

# Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Year 13 Trial Exam Week and Contingency Measures 2022

The government intends that exams will go ahead in the summer of 2022. If exams cannot go ahead as planned, students will receive grades determined by their teachers, using teacher-assessed grades (TAGs) similar to those used in summer 2021. TAGs are based on teachers' assessment of their students' work.

In order to fully prepare our students for the challenges of final examinations, whilst simultaneously allowing teachers to gather evidence for Teacher Assessed Grades, Year 13 students will have a trial examination week beginning on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. Year 13 students will be expected to attend school only for their examinations and will be on exam leave at all other times. The trial examinations will take place in the Hall and New Hall under examination conditions. Students will be expected to hand in mobile phones and smart watches to invigilators prior to entry into the exam room as per the regulations from JCQ.

There are a number of resources on the Sixth Form section of the Learning Platform to support student revision, these include:

- Revision Guides for Individual Subjects. These are also displayed in the Sixth Form Common Room.
- Becoming an Independent Learner (BILs) Presentations on Time Management, Effective Note-Taking, Using Exam Board Websites and Taking Care of Yourself.

In addition, all students have been provided with their own copy of Surviving Your Workload! Essential Study Habits for Sixth Form Students by Tim Foot and all students will have an assembly on How to Learn Better based on the research of Dr Tom Stafford, Experimental Psychologist, Sheffield University.

In line with the guidance from JCQ, the regulatory body for examinations, there will be an additional trial examination series after Easter, the dates for this series will be confirmed in the new year. We want to reassure students and families that our approach this year is designed to entirely support students face the challenges ahead without burdening them with unnecessary assessments. All formal assessments that have been planned for the next few months will not exceed the overall assessment time for individual qualifications and in fact will allow students to benefit from feedback and guidance to show improvement from one assessment week to the next. This will benefit students for both success in final examination or a TAG eventuality.

Please find attached the subject specific guidance for the Year 13 trial examinations in February. The final timetable and additional procedural information will be shared straight after the Christmas holiday.

If you have any questions about please do contact [exams@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:exams@taptonschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely



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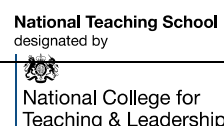


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Subject	Paper One	Paper Two
Biology	Y12 content only 2 hours	Topic 5 only 1 hour
Chemistry	Paper One 1 hour 30 mins	Paper Two 1 hour 30 mins
Physics	Paper One 1 hour 30 mins	Paper Two 1 hour 30 mins
Maths	Pure and Statistics 1 hour 30 mins	Pure and Mechanics 1 hour 30 mins
Further Maths	Further Pure 1 hour 30 mins	Further Stats and Mechanics 1 hour 30 mins
Computer Science	Computing Principles 1 hour 10 mins	Algorithms and Problem Solving 1 hour 10 mins
Psychology	Social Influence, Memory and Attachment 1 hour 30 mins	Approaches and Research Methods 1 hour 15 mins
Sociology	Education and MIC <b>but no</b> Theory and Methods 1 hour 45 mins	Families and Households 1 hour
History	One Civil Rights Essay plus either a Tudor source question or a Germany essay 1 hour 30 mins	
Geography	Changing spaces, making places; Disease dilemmas; Earth's life support systems 2 hours 30 mins	
English Literature	Texts and genres: Elements of political and social protest writing 3 hours	
English Language	Language, the individual and society 2 hours 30 mins	
Film Studies	Global filmmaking perspectives 2 hours 30 mins	
Business Studies	Business Activities, Decisions and Strategy 2 hours	
Economics	Markets and market failure 2 hours	
Politics	US Politics 2 hours	
Religious Studies	Philosophy of Religion 2 hours	Religion and Ethics 2 hours
French	Listening, Reading and Writing 2 hours 30 mins	
German	Listening, Reading and Writing 2 hours 30 mins	
Spanish	Listening, Reading and Writing 2 hours 30 mins	
Drama	Text in Performance Section B: Machinal only. 50 minutes	
Music	Performing recital	
DT Product Design	Principles of Product Design 1 hour 30 mins	
DT Engineering	Principles of Design Engineering 1 hour 30 mins	
DT Textiles	A blend of Paper 1: Technical principles and Paper 2: Designing and making principles. 1 hour and 45 minutes.	
Physical Education	A blend of Paper One and Paper Two, 2 hours	



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