

Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Sports Day Update 2022

We are really pleased to have received so many consent forms returned for our Sports Day at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) on **Wednesday 6th July**. If you haven't completed this form for your child please ensure you do so **by Friday 17th June** using the links below. This letter provides further information about the event and hopefully answers all your questions.

Year Group	Arrival time	Dismissal time	Link
Year 7	8.45	11.45	Year 7 Sports Day (office.com)
Year 8	10.15	1.15	Year 8 Sports Day (office.com)
Year 9	11.45	2.45	Year 9 Sports Day (office.com)

The Venue

Our decision to host this event at the EIS is to give students the opportunity to compete and take part in a variety of sporting events where many of Sheffield's elite athletes train. This venue gives us the space to ensure all year groups are active and engaged throughout the day – it is far superior to our onsite facilities and is self-contained. We have staggered the timings of the day to manage the numbers and activities on offer within the space provided.

Travel Arrangements

Travelling to the event is a key part of our approach to personal development at Key Stage 3. We would encourage all students to travel independently with a group of friends where possible. All students will receive a card with a reminder of the route and an emergency contact number. The skills of navigating the journey using public transport are a key part of preparation for life. Members of staff are stationed at the Cathedral tram stop in town wearing high visibility jackets and at the tram stop at the EIS. A presentation with images, maps and guidance on how to carry out this journey is attached. This will be shared with students and posted on SatchelOne and the website nearer the time. The vast majority of Tapton staff will be attending the event with people escorting students from the tram stop to the EIS and their form assembly point. Parents dropping off students in the car park will see staff on arrival and be guided by them.

Siblings

For families with siblings in different year groups arriving at different times there will be a staffed area in the stand overlooking the track where students can wait for their sibling or the designated arrival time for their year group. Students can watch events, cheer on their siblings, read a book or complete the additional puzzles and games provided.



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Please find a further list of frequently asked questions below. A great deal of planning has gone into this event. We are certain it will be a positive and celebratory day as we all come together as a community.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Rhodes
Headteacher

Frequently Asked Questions

Are students required to go to school for any part of the day?	No – all students in years 7,8 and 9 will be based at the EIS.
Are members of staff travelling on trams with the students?	Yes – a small number of staff will board trams at the Cathedral. However the majority of staff will be waiting at the EIS to greet and supervise students.
As there won't be sufficient parking at EIS for all the parent drop offs, what is the venue's arrangements for dropping off? Where should parents head to?	Staff wearing high visibility jackets will be in the car park and entrance to guide students. Parents can drop off easily.
How many staff are attending to keep an eye on the students?	Over 70 staff will be attending the event
Are the tram and bus companies aware such a large number of students are using their services on that day?	Yes they have been informed
What are the arrangements for late arrivals?	Staff are present in the reception at the EIS throughout the day to welcome any late arrivals.
What happens if I don't sign the consent form?	School will contact you over the next two weeks to ascertain why. This is classed as a normal school day therefore the normal school attendance policy applies. We can provide some provision in school under exceptional circumstances, however this will need to be prearranged. Please contact your child's Year Leader if you have specific questions about this.
Why can't the event be held on the school field?	We cannot accommodate all year groups on site at the same time. This is a big event for our community and sees form groups and staff coming together to experience the excitement of being part of a big sporting event.
What happens at the end of the day?	Once your child has been dismissed from the EIS they should make their way home. Staff will once again be at tram stops en-route



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