

Update September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first Tapton Update of the new school year. The Tapton Update is our school newsletter and will be published in the third week of every half term.

We have been delighted to welcome 1824 students to our school family this term. Students have calmly settled back into some new routines and some familiar ones. There is focussed learning and engagement across the school.

Our school mantra is valuing everyone, caring for each other and achieving excellence and it is something we live by every day. Key to our year on year success has been a relentless focus on high expectations, alongside a daily reminder that kindness, decency and courtesy are the essential behaviours for success. We look forward to working with all of our students and families to ensure these values are maintained.

Year Ahead Presentations

Assistant Headteachers Miss Pilarek, Mrs Morris and Mr Wright shared the Year Ahead presentations with families last week and these are still available to view using the following link. Please do familiarise yourselves with the key information for your child's year.

https://www.taptonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Information+Evenings&pid=114

Communication

We understand communication between school and home can sometimes feel overwhelming. Please find below the details we shared in our first Headteacher letter of the new year; there is information about our different communication channels, apps and online platforms. This list will remain on our school website under 'letters' throughout the year for your reference.

Platform	Details
	The school website is where you can find links to the learning platform (see below), curriculum information, school letters, school policies and our calendar. https://www.taptonschool.co.uk/
Return to Home SharePoint Image: School Learning Staff v Students Image: School Tapton School SharePoint	The learning platform can be accessed from the 'quick links' tab at the top of the school webpage. The learning platform is where students can access learning resources and remote learning if they are isolating. Students need to have their email user name and password to access the learning platform. Students in all year groups should have these details and students new to school in Year 7 will receive them in their Computer Science lessons or for Year 12 students from their form tutors. https://taptonschool.sharepoint.com/SitePages/Welcome.aspx
And the second s	MCAS stands for My Child at School and is operated by BROMCOM a managed information service. The My Child at School app allows you to access live information about your child's attendance, punctuality and progress through school tracking. You can also access your MCAS account from the 'quick links' tab on the school website. https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin?schoolid=11510
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	We will occasionally use text messaging to share urgent information. Notifications about detentions will be sent via text message. It is very important we have your most up to date mobile number.

Trend control of the	Your child's school report or 'tracking' will be uploaded to your MCAS account in addition to your child bringing a printed track home. Alongside parents' evening progress interviews, all year groups receive 2 progress updates every year. https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin?schoolid=11510
School Cloud Parents Evening The most popular and trusted parents' evening platform Virtual or in-person parents' evenings	Parents' evening. All families have the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers once a year. These meetings are conducted virtually. Parents and carers can make appointments through the virtual platform School Cloud and details about the process for making appointments will be sent home before an upcoming parents' evening. https://tapton.schoolcloud.co.uk
satchel:one Together through education	Homework is set via an app called Satchel One. You may know this application as Show My Homework. This application can also be found on the 'quick links' tab. Student and parent login details will be sent home. <u>https://www.satchelone.com/login</u>
Tapton SCHOOL Headteacher drop ins	Headteacher drop in. This is your opportunity to meet with myself and Ms Grewal, Deputy Headteacher, if you have a specific question or concern. We hope to hold the first drop in on Thursday 4 th October at 3.45-4.45. No appointment is required, however, please ensure you wear a mask for this meeting. Further details and confirmation will be shared in the Tapton Update.
Tapton Update June 2021	The Tapton Update is our information newsletter and will be emailed to families in the third week of every half term.
	Email. We are a caring employer and the mental health and wellbeing of all staff is of great importance to us. Staff emails are turned off between 7pm and 6am on weekdays and throughout the weekends. Staff will do their best to answer questions, however, please allow two working days for a reply. If you have a specific question please contact your child's form tutor or for more general questions please use <u>enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk</u> In addition, please refer to the 'contact us' page on the school website: <u>https://www.taptonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+Us&pid=2</u> We also believe it is good to talk! A telephone call can often be the most effective way to find an answer to a question or a solution to a problem. Our school telephone number is 0114 267 1414.
Tapton School Biptorischool The official Twitter page for Tapton School	Our Twitter handle is @TaptonSchool1. This account is used to share success stories and celebrations with our community. <u>https://twitter.com/TaptonSchool1?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor</u>
MathsWeater	Mathswatch is used for independent learning and homework tasks in Maths. Your child's Maths teacher will provide them with their personalised login details. Students need to fill in the details when prompted and click the blue login button. https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/
hegartymaths	Hegarty is used for independent learning and homework tasks in Maths. Students need to go to the website, click the green login button and use the personalised password provided by their Maths teacher. Students need to check in the "My tasks" section of the toolbar to see what work has been assigned by their teacher. <u>www.hegartymaths.com</u>
kerboodle	Kerboodle is used in Science, MFL and Geography. Students have access to electronic versions of the textbooks used in school and interactive activities and quizzes. To login students will need a username and password issued by their class teacher. The institution code is always nb5. <u>https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login</u>

