

Tapton SCHOOL

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Last Day of Term and First Day Arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers

As we prepare for the end of term on Thursday 21st July at 12.30 we would like to inform our parents and carers of all the necessary information to prepare for both the end of term and the start of the new term.

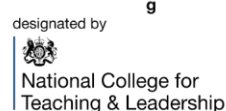
Last Day of Term

School will close on Thursday 21st July with students dismissed at 12.30. Please find details below of the slight changes to our school day on the 21st. As already signposted in the last Tapton Update, we would like to end the year with a diversity and cultural awareness day. This will be a non-uniform day where students are encouraged to come to school dressed in something that is important to their identity or something that celebrates diversity and inclusion. This could be traditional cultural clothing that students wish to wear, clothes celebrating their nationality, a t-shirt with a pro-diversity message or symbol, or anything that is important to their culture and identity. We will be raising money for two charities - the Dialogue Society who supported us with the Iftar this year and Unicef. Please can parents and carers make the contributions for this day on ParentPay. We look forward to students sharing this special day with us.

Time	Period
9.10am	Arrival to school
9.15am – 9.30am	Registration
9.30am – 10.15am	Period 1 lessons
10.15am- 11.00am	Period 2 lessons
11.00am-11.20am	Break
11.20am – 12.05pm	Period 3 lessons
12.05pm – 12.30pm	Time with forms
12.30pm	Dismissal from school for the summer holiday

First Day of School – Monday 5th September 2022

All students are expected back at school on Monday 5th September. In a change from our usual arrangements, we are delighted to say that all students will arrive for a 9.15 start with the warning bell sounding at 9.10; all students should be sat in form rooms by 9.15. Students who arrive late will be placed in a non-negotiable lunchtime detention. We will continue to greet each year group at their specific entry points to school; please see below for a reminder. Students will spend the day with their form groups and must ensure they are fully equipped and in full uniform; failure to wear correct uniform will result in a same day lunchtime detention. Our uniform is detailed below; having this information before you purchase items this summer is essential; please remember only all black shoes or all black trainers are permitted in school. A key theme for our next academic year is 'developing the learner'; following feedback from students we are very excited to be reintroducing a school planner for all year groups. We believe the planner will be instrumental in building excellent habits and routines and we look forward to issuing these to Years 7-13 on the first day back in September.



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School Uniform:

- Tapton logoed polo shirt/long-sleeved in white or black or a plain white or black school wear polo shirt.
- Tapton logoed black sweatshirt or Tapton logoed black cardigan.
- Tapton logoed black fleece or plain black fleece.
- 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. Trousers (such as cargo trousers) with cuffed legs are also not allowed.** 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 detention.
- **All black** shoes or trainers without any coloured logo and without different coloured trims (not sandals).
- Flat all black below the knee boots
- Outdoor clothing (such as coats) are not worn in classrooms.
- No hoods or hats are to be worn in the building.
- Students are **not** allowed to wear their PE jumpers in lessons as part of their school uniform.
- Hoodies should be removed in lessons.
- Sunglasses should be kept in school bags.

Year Group	Entrance from Monday 5 th September onwards
7	Front of School
8	Middle Maths
9	Back Entrance near Sports Hall
10	End of Science near Astro
11	Back Entrance near Sports Hall
12	Sixth Form stairs at front of school
13	Sixth Form stairs at front of school
Canteen	Entrance into foyer from first quad

Important information to share

We have several exciting developments taking place over the summer. Firstly, there will be more covered seating for our Year 10s and Year 11s at the front of school in September. We are also refurbishing the covered seating for younger year groups in quad two. As part of our focus on developing the learner our library is due to be redeveloped over the summer, making it a more vibrant, inviting, and interactive learning hub. This will be a space that students can use before school from 8.30, at breaktime, at lunchtime and after school. We look forward to students using this new space to collaborate with their peers on their learning.

Once again, toilets will be available for students before school, at break and at lunchtime. We believe learning is sacrosanct and therefore students will not be permitted to use the toilets during lessons. If you child has a medical need, please do let us know at the start of the new term so we can support them.

School Car Park and Supervision

Please do remember that our school car park is for school staff only. Parents and carers who are collecting children with mobility issues will be issued with a car park pass and are able to use the car park. There will be a barrier in operation in September so please do not endeavour to drive onto site as this causes a traffic jam on Darwin Lane and is potentially hazardous.



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We are delighted with the engagement of our students with before school clubs. Please do note the opening time for school in the morning is 8.00am for sports clubs, 8.30 for the canteen and library. Students who arrive early will not be supervised outside and we urge you to encourage your child to join one of our clubs if they are an early bird!

Save the date

The Tapton Update is sent out in the third week of every half term. The first Update of the new school year will furnish you with key dates for the year, however, please be aware of the following events in September. You will receive further details about these events in the new year. Your attendance at these information evenings is very important in supporting your child's progress at school. We work very hard to update our presentations so do please ensure you are able to attend as information changes year on year.

Date	Event
Thursday 8 th September	Your child's Year Ahead in Year 9 – 6pm.
Thursday 8 th September	Your child's Year Ahead in Year 10 – 7pm.
Tuesday 13 th September	Your child's Year Ahead in Year 12 – 6pm.
Tuesday 13 th September	Your child's Year Ahead in Year 13 – 7pm.
Wednesday 14 th September	Your child's Year Ahead in Year 7 – 6pm.
Wednesday 14 th September	Your child's Year Ahead in Year 8 – 7pm.
Thursday 15 th September	Your child's Year Ahead in Year 11 – 6pm.
Wednesday 28 th September	Year 13 Progress evening (formerly called parents' evening)

I will write to you again at the beginning of the new school year. In the meantime, I wish you and your families a restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



Ms K Rhodes
Headteacher



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