

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final Tapton Update of this year! Year 11 and Year 13 examinations have now finished; the total number of completed papers this year was 7791! Details about Results Days have already been shared with families, however, there is a reminder of collection times below. We wish all of our Year 11s and Year 13s a well-deserved and relaxing summer.

A reminder that we have a school closure on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June for a Trust training day.

School will close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30. Please note that this will be a non-uniform day.

### **Welcome to Ms Siddell**

'I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion at Tapton School. Since arriving in May I have been working with students and staff across the school to get to know this outstanding community. It has been great to see students making progress in lessons and also enjoying the wide variety of opportunities available at the school. I look forward to working with families going forward to continue to ensure that Tapton achieves ongoing success and that our students are happy, fulfilled and ready for their next steps.'

Best wishes,

Ms Siddell

### **Going Straight Home at the end of the day**

Please could we remind students to ensure they are keeping to the main paths on their way to and from school. Students should not be walking through wooded areas near the school site and should go straight home at the end of the day.

### **Smart Devices Questionnaire**

We are interested in canvassing the views of our families on how smart devices and apps are managed. Please look out for the questionnaire that will be sent out in the next week. We look forward to as many replies as possible to this important piece of research.

### **Reminder of our Uniform Expectations**

We would like to remind families again about our school uniform expectations. The following items are not allowed as acceptable items of uniform and students will receive a same day lunchtime detention if they are wearing them. Allowing non-uniform is unfair on the overwhelming numbers of students who wear the correct uniform every day.

- No Lycra/sports material skirts/shorts.
- No leggings.
- No jeans.
- No jogging bottoms.
- No baggy trousers/baggy shorts.
- No combat/cargo trousers/trousers with pockets on the side.
- Footwear that is not entirely black.

### **Next year's calendar and plans for the end of term**

The calendar for 2025-26 is nearly complete, we look forward to sharing our letter detailing the last day and first day back very soon. Please see details below of key events in the first few weeks so that families can 'save the date'.

#### **Save the date 2025-26**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Training Day, school closed for students.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – only Year 7 students in school.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – all year groups in school.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Year 7 Year Ahead presentation in Main Hall 6-7pm.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September Year 10 Year Ahead and GCSE Examination Information Evening 6-7pm.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September Year 12 Form Tutor Consultations (in person) 3.40-6pm.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September Year 7 Form Tutor Consultations (in person) 3.40-6pm.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September Year 10 Form Tutor Consultations (in person) 3.40-6pm.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September Year 11 Year Ahead and Next Steps Evening 5-7pm.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September Year 13 Progress Evening (virtual).

#### **GCSE and A Level Results Days**

A Level and GCSE results will be handed out in the Dining Room on the dates detailed below. We strongly advise families to be available in Sheffield on the relevant days in order to access the wider transition and careers support which will be on offer in school.

A Level examination Results Day is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August in the Dining Room; timings for each form are below.

Arrival time	8am-10am	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	BREAK	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	13.00
Form	Clearing only	13AM	13BH	13BT	13HP	13JR		13MP	13PW	13RM	13SL	13SW	Y12

GCSE examination Results Day is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August; timings for each form to collect their results 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 the summer term [Sixthformadmissions@taptonschoo.co.uk](mailto:Sixthformadmissions@taptonschoo.co.uk)

Arrival time	9.00	9.20	9.40	10.00	BREAK	10.30	10.50	11.30
Form	11LF 11LM	11CM	11AB 11KP	11AI		11JB 11DS	11KS	Y10, Y12 and Y13

#### **Reading Volunteers Needed**

Next year we will be continuing with our one-to-one reading programme for our students who need it most. This programme has worked very effectively this year, and we would like to extend our offer. We are looking for enthusiastic, patient, and dedicated volunteers who are able to kindly dedicate up to

three one-hour slots per week. You will be helping students build positive relationships with a variety of staff members and will be a vital part in building our reading community. If you would like to make a difference and help a child reach their full potential, then please email [enquires@taptonschoool.co.uk](mailto:enquires@taptonschoool.co.uk) to register your interest. Please also mention the number of one-hour slots you can offer. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Tapton Leavers**

We have a number of colleagues who are leaving us at the end of the academic year. We know you will join us in wishing them well for the future and thank them for their hard work.

