take the time to watch all the videos, these include videos from our Headteacher Kat Rhodes and Deputy Headteacher Harkiran Grewal, as well as subject specific videos to demonstrate exactly what Tapton School has to offer. We also have our Frequently Asked Questions which will be answered by Kalina Connett our KS2-3 Transition Lead.

If you have any queries about particular subject areas or the transition process, please do feel free to contact enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk and they will be able to pass your question to the relevant person.

We hope you really enjoy our virtual Year 6 Open Event.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kari Pilarek'.

Kari Pilarek

Assistant Headteacher



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Supporting your Childs Transition and time at Tapton

The Transition Process

The move from primary to secondary school can be quite daunting. To help ease this transition we have developed a map of activities that include pastoral and academic elements so every child feels secure and happy at Tapton School while making great progress. This includes:

- Tapton Young Writers Club with our feeder schools.
- Transition Days:
 - Pre-transition mornings for Netherthorpe and non-feeders
 - EHCP transition mornings
 - Two transition days for all students to meet the rest of the year group and their form tutor
- Summer School



When starting at Tapton School we provide events for students and parent/carers to ensure students become a member of Tapton School:

- Freshers Fair
- Homework club
- Form Tutor consultation

As part of the transition process our Transition Lead and Year Leaders attend primary schools to meet the students and discuss key information with the class teacher. We always listen really carefully to the advice from Year 6 teachers to ensure our groupings lead to great learning.

Class sizes

Tapton is a large and popular school with approximately 1900 students and 180 staff. Year 7 is divided into three bands and will have nine forms of entry, with forms having a maximum of 29 students.

Form groups

Tapton School is a caring and welcoming school. We have a pastoral system, organised on a year basis, which provides support for students in many ways. Our forms are mixed ability and comprise of students from all our feeder schools. We aim for a balance of the pastoral and academic needs of students. Each form group have a tutor who stays with their group throughout their time at Tapton. They get to know their students well and are able to provide individual advice and encouragement.

During the first term we work hard to make students feel a part of the Tapton community. The role of the form tutor is central to this and forms work together as they carry out a number of activities designed to get them used to learning in a new environment and to make the most of all the opportunities available to them. During registration students take part in a different activities including assembly time, form discussion, KS3 bulletin, reading and much more.

There are three specific members of the Tapton School community who are responsible for your child's achievement and progress, firstly our Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 3, also each year group is led by a Year Leader and our KS2-3 Transition Lead. We also have a Health, Wellbeing and Resilience Support Worker whose role is to support students outside of lessons via 1-to-1 sessions.



Learning Support

Staff from the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Department work with identified students who may need a wide range of extra help and support including; reading, spelling, comprehension, numeracy, social skills, hand writing and keyboard skills. This support may take place before school, during lessons, lunchtime or after school. We work closely with students, teachers and parents to tailor support to students' needs.

We invite parents of students with SEND to meet with us regularly throughout the year and the SEND Coordinator is available to discuss children's needs at each Parents' Evening.

Vision Support Department

Tapton School has Specialist Resourced provision to meet the needs of students with a severe visual impairment throughout Sheffield. Specialist staff ensure that curriculum materials are in an accessible format, provide ICT training and devices, provide in class support, as well 1:1 teaching in specialist skills. We work closely with parents, teachers and the students themselves. The Students are also encouraged and supported to participate in the variety of extra-curricular and enrichment activities on offer at Tapton.

Curriculum Plan

Coming to Secondary School brings with it a change of teaching style. No longer is most of the day spent with one teacher who teaches a wide range of subjects and topics. Pupils move to different rooms where specialist teachers help them to go deeper into the subjects they began at Primary school.

All children have a 25 period week with the following allocation of periods per subject:

English (3), Maths (3), Science (3), Languages (3), Geography (2), History (1), Technology [Product Design, Food Tech] (2) Computer Science (1), Art (1), R.E. (1), PSHEE (1), Drama (1), Music (1), P.E. (2).

In addition, all children have a registration period of 15 minutes with their Form Tutor on 5 days each week. Once a week there is an assembly for the entire year group.