Headteacher Drop-in

In September 2019 Ms Rhodes and Ms Grewal introduced the Headteacher Drop-in. Unfortunately, this was one of the initiatives we had to suspend during the last 18 months, however, we're delighted to re-introduce it this term. For new families to the school Headteacher Drop-in takes place once every half term and is your opportunity to meet with Ms Rhodes and Ms Grewal to talk through a specific question or concern. Parents and carers do not need an appointment to attend. The first drop-in will take place in the New Hall on Thursday 4th October between 3.35 and 4.45, with the last slot being at 4.45. The New Hall is in the Geography block and can be found to the left of the main car park. Please note that whilst no appointment is necessary, parents and carers will need to wear a mask and hand sanitiser will be available on arrival. We look forward to seeing you.

Parking

Parking spaces are limited on the school site; there are insufficient spaces for school staff. Please note if you need to visit school you will need to park considerately on streets in the surrounding area. Parents and carers who need to collect students with access issues directly on site will be given a pass by the school office upon request. Unfortunately, we have already had a number of complaints from our neighbours of inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving around the area and particularly on Darwin Lane. Once again, we must urge families who are collecting children to make plans to collect them on streets away from Darwin Lane – this is a narrow road which must be kept free for school buses, coaches and of course, emergency vehicles. Families and neighbours who have concerns about parking are urged to contact the police.

Be kind, work hard, follow the rules

Many schools have reported significant behaviour issues during the last eighteen months. Our attention to high expectations that we all are kind, work hard and follow the rules has ensured that we have not experienced the difficulties of other schools.

We make no apologies for having high expectations. Students in all year groups are expected to be on time to registration and to all lessons, they should be in full school uniform and for safeguarding reasons students in the 6th form must have their lanyards every day. The overwhelming majority of students fulfil these expectations every day and detentions serve as reminders to those students who need them. A reminder of our uniform is below. Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled as we already have a number of items in lost property. If your child has misplaced an item please encourage them to check with the school office.

- Tapton logoed polo shirt in white or black or a plain white or black school wear polo shirt.
- Tapton logoed black sweatshirt or Tapton logoed black cardigan.
- Students can wear either flat black full-length trousers, black tailored shorts or a black skirt. In the post COVID-19 recovery period we understand that families may need more flexibility around trousers that may fade with additional washing; therefore, until further notice we will allow students to wear trousers that have faded. However, students cannot wear jogging bottoms or leggings. The school reserves the right to have a conversation with a student where an item of clothing is inappropriate for a learning environment. In addition, students who contravene our uniform policy and/or wear inappropriate clothing will be given a non-negotiable same day lunchtime detention.
- All black shoes or trainers without any logo and without different coloured trims (not sandals).
- Flat all black below the knee boots
- Outdoor clothing (such as coats or fleeces) are not worn in classrooms.
- No hoods or hats are to be worn in the building.
- Students are <u>not</u> allowed to wear their PE jumpers in lessons as part of their school uniform.

Our school day starts at 9.15am which is one of the latest school start times in the city. A warning bell sounds at 9.10am, however, students should be in school well before this warning bell in order to be fully prepared for an orderly start to the ir day. Punctuality is a life skill that all students need to develop whilst they are at school. From Monday October 4th same day afterschool detentions will be given for lateness to period 4.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Mobile phones, iPods and other electronic devices (such as wireless earphones) are <u>not allowed</u> to be visible in the school building during our working hours – <u>9.10-3.30</u> – this is non-negotiable and applies to all students in Years 7-13 (and any Year 14 students). If students choose to bring them to school they must put them away before entry into the building so they are not at all visible – this includes <u>earphone cables hanging out of shirts and from pockets, headphones around necks</u> and <u>phones in hands</u>. From the 9.10 bell, any such items will be confiscated without discussion. Failure to hand over a confiscated item will result in a fixed term suspension. The first time an item is confiscated it will be held in the school office until the end of the school day. If a student has an item confiscated for a second time parents and carers must come into school to collect the item and to meet with the Year Leader, Senior Leadership Team link or the Deputy Headteacher to discuss their child's refusal to comply with our rules.