Mrs Leon joined the Maths team at Tapton in April 2006 and Ms Hennigan joined the History Department in September 2004. We wish them both well as they begin their retirement.

Also leaving this year are the following colleagues:

Mr Ibrahim who joined the Maths Department in September 2022.

Ms McCullough has been a member of the History team since April 2014.

Mr Savory has been a member of the MFL team since September 2022.

Miss Bibi joined the Science team in October 2023

Mrs Marsh has been with the Food Technology Department since January 2016

We wish them all the best for the future.

### **Year 10 Leadership Team Reviews**

Year 10 students recently received their final tracking of the school year followed by appointments with teachers at Progress Evening. Before Year 10 go out on work experience each student will meet with a member of the Leadership Team to discuss their tracking; we will be celebrating areas of achievement and working on targets for improvement. Students will receive details about their appointments in form time.

### **Book of the Month July**

You are cordially invited to attend the Grand Opening of Sinclair's department store! Enter a world of bonbons, hats, perfumes and mysteries around every corner. Wonder at the daring theft of the priceless Clockwork Sparrow! Tremble as the most dastardly criminals in London enact their wicked plans! Gasp as our bold heroines, Miss Sophie Taylor and Miss Lilian Rose, crack codes, devour iced buns and vow to bring the villains to justice...



### **Sports Day**

A reminder that Sports Day for Years 7-9 is at the EIS on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. All students will be taking part in an exciting day of traditional athletics, wacky races and benchball. The timings of the day for each year group are detailed below. We know it will be a fantastic day to celebrate another fabulous year of Sport at Tapton.

**Y7** - 8.45am - 11.45am

**Y8** - 10.15am - 1.15pm

**Y9** - 11.45am - 2.45pm

## **Residential Trips 2025-26**

We know that residential trips can really support the development of our students. They are a great way for them to see the world, increase their independence, meet new friends and build resilience. We want to support families to plan for these trips next academic year. In 2025-26 we are hoping to run the following residential trips. The figures shared below are estimates based on the cost of similar trips run in the past. They are not definite costings and places will be limited. More details will follow in the new academic year.

This list does not include our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Gold expeditions for Y10 and Y12. More details on these will be available in September.

Year Group	Month	Trip	Department	Approximate Cost
13	November	Lea Green	Drama	£120
9	November	Malaga*	Spanish	£780
12	March	Fieldwork in Wales	Geography	£175
8	March	Ski Trip*	PE	£1190
Key Stage Three	April/May	Condoover	PE (Netball players)	£250
9	May	Berlin	German	£800
9	June	PGL Water Sports	PE	£450
12	July	Berlin	History and German	£800
12	July	Paris	Art and Textiles	£800

\*These trips are already confirmed and all spaces have been allocated

## **Drama**

### **Theatre Company**

Our Theatre Company will be showcasing their interpretation of 'Alice' by Laura Wade this term. They've been working on this piece every Monday afterschool. They will present their showcase on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July in 119. Letters will be sent out with Theatre Company members imminently.

Our Theatre Company is a great opportunity for students who have an interest in performing arts to enhance their skills in a fun, exciting, yet challenging setting. Students will develop their acting, directing, script writing, singing, filming, design and group working techniques, and will be involved in creating and performing pieces of theatre.

Prior experience is not required, and our theatre companies welcome anyone with an interest in performing. Collect a letter from the Drama office if you are interested.

### **Live Theatre**

As a department we love to experience live theatre and feel it is vital for our students to experience a breadth of live theatre to support their study of Drama and Theatre Studies. This term we have just been to see 'Steel' by Theatre by the Lake at The Playhouse and 'Bluebell' by Theatre RE at The Crucible. We will be booking in new live theatre opportunities ready for when the students return in September.