Admissions

The Governing Body has agreed to a Year 7 Admissions number of 256 for 2021/22. The school is always oversubscribed and children will be admitted according to the following order of priority:

1. Looked After Children or Previously Looked After Children (In Care), including children who appear to have been looked after outside of England.
2. Children living in the Tapton catchment with a sibling who will be attending the school when they start
3. Children living in Tapton catchment and attending a designated feeder school. These are Lydgate Junior School, Hallam Primary School and Netherthorpe Primary School
4. Children living in Tapton Catchment
5. Children who will have a sibling attending the school when they start (non-catchment)
6. Children who are attending a designated feeder school (Non-catchment)
7. All other applications

In the event of oversubscription within category there are two tie-breakers:

- Where exceptional medical, social or special educational needs are demonstrated and supported by third party professional evidence, a child may be prioritised within their admission category
- If there are no exceptional circumstances demonstrated applications will be prioritised first by admission category and then by distance from the home address to a designated point at the school, measured in a straight line.

Those who are unsuccessful in achieving a place have the right of appeal – a process managed by the Local Authority. Please contact the Local Authority for further information.

Please be advised that the population on the South West of Sheffield continues to grow, following a similar pattern to last year. We expect that some catchment applicants (category 4) will be refused, meaning it is important parents use all three preferences when applying.

Learning outside the classroom

Homework

Studies show that during an academic year, completion of homework can make a difference of 5



months to the progress of a child. At Tapton School all students receive regular and meaningful homework. Homework makes an invaluable contribution to learning in every subject area and the feedback students receive from teachers helps them make their next steps in learning.

We use Satchel One as the base for all homework, the information is shared by teachers through the online system. Students can then access their work at any time and on any device, either through the internet or dedicated Satchel One app, enabling them to complete the homework to the expected standard.

As a school, we ensure students have every opportunity to access and complete homework. Each Year Group has access to the library on a dedicated evening. This is well always resourced, with members of staff ready to support and guide students.

We are always keen to reward Year 7 students for managing routines around homework during their first term here. The completion of homework is closely monitored and support is put in place where needed.

We also have a Homework Club where students can complete homework set for them, with assistance on hand, should they need it. They can also take the opportunity to use the library at other times to sit and read or complete their homework .

Extra-curricular

Every week many departments run their own lunchtime Clubs/Activities - Art, Business Studies, Future Chef, Theatre Company, Book club and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We actively encourage all students to take part in extra-curricular activities. Our P.E department offer an expansive array of sporting activities and fixtures.

At Tapton we have several music ensembles available for pupils to play in. These are Senior Orchestra, Wind Band, Junior Choir, Staff Student Choir, Junior Strings, Jazz Band, Brass Band, Guitar Ensemble and Ukulele Club. There are many opportunities for students to perform throughout the year as part of these ensembles. At present we have 12 peripatetic music teachers who provide string, woodwind, brass, keyboard/piano, guitar, vocal and drum lessons. Parents are charged for the cost of tuition. Our aim is to maintain a high standard of music and we hope that students learning an instrument at Junior School will continue this at Tapton.

We pride ourselves here at Tapton School on the quality of our drama productions of which we have a long tradition. Large numbers of Lower School students are involved in drama. Our large-scale productions prove a huge success and we love to perform to a large audience.

PASS RATE BY SUBJECT: GCSE Y11

(Grades 9-1 and A*-G)

SINGLE AWARD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Arabic	-	-	68.8%	-	100%
Art & Design	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Biology	100%	100%	99.5%	98.8%	100%
Business	100%	95.2%	-	-	-
Chemistry	100%	100%	98.4%	100%	99.3%
Chinese	100%	-	100%	-	100
Computer Science	100%	100%	100%	100%	85.2%
Dance	-	-	-	100%	100.0%
Design & Technology	100%	100%	100%	98.3%	97.5%
Drama	100%	100%	-	100%	100%
Economics	96.0%	100%	97.8%	96.2%	100%
English Language	100%	99.6%	99.5%	99.6%	100%
English Literature	100%	100%	99.5%	99.6%	99.1%
Food	100%	-	-	100%	100%
French	100%	100%	100%	100.0%	100%
Geography	100%	99.3%	97.2%	97.0%	100%
German	95.2%	100%	100%	100.0%	100%
History	99%	100%	95.7%	95.2%	99.0%
Mathematics	100%	100%	99.1%	99.1%	98.6%
Music	100%	100%	100%	100.0%	100%
Physical Education	100%	100%	100%	100.0%	100%
Physics	100%	100%	99.5%	99.4%	100%
Religious Studies	98.8%	99.2%	98.6%	98.1%	99.1%
Science	-	-	-	-	98.2%
Additional Science	-	-	-	-	98.8%
Spanish	100%	100%	100%	100.0%	100%
Textiles	100%	-	-	-	-
Overall	99.8%	99.8%	98.8%	99.4%	99.2%

