

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final Tapton Update of this year! The final half term of the school year is another busy one with a wealth of exciting events for our school community to engage in. We are incredibly proud of all of our Year 11s and Year 13s who have now completed their external examinations; all students have conducted themselves with high levels of resilience and positivity and we wish them a restful and hopefully sunny summer holiday. In total Tapton completed 8071 examination papers! Details about results days have already been shared with families, however, there is a reminder below.

### Next year's calendar and plans for the end of term

We are working hard to finalise the calendar for the next academic year and will share details about important dates in the first few weeks so that you can save the dates before the summer holiday. Alongside this we will share our plans for the final day of term and the start of the next academic year in the next few weeks; please look out for our letters which will communicate precise details.

### Parent Voice

We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who contributed to our parent voice survey. We appreciate the time people took to share their constructive comments with us and we read them with great interest. Teacher feedback is one of our key foci next year and we whole heartedly believe that it is essential to engage with feedback in order to make progress. To this end we have digested the comments from the parent voice and have set up two focus groups; one group will be on SEND and the other will be on homework. A group of parents who expressed an interest in contributing to further discussions have been selected and contacted to join these focus groups and we look forward to sharing our actions with you in the near future.

### Year 10 English Exam

All Y10 students will be sitting the second of their English Literature Mock Examinations, **Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel** on Wednesday 6th July. Students have been preparing and revising for the examination in lessons. It contains two sections: in Section A, all students will answer one question on *Macbeth*, referring to a given extract and the play as a whole. In Section B, students will answer on the 19th century novel their class has studied: this will either be *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, *The Sign of Four* or *A Christmas Carol*. Again, they will be given an extract in Section B, and asked to refer to both the extract and the novel as a whole in their answer.

The exam will take place in the afternoon and lasts for **1 hour and 45 minutes**. This will mean some slight alterations to the timing of the school day:

- The school day will start promptly at 9.30am for Period 1, where students will be registered by their English teacher in their English classroom.
- During period 1 and 2, all Y10s will be in their normal English groups for a revision booster session led by their English teacher.
- Students will be sent to lunch between at 11.30 and should return to school for 12.15.
- All students must be at their examination room for 12.15pm in order to be seated promptly and given examination instructions. Mobile phones and smart watches should be handed to invigilators before the exam.
- The exam will start promptly at 12.30pm.
- The exam will end at 2.15 pm. Papers will be collected and students without extra time will be dismissed from school.
- Students with extra time will finish at approximately 2.40pm, and will be sent home.

## **Sports Day**

The PE department are busy preparing for our first full sports day in three years. Year 7-9 students will be taking part in a variety of athletics events, wacky races and benchball throughout the day in their form groups. We hope it will be a fantastic event for all and a great way of celebrating a great year of sport at Tapton. Please refer to the letter on our website and our frequently asked questions.

## **PE Updates**

It has been another busy term in the PE department with lots of rounders, tennis, cricket and athletics events. It has been wonderful to see so many students engaging in the extra-curricular opportunities we have on offer and enjoying summer activities in the sun.

### **Netball**

A fantastic netball residential to Conover was had by all! Over 60 games of netball were played by Tapton teams with lots of impressive wins overshadowing any defeats. And with high ropes, climbing towers, laser mazes, laser quests and aerial assault courses to keep everyone busy it was certainly a fun filled weekend – looking forward to next year already.

Well done to those selected to take part in the Loughborough Lightning Netball Experience Day – the players were impeccably behaved and worked so hard on the court. They took part in attacking and defending workshops alongside some strength and conditioning with match play at the end to consolidate what they learnt.

### **Athletics**

Martha Linsky, Archie Bramall and Dylan Stevens represented Sheffield in the South Yorkshire Schools Track and Field Championships which is a fantastic achievement. Archie Bramall won his long jump event and was crowned South Yorkshire champion. Well done!

### **Rounders**

It has been a busy rounders season with girls', boys' and mixed leagues taking place in every year group. Fixtures are nearly complete with finals days happening in July and we hope to be at them all!

## **West Side Story**

Rehearsals are in full swing as we get closer to our performance dates for West Side Story. The nights of the performance are Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June via Eventbrite and will be £9 each and concessions £7. The link to purchase tickets will be on the school website, the school twitter account and will be sent out via MCAS.

We will be holding in school rehearsals on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June so that the actors and dancers can work with the band and bring the piece together. The weekend before the show will be our tech weekend where we will be working on the set, programming the lights and bringing all the costume together. We are looking forward to show case a small section of the show on the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July to our feeder schools in the hall.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the performance nights to support our wonderful cast and band.

## **Year 12 Destinations Day**

On 6<sup>th</sup> July our Year 12 students will be involved in Destinations Day. We will welcome outreach staff from some of our most popular universities, who will conduct workshops on personal statements, interviews, student finance and making the transition to university. All students wishing to apply to university will also complete their UCAS registration with their Form Tutor - who will be responsible for overseeing their application and completing their reference. In addition, students considering apprenticeships and employment will have their own bespoke sessions on CV writing and developing employability skills. We look forward to a useful and engaging day.

## **Communication with school over the summer holiday**

As part of our commitment to staff workload we encourage everyone to enjoy their well-earned holiday. As a result, over the summer holiday staffing in school is very limited. Emails and voicemails will not necessarily receive a response until school opens in September. The school will be open on A Level and GCSE results day for Year 11 and Year 13 students receiving examination results.

If you have any questions about the start of the new year please endeavour to raise them by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July as we cannot guarantee you will receive a response during the summer. The [enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk) email will be checked upon our return to school in September. Our out of office email message has details of key contacts for support if you should need them.

## **Anti-Racism Week - "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere". - Martin Luther King Jnr**

On the week commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> of July Tapton will be hosting an Anti-Racism Week with this year's theme being 'Taking Action'. We talk about racism and all aspects of equality regularly, and we always follow up on racist incidents but wanted to take the opportunity to dedicate a whole week to events around race, ethnicity and culture. We have an exciting week planned with lessons across the curriculum dedicated to promoting anti-racism; a whole school assembly; various fundraising activities for local Anti-Racism charities; and celebrations of our different heritage throughout the week.

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> July, the last day of term, we would like to end the year with a diversity and cultural awareness day. This will be a non-school uniform day where students are encouraged to come to school dressed in something that is important to their identity or celebrating 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 and tell us all about what it means to them.

## **Pride Month**

June is National Pride month and the UK Pride month is about acceptance, equality, celebrating the work of LGBTQ+ people, education in LGBTQ+ history and raising awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community. It also calls for people to remember how damaging homophobia was and still can be. At school we will proudly be displaying pride flags in our reception and classrooms to raise awareness. We will also be holding whole school assemblies on the importance of Pride. Alongside this we will be running a school trip for those students who are interested to attend Pinknic on July 16<sup>th</sup> which is Sheffield's largest city centre LGBTQ+ family event hosted in the Peace Gardens. Also, please look out on our social media accounts where we will be posting about an inspirational member of the LGBTQ+ community every day.

## **School Council**

This term we will be appointing students to the new School Council for the next academic year. Students have the opportunity to become a Form Representative, a School Representative or part of the new Head Student Team. All students will have the opportunity to vote for the Head Student Team later on in the term and we encourage all students to get involved during this period. Details are below:

#### Form Representatives

- Form Representatives will run one baraza\* style form time each half term.
- The focus of the baraza will be determined by the year leader.
- Form Representatives will be responsible for recording all students views on documentation provided.
- Form Representatives will need to attend a year group meeting with their year leader and other Form Representatives to discuss views and further actions

#### School Representatives

- School Representatives will have the same roles and responsibilities as a Form Representatives.
- In addition to this, School Representatives will:
  - Attend a subcommittee meeting every half term with a member of the SLT.
  - Plan and carry out any necessary actions from subcommittee meetings
  - Attend Open evenings, Transition evenings etc

#### Head Student team

- The Head Student Team will have the same roles and responsibilities as Form Representatives.
- In addition to this, the Head student team will:
  - Attend one meeting per term with the Headteacher and provide student voice
  - Attend one meeting per term with School Governors and provide student voice
  - Plan and carry out whole school actions as decided by the Headteacher and Governors
  - Attend Open evenings, Transition evenings etc

### Year 8 PSHEE Litter Pick

Tapton School prides itself on being a responsible member of the local community. As part of the PSHEE curriculum, students learn about being active citizens and as part of this topic each class will complete a litter pick in school and around the local area of Crosspool and Ranmoor.

Each class will complete the litter pick during a PSHEE lesson. Students will be provided with the necessary equipment and given a health and safety briefing before setting out. They will be accompanied by members of staff.

I hope you will support us in keeping the environment tidy and caring for the local community.

### GCSE and A Level Results Days

AS and A Level results day is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August followed by GCSE results day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Results will be handed out in the school hall; timings for each form are detailed below. We strongly advise families to be available in Sheffield on the relevant results days in order to access the wider transition and careers support which will be on offer in school.

<b>Arrival time</b>	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	BREAK	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30
<b>Form</b>	11MD	11MP	11SC	11SN		11PY	11HC	11AN	11CD	11TP	Y12 and Y13

<b>Arrival time</b>	8am-10am	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	B R E A K	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	1.00
<b>Form</b>	<b>Clearing and adjustment only</b>	13CR	13BC	13HN	13AK	13GD		13KN	13DL	13WA	13GH	13WL	Y12 and below

## Music

As we come to the end of a fabulous year of music, we have one more treat for you. Our Lower School Concert will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the school hall. Tickets are £6 each (which includes refreshments) and must be purchased in advance. You can order tickets via the link below. This link can also be found in the latest news area of the school website. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/332776472387>

This is always such a lovely concert featuring our junior ensembles plus solos from pupils in Y7, Y8, and Y9. We would love to see you there!

As always, if your child would like to start instrumental or vocal lessons, please get in touch. We have 12 visiting peripatetic teachers covering all instruments.

Thank you to all the pupils who continue to brighten our mornings by being committed to ensemble rehearsals.

## Headteacher Drop-in

The final Headteacher Drop-in of this academic year will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July between 3.45 and 4.45 with the last slot being 4.45. This is your opportunity to meet with Ms Rhodes, Headteacher and Ms Grewal, Deputy Headteacher, to talk through a specific question or concern. If you wish to use the Drop-in, please arrive in school reception between 3.45 and 4.45. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Tapton School

## Upcoming dates for your diary

24/06/22	Sheffield UCAS Exhibition 2022 Motorpoint Arena Y10 East Coast