## **Music**

As we come to the end of another fabulous year of music, we have one more treat for you. Our **Lower School Concert will be on Thursday 3rd July at 7pm in the school hall.** The Lower School Concert is that lovely time of year when we feature our younger musicians. This is always a fabulously, fun concert to get you in the mood for the summer. Ensembles performing will include Junior Wind Band, Junior Strings, Junior Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Brass Band. Letters will be making their way to you soon.

Tickets are £6 each and must be purchased in advance. They will be available to book from midday on Monday 9th June via the school website or using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1364034446749?aff=oddttdtcreator>.

Refreshments are included in the price of the ticket.

If your child is in Year 7, Year 8, or Year 9 and would like to perform a solo in this concert, please ask them to speak to Mrs Threlfall.

As always, we love to hear about and celebrate all musical achievements. Please email [musiccelebration@taptonschoool.co.uk](mailto:musiccelebration@taptonschoool.co.uk) to share your child's achievement with us.

If your child would like to start instrumental or vocal lessons, please get in touch. We have 11 visiting peripatetic teachers covering all instruments. Please note that if you are signing up for lessons through Sheffield Music Hub, the deadline is 30th June. Please email [DPhilpott@taptonschoool.co.uk](mailto:DPhilpott@taptonschoool.co.uk) for more information about instrumental or vocal lessons.

Thank you to all the pupils who continue to brighten our mornings by being committed to ensemble rehearsals.

Kind regards,

Mrs G Threlfall

Subject Leader for Music

[GThrelfall@taptonschoool.co.uk](mailto:GThrelfall@taptonschoool.co.uk)

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Updates**

As we enter the final weeks of the academic year, life in the Sixth Form is typically busy. First of all, we must say a huge well done to our Year 13 students who have approached their A Levels with real positivity and steadfastness. We now look forward to celebrating the end of the exams at the Leavers' Party at The Victoria on Wednesday 25th June 6-10pm. On a more practical level, lanyards and textbooks can be returned to school, and deposits collected where appropriate, following your final exam. Please come to the Sixth Form Admin Office to Mrs Finnigan or Mrs Williams.

Before half term, Year 12 families were able to attend our Post-18 Destinations Evening, a hugely informative event supported by colleagues from around the country. We now move to Destinations Day on Wednesday 9th July, where students begin to complete their UCAS applications and personal statements. Students will also have a presentation from The University of Leicester on the changes to personal statements for 2025-2026.

We also wish our Year 12s good luck as they continue their Year 12 Trial Exams, which run from Monday 16th to Thursday 26th June. Tracking and Reports, including UCAS Predicted Grades, will be shared in the final week of the Summer Term. Another important date for the diary is Tuesday 10th July, when we will hold our Y13 The Year Ahead Information Evening between 6-7pm - we have chosen to hold this before the end of term so that parents, carers and students can be fully informed about their final year at Tapton in advance of the start of term.

From Monday 23rd June we look forward to welcoming our new students at our Sixth Form Induction. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet staff and peers, and to get prepared for your next two years at Tapton. We will hold the parent and carer information evening on Tuesday 24th June between 6-7pm.

### **Communication with school over the summer holiday**

We remain committed to safeguarding the workload of our school team and encourage everyone to enjoy their well-earned holiday. As a result, over the summer holiday staffing in school is very limited. Emails and voicemails will not necessarily receive a response until school reopens in September. The school will only be open on A Level and GCSE Results Day for Year 11 and Year 13 students who are receiving examination results.

If you have any questions about the start of the new year, please endeavour to raise them by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July as we cannot guarantee you will receive a response during the summer. The [enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk) email will be checked upon our return to school in September. Our out of office email message has details of key contacts for support if you should need them.

### **School Council**

We are excited to share that we are currently in the process of electing a new Student Council. The Student Council plays an important role in our school community, meeting regularly to discuss key issues, share student perspectives, and help shape school life in positive ways. We look forward to welcoming the newly elected members into their roles and seeing the great work they will do.

You will hear from the new Student Council in our next update.