DUAL AWARD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Combined Science	100%	100%	82.1%	98.4%	-

Key Stage 4 Subject Grade Breakdown 2021

GCSE (9-1): Single Awards

GCSE Subjects		7 or above %	5 or above %	4 or above %	Percentage per grade									
Subject Name	APS				9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
Art, Craft & Design	5.84	44.00	84.00	92.00	12.00	12.00	20.00	16.00	24.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Biology	6.31	41.84	86.73	97.45	13.78	13.78	14.29	22.45	22.45	10.71	2.04	0.00	0.51	0.00
Business	5.19	33.33	47.62	57.14	19.05	9.52	4.76	9.52	4.76	9.52	33.33	9.52	0.00	0.00
Chemistry	6.44	47.18	87.18	95.38	19.49	13.33	14.36	16.92	23.08	8.21	2.56	1.54	0.51	0.00
Computer Science	5.96	33.33	74.07	100.00	11.11	11.11	11.11	22.22	18.52	25.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chinese (Mandarin)	9.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Design & Technology	6.28	52.24	76.12	89.55	19.40	14.93	17.91	10.45	13.43	13.43	4.48	5.97	0.00	0.00
Drama	7.04	65.22	95.65	95.65	17.39	30.43	17.39	17.39	13.04	0.00	4.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Economics	5.96	52.00	60.00	72.00	28.00	16.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	12.00	20.00	0.00	4.00	4.00
English Language	6.08	42.17	77.11	87.55	16.87	12.45	12.85	17.67	17.27	10.44	8.84	2.81	0.80	0.00
English Literature	5.99	35.74	78.31	90.36	13.65	10.84	11.24	23.29	19.28	12.05	7.23	2.01	0.40	0.00
Food Prep & Nutrition	7.68	72.73	95.45	95.45	50.00	9.09	13.64	22.73	0.00	0.00	4.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
French	6.10	44.29	80.00	88.57	14.29	14.29	15.71	11.43	24.29	8.57	10.00	1.43	0.00	0.00
Geography	6.28	54.36	79.19	81.88	20.81	13.42	20.13	14.77	10.07	2.68	10.07	4.03	4.03	0.00
German	5.77	36.36	77.27	84.09	15.91	15.91	4.55	9.09	31.82	6.82	6.82	6.82	0.00	2.27
History	5.87	43.27	67.31	82.69	18.27	14.42	10.58	11.54	12.50	15.38	9.62	3.85	2.88	0.96
Maths	6.12	51.81	75.50	85.14	14.06	18.47	19.28	12.05	11.65	9.64	8.03	3.21	3.61	0.00
Music	8.00	90.00	100.00	100.00	30.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Physical Education	6.27	50.00	72.73	86.36	27.27	13.64	9.09	13.64	9.09	13.64	4.55	4.55	4.55	0.00
Physics	6.24	44.39	83.67	95.41	13.27	11.22	19.90	19.39	19.90	11.73	4.08	0.51	0.00	0.00
Religious Studies	5.17	32.52	57.32	69.92	17.89	7.72	6.91	10.57	14.23	12.60	10.16	11.38	7.32	1.22
Spanish	5.92	39.74	79.49	93.59	10.26	16.67	12.82	5.13	34.62	14.10	3.85	2.56	0.00	0.00
Textiles	2.00	0.00	0.00	14.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.29	28.57	57.14	0.00	0.00
					16.53	13.27	13.93	15.69	17.36	10.46	7.12	3.47	1.89	0.26

GCSE (9-1): Dual award

GCSE Double Award Subjects					7-7 or above		5-5 or above		4-4 or above								
Subject Name		APS			%		%		%								
Combined Science		3.49			1.92		11.54		34.62								
Percentage per grade																	
9-9	9-8	8-8	8-7	7-7	7-6	6-6	6-5	5-5	5-4	4-4	4-3	3-3	3-2	2-2	2-1	1-1	U
1.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.62	11.54	11.54	23.08	13.46	19.23	3.85	5.77	0.00	0.00

Vocational Awards

Vocational Subjects L1/L2		7 or above %	5 or above %	4 or above %	Grades					
Subject Name	APS				D*2	D2	M2	P2	P1	U
Hospitality & Catering	6.07	53.66	80.49	97.56	7.32	46.34	26.83	17.07	2.44	0.00

PASS RATE BY SUBJECT: A-LEVEL

(A*-E)