COVID-19 Testing

The work of the COVID-19 testing team is now complete. We would particularly like to thank all of our ex-students who supported with testing before returning to university. This enabled the testing programme to run smoothly. Students in all year groups were incredibly cooperative and mature during this unusual phase of time. Test kits have now been shared with all consenting students and they should remember to report results using the following links:

NHS:

Report a COVID-19 test result - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Tapton:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h7xgUQ5nbUWPP7ZWkj48iF-Vmhq3DH1Cu60utKtO00VUNDRQWkM5WkMxN05SQzY1RThYQTcxNkJYVi4u

We have now been given notification of the vaccination programme for 12-15-year olds. Vaccinations will take place on the 3rd and 4th November and further details will be sent to families from Sheffield Children's Hospital who are delivering the programme. Full consent will be sought before the programme begins.

If your child is isolating as a result of COVID-19 please remind them to use Satchel One where their teachers will signpost lesson resources for remote learning. Please be aware we are already experiencing significant disruption as a result of COVID-19 in terms of student and staff absence. We will continue to work hard to meet the challenges of blended learning.

CATS (Cognitive Ability Tests) for Year 7 and Year 8

Year 7 will be completing the CATS between Monday 18th and Friday 22nd October and Year 8 will complete the tests between Monday 11th and Friday 15th October. We will be using the CATS to take a current snapshot of each student's potential and identify how they learn best; their strengths and areas for improvement. In the absence of National Key Stage 2 data over the last two summers, the tests will also provide a benchmark from which we can set student targets. Analysis of the results will be used to personalise the teaching and learning experience for each student, ensuring that all students receive appropriate support and challenge from the outset. Further details will be shared by Miss Pilarek in due course, however, the most important thing for students to remember is that these tests are absolutely nothing to worry about and there is no preparation required.

Y11 Virtual Revision Event

Mrs Morris, Assistant Headteacher - Leader of KS4 and Ms Grewal, Deputy Headteacher, will be presenting a Virtual Revision Event for all Year 11 students and their families on 14th October. The evening intends to furnish students with a variety of revision techniques and strategies to help our GCSE students effectively revise and prepare for their assessments and exams this year.

Y11 Next Steps Evening

We are pleased to announce an exciting new event on the calendar for Y11 Students and their families. The Next Steps Evening will comprise talks and presentations from the Sixth Form, Colleges, Apprenticeships and our Independent Careers Advisor, as well as a post-16 fair with stalls from local colleges, apprenticeship providers and the Armed Forces. We really hope to have this evening in person, however, more details will be shared in due course.

Sixth Form News

Once again, we are pleased to welcome a new group of Year 12s to our Sixth Form. The two years go by incredibly quickly, and we hope all our new starters enjoy their time with us. To help them settle in, and get involved in life beyond the classroom, we have our wonderful **Fresher's Fair** this week. Students will be able to find out about the wealth of activity available to them that will enhance their time with us - from STEM activities, sports clubs, book clubs, paired reading and much more.

Our hope is that all students have found subjects they enjoy, and that support them with further plans. We do ask that we have no more subject changes after Friday 24th September. Year 12 students will then receive tracking in the last week of this half term to give them an indication of how their studies are going.

At Tapton we have been fortunate to have **Dominique Thompson** speak to both staff and parents in the past. Dominique is a GP and young person's mental health expert. She will be giving talks to Sixth Form parents on 14th October. More information will follow.

Our Year 13 students are busily thinking about their next steps. Any students who will be making early applications to UCAS (Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary) will have submitted their application to school for checking. The external deadline is

15th October at 6pm. We have a Y13 **Parents Evening** coming up – 5th October. This will be an opportunity for parents to discuss the latest tracking and the predicted grades.

PE News

The Tapton PE department has set up a Twitter and Instagram account to share up to date news and results from fixtures and competitions. Please follow us @TaptonPE on Twitter and taptonpe on Instagram.

It has been wonderful to see so many students engage with our extra-curricular PE programme so far this year. Each morning we have had over a hundred students taking part in a variety of activities and we would like to encourage everyone who has not taken part already to come along and have a go! The timetables for our extra-curricular PE clubs and our other extra-curricular clubs is attached to the Update.