### **Personal Development**

This half term all students in Key Stage Three will be looking at a variety of different topics. In Year 7 students will be studying Living in the Wider World and looking at topics to do with finance. Year 8 students will also be looking at Healthy Lifestyles and Year 9 will be looking at a range of time management, study, and revision skills in preparation for starting their GCSEs. If you have any questions about any of this, or have an emerging topic or issue you are concerned about and feel we need to address in Personal Development lessons please contact Mr Sabbagh at [dsabbagh@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:dsabbagh@taptonschool.co.uk).

### **Work Experience**

Thank you to everyone who got in touch after the last Tapton Update to offer work experience places to students. Our Work Experience Programme runs from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025, and we are still looking for a handful of places. Hosting a placement can be great for employers because it provides an opportunity to 'give back' and support a young person, it might find the organisation a great future employee, and it allows existing employees to have experience managing people. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing and able to support our students during work experience by hosting a placement or would simply like further information about the process of hosting a placement could you please email [dsabbagh@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:dsabbagh@taptonschool.co.uk).

### **Preparation For Adulthood - Upcoming Virtual Sessions for Young People, Families and Professionals**

Sheffield City Council are organising a series of short online lunchtime sessions to support young people and families learn more about Preparation for Adulthood. The sessions are open to anyone who wants to find out more about services that support young people as they move towards adulthood. A flyer detailing these sessions is at the bottom of the Tapton Update.

### **Headteacher Drop-in**

The final Headteacher Drop-in of this academic year will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July between 3.45 and 4.45 with the last slot being 4.30. This is your opportunity to meet with Ms Rhodes, Headteacher, Ms Grewal, Deputy Headteacher and Ms Siddell, Deputy Headteacher to talk through a specific question or concern. If you wish to use the Drop-in, please arrive in school reception between 3.45 and 4.30. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

### Upcoming Dates

<b>16/06/25</b>	Year 10 Textiles Warner Brothers Studio visit
<b>17/06/25</b>	Year 8 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
<b>18/06/25</b>	Year 8 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Year 10 Progress Evening online 4.30pm-7.10pm
<b>19/06/25</b>	Year 8 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Year 9 Maths Exam P3
<b>24/06/25</b>	Year 12 Welcome Evening Year 10 Art Yorkshire Sculpture Park visit
<b>25/06/25</b>	Year 13 Leaving party
<b>26/06/25</b>	Year 10 English exam 1.30pm Year 8 Mandarin students Manchester visit
<b>27/06/25</b>	Trust Training Day Year 9 PE Water Sports trip leaves
<b>30/06/25</b>	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition this week
<b>01/07/25</b>	Year 7 Maths Challenge all day (all Year 12 Maths students will also be off timetable) Year 9 Master Chef Final
<b>03/07/25</b>	Lower School Concert
<b>07/07/25</b>	Year 10 Mock oral MFL Exams this week
<b>08/07/25</b>	Year 13 Year Ahead
<b>09/07/25</b>	SPORTS DAY Year 12 Destinations Day Year 10 Personal Development Day
<b>10/07/25</b>	Year 11 Prom
<b>14/07/25</b>	Sports Presentation Evening
<b>17/07/25</b>	Year 12 Art residential Departs
<b>18/07/25</b>	School Closes for Summer at 12.30pm



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- ◆ Learn about local support ◆ Hear from expert organisations
- ◆ Ask questions & get signposted

All take place **ONLINE** from 12.30-1.30pm

Registration via Eventbrite (details below)



## INTRODUCTORY SESSION



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Where to Begin with Preparing for Adulthood

Learn what support is already available and how to find it.

✦ Plus – a spotlight on **Supported Internships** and how they can help young people move into work.



To register, visit: [pfaintro.eventbrite.co.uk](https://pfaintro.eventbrite.co.uk) or scan the QR code



## SENDIAS



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Find out how SENDIAS supports young people to be heard, make choices, and shape their futures.

To register, visit: [pfasendias.eventbrite.co.uk](https://pfasendias.eventbrite.co.uk) or scan the QR code



## PFA SOCIAL CARE TEAM



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Discover what support social care can offer as young people prepare for adulthood – and how to access it.

To register, visit: [pfasocialcare.eventbrite.co.uk](https://pfasocialcare.eventbrite.co.uk) or scan the QR code