Subject	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Arabic	-	-	100%	100%	100%
Art & Design	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Biology	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%
Business Studies	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Chemistry	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%
Computing	100%	100%	100%	-	-
D&T Engineering	100%	100%	-	-	-
D&T Product Design	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
D&T Systems	-	-	100%	-	-
D&T Textiles	-	100%	100%	100%	100%
Drama & Theatre	100%	-	100%	100%	100
Economics	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
English Language	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
English Literature	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
English Joint	-	-	100%	100%	100%
Film Studies	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
French	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Further Maths	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Geography	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
German	100%	100%	-	100%	100%
Govt. & Politics	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
History	94.3	100%	100%	100%	100%
Home Economics (Food)	-	-	-	100%	-
Japanese	-	-	-	100%	-
Mathematics	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Music	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Persian	-	-	-	100%	-
Physical Education	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Physics	100%	100%	100%	100%	97%
Psychology	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Religious Studies	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Russian	-	-	100%	100%	-
Sociology	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%
Spanish	100%	100%	100%	100%	100
TOTALS	99.7%	100%	99.3%	100%	99.5%
Passes per pupil	2.85	2.85	3.04	3.02	2.94

Grades of pass	(Cumulative Percentages from left to right)					
	A*	A	B	C	D	E
2021	24.5	50.7	72.5	89.6	97.1	99.7
2020	20.3	50	80	93.9	99.46	100
2019	10.2	35.2	65.6	87.9	97.1	99.3
2018	17.2	43.4	71	91.9	98.5	99.8
2017	8.9	31.1	62.1	85.7	96	99.5

Y13 Sixth Form A-Level results 2021

Subject name	A*	A	B	C	D	E
Art & Design	23.08	38.46	23.08	7.69	7.69	0.00
Biology	26.97	25.84	17.98	14.61	11.24	3.37
Business	18.18	30.30	15.15	21.21	9.09	6.06
Chemistry	34.57	27.16	16.05	16.05	6.17	0.00
Computer Science	22.22	44.44	11.11	22.22	0.00	0.00
D&T: Engineering	20.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
D&T: Product Design	12.50	50.00	25.00	12.50	0.00	0.00
Drama & Theatre	0.00	33.33	33.33	33.33	0.00	0.00
Economics	34.62	30.77	23.08	7.69	3.85	0.00
English Language	20.69	20.69	31.03	27.59	0.00	0.00
English Literature	29.41	23.53	17.65	17.65	11.76	0.00
Film Studies	12.50	18.75	43.75	18.75	6.25	0.00
French	40.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Further Mathematics	52.17	13.04	26.09	8.70	0.00	0.00
Geography	13.73	11.76	25.49	23.53	19.61	5.88
German	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
History	20.00	25.71	22.86	14.29	5.71	5.71
Mathematics	27.45	29.41	21.57	9.80	8.82	2.94
Music	0.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Physical Education	30.00	20.00	30.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Physics	13.64	27.27	20.45	20.45	9.09	9.09
Politics	33.33	18.52	18.52	18.52	11.11	0.00
Psychology	12.82	26.92	28.21	21.79	8.97	1.28
Religious Studies	37.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	0.00	25.00
Sociology	23.40	31.91	19.15	25.53	0.00	0.00
Spanish	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	24.51	26.20	21.79	17.12	7.52	2.59

Sixth Form AS Level results 2021

Subject name	Percentage per grade				
	A	B	C	D	E
Art & Design	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Biology	40.00	0.00	40.00	20.00	0.00
Business	16.67	33.33	0.00	33.33	16.67
Chemistry	28.57	14.29	0.00	14.29	28.57
Drama & Theatre	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Economics	14.29	42.86	28.57	14.29	0.00
English Language	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
English Literature	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
French	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Further Mathematics	61.90	4.76	19.05	4.76	9.52
Geography	40.00	40.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
German	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
History	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Mathematics	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	50.00
Physics	0.00	33.33	0.00	33.33	33.33
Politics	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Psychology	40.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	20.00
Religious Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Sociology	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
Total	35.80	18.52	16.05	16.05	11.11

Y12/13 Vocational Awards 2021

Qualification	Percentage per grade			
	D*	D	M	P
Cambridge Technical Level Extended Certificate in Digital Media	0.00	83.33	16.67	0.00
Level 3 Applied Certificate in Food Science & Nutrition	0.00	62.50	12.50	25.00
Level 3 Applied Diploma in Food Science & Nutrition	7.69	46.15	46.15	0.00

