

# Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 8 Subject Choice Virtual Information Presentation and Open Event

Tapton School offers a broad and balanced academic curriculum throughout all key stages. We are proud to be one of the few schools that has also consistently offered a strong curriculum across the Technology, Performing Arts and Creative Arts subjects.

We aim to support students in studying a broad academic curriculum whilst at the same time staying true to our ethos of valuing everyone. We strive to provide students with a deep, rich curriculum experience which keeps all doors open for future career pathways. With this in mind we give our students in Year 8 the opportunity to specialise in two subjects for study in Year 9. Students in Year 8 will make two choices from the following subjects - Art, Drama, Music, Textiles, Computer Science, Food, Engineering and Product Design. Students will have two hours a week in their chosen subjects.

To further explain the subject choices process we would like to invite you to view a virtual presentation on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 4pm**. This can be accessed through our school website [www.taptonschool.co.uk](http://www.taptonschool.co.uk). During the presentation we will explain the wider curriculum and GCSE context, the options process, support that is in place to help students make their decisions and how parents and carers can get additional advice and guidance.

We would also like to invite you into school on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January between 4pm and 6pm** to speak to the teachers of options subjects. **Places are limited to one adult per child** and slots can be booked via Eventbrite on the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/241140456597>. There will be three sessions 4pm, 4.30pm and 5pm, where you have the chance to move around the school and speak to relevant subject staff. We ask that you please wear a mask and do not attend if you have COVID symptoms.

We will be providing your child with the Year 8 Subject Choice Booklet and Subject Choice Form in the near future. The subject choices form will be sent out via MCAS, Satchel One and student email on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January, and should be returned via email to [kpilarek@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:kpilarek@taptonschool.co.uk). **Please be aware that the deadline for returning completed subject choice forms is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022** which is the week before the school holidays. Completed options forms must be signed by parents and carers. Failure to return completed options forms by the deadline could mean your child may not be able to study their first-choice options. Please do contact me at school if you have any further questions [kpilarek@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:kpilarek@taptonschool.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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