South Yorkshire Police Alerts

SYP Alerts is a messaging system brought to you by South Yorkshire Police for our communities. By registering with SYP Alerts, you can choose to receive the latest news and appeals from your local police officers, local crime information and crime prevention advice – direct to you by email, text or voice message. You can choose exactly what news you receive- it can be completely tailored to your interests and preferences. Registering for alerts is free and once you have signed-up, you can choose how you want to receive the messages and what you want to receive messages about. Alerts can also be translated into more than 100 languages, meaning if English isn't your first language, you can still access the latest news and get to know your local policing team in a way that's accessible for you. To sign up, simply click the link below: www.sypalerts.co.uk/

The next Tapton Update will be available on Friday 19th November. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Tapton School

Important forthcoming dates for your diary:

27/09/21	Y11 East Coast Field Work for Geography this week – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
30/09/21	Training Day – School closed for students
05/10/21	Year 13 Virtual Parents' Evening
11/10/21	Y12 Geography Field Work AM
12/10/21	Y12 Geography Field Work AM
13/10/21	Y12 Geography Field Work AM
14/10/21	Year 11 Virtual Revision Event
15/10/21	Y12/13Art and Textiles London Trip
18/10/21	Christmas Card Competition Starts
19/10/21	Year 11 Next Steps Evening (in person tbc)
20/10/21	Year 7 Values morning
22/10/21	Y11 Art Yorkshire Sculpture Park Trip School closes for half term
25/10/21- 29/10/21	Half Term holiday
01/11/21	School reopens after half term
11/11/21	Flu Vaccinations Y7-11 - All Day
12/11/21	Flu Vaccinations Y7-11 AM only Christmas Card Competition Deadline
14/12/21	Ranmoor Church Concert 7pm
15/11/21	Y11 Music Recitals
16/11/21	Y11 Music Recitals
23/10/21	Sixth Form Opening Evening
26/11/21	Staff and Student Wellbeing Day – School closed for students
29/11/21	Training Day – School closed for students
02/12/21	Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening
08/12/21	Y10 Art Trip to Liverpool and Manchester
09/12/21	Y11 English Exam PM
10/12/21	Y11 GCSE Art and Textiles Coursework Deadline
17/12/21	School closes for the end of term

Extra-curricular PE clubs 2021-2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 8-9am	Y9 boys' football (Mr Hooper) Y7-13 running (Mrs Boyes) Y7 badminton (Mrs Goodhead) Y7-13 table tennis (Mr King)	Y9-13 hockey (Mrs Boyes) Y8-9 badminton (Mrs Goodhead) Team basketball (invitation only) (Mr Kelly)	Y10 boys' football (Mr Johnson) Y7-13 girls' football (Miss Risby) Y8-9 boys' basketball (Mr Kelly)	Y7-8 hockey (Mrs Boyes) Y11-13 boys' football (Mr Hooper) Y10-13 badminton (Mrs Goodhead) Team gymnastics (invitation only) (Mrs Becks) Y9-11 netball (Mrs Wilson)	Y8 boys' football (Mr Stanners and Mr Marques) Team badminton (invitation only) Y7-8 netball (Mrs Wilson)
Lunch 1-1.30pm	Multi-sports club (invitation only) (Mrs Goodhead &Mr King) Y7 benchball (Mr Hooper) Y11 GCSE intervention (Mrs Boyes) Subject leader PE detention (Mrs Becks)	Y10 -13 badminton (Mrs Goodhead) Y7-13 fitness club (Miss Risby) Y7 rugby (Mr Lunn)	6 th form badminton (Mrs Goodhead)	VS running club (Ms Phipps) Y7 table tennis (Mr Scorah) KS3 detentions (Mrs Wilson) A level intervention (Mrs Becks and Mr Hooper)	Y7-9 badminton (Mrs Goodhead) Y8-13 table tennis (Mr Scorah) Y9 Rugby (Mr Lunn) KS4 detentions (Mrs Boyes)
After school 3.30-4.30pm (Climbing until 6pm)	Y7-13 girls' football (Miss Risby) Y7 boys' basketball (Mr Kelly) Y8 benchball (Mr Scorah) Y10-13 Climbing (Mr Lunn)	Y10/11 girls' basketball (Mr Kelly)	Y7 girls' basketball (Mr Kelly)	Y7 boys' football (Mr Scorah) Y8-9 girls' basketball (Mr Kelly) Y7-13 gymnastics (Mrs Becks) Y7-9 Climbing (Mr Lunn)	Netball (invitation only) (Mrs Wilson) Y10-11 boys' basketball (Mr Kelly)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Y9 Boys' Football	Y9-13 Hockey	Y10 Boys' Football	Y7-8 Hockey	Y8 Boys' Football
	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am
	Mr Hooper	Mrs Boyes	Mr Johnson	Mrs Boyes	Mr Stanners & Mr Marques
	Y7-13 Running	Y8-9 Badminton	Y7-13 Girls' Football	Y11-13 Boys' Football	Team Badminton – invitation only
	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am
	Mrs Boyes	Mrs Goodhead	Miss Risby	Mr Hooper	Mrs Goodhead
	Y7 Badminton	Team Basketball – invitation only	Y8-9 Boys' Basketball	Y10-13 Badminton	Y7-8 Netball
	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am	8.00-9.00am
	Mrs Goodhead	Mr Kelly	0.00-3.00811	Mrs Goodhead	Mrs Wilson
	Y7-13 Table Tennis	Junior Choir Y7-8 in room 118	Brass Band in 119	Team Gymnastics – invitation only	Jazz Band – invitation only in 119
	8.00-9.00am	8,30-9.10am	8.30-9.10am	8.00-9.00am	8.30-9.10am
	Mr King	Mrs Threlfall	Mrs Phillips	Mrs Becks	Mrs Threlfall
	Wind Band in room 119			Y9-11 Netball	
	8.30-9.10am			8.00-9.00am	
	Mrs Page			Mrs Wilson	
				Senior Orchestra in 9	
				8.30-9.10am	
				Mrs Page	
1				Junior Strings Y7-9 in 118	
				8.30-9.10am	
				Mrs Threlfall	
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Lunabiling	Multi-sports Club – invitation only	Y10-13 Badminton	Sixth Form Badminton	VS running Club	Y7-9 Badminton
Lunchtime					
	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm
	Mrs Goodhead & Mr King	Mrs Goodhead	Mrs Goodhead	Ms Phipps	Mrs Goodhead
	Y7 Benchball	Y7-13 Fitness Club	Guitar Ensembles in 118	Y7 Table Tennis	Y8-13 Table Tennis
	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm
	Mr Hooper	Miss Risby	Mr Walker	Mr Scorah	Mr Scorah
	Y11 GCSE Interventions	Y7 Rugby	Y12 Debating Club in 205	A Level Intervention	Y9 Rugby
	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.00-1.30pm
	Mrs Boyes	Mr Lunn	Mr Boutle	Mrs Becks & Mr Hooper	Mr Lunn
		Y7-13 Dungeons & Dragons Club in 013		Staff & Student Choir Y9-13 in 119	Ukulele Club KS3 in 118
		12.50-1.30pm		1.00-1.30pm	1.00130pm
		Miss Fancy & Mr Margues		Mrs Page	Student led
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				Reading Club in 108	
				12.50-1.30pm	
				KS5 – First Thursday of each term	
				KS3 – Second & fourth Thursday of each term	
				KS3 – Third & Fifth Thursday of each term	
				Mrs Weaver	
				KS3 The Philosopher's Book Club in 116	
				1.00-1.30pm	
				RE Department	
After School	Y7-13 Girls' Football	Y10-11 Girls' Basketball	Y7 Boys' Basketball	Y7 Boys' Football	Netball – invitation only
Anter School	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm
	Miss Risby	Mr Kelly	Mr Kelly	Mr Scorah	Mrs Wilson
	Y7 Girls' Basketball	Y10 Theatre Club in 117	Y8 Theatre Club in 117	Y8-9 Girls' Basketball	Y10-11 Boys' Basketball
	3.30-4.30pm		3.30-4.15pm		
		3.30-4.15pm		3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm
	Mr Kelly	Miss Miller	Miss Miller	Mr Kelly	Mr Kelly
	Y8 Benchball	Y11 Theatre Club in 119	Y9 Theatre Club in 119	Y7-13 Gymnastics	
	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.15pm	3.30-4.15pm	3.30-4.30pm	
	Mr Scorah	Mrs Gerrard	Mrs Gerrard	Mrs Becks	
	Y10-13 Climbing			Y7-9 Climbing	
	3.30-6.00pm			3.30-6.00pm	
	Mr Lunn			Mr Lunn	
	Y7 Art Club in T12			Y12 & 13 Theatre Club in 119	
	3.30-4.30pm			3.30-4.15pm	
	Miss Parker			Mrs Gerrard	
	Y7 Theatre Club in 117			Wis Genard	
	3.30-4.15pm				
	Mrs Gerrard				
	KS4 & 5 Art Catch Up Session				
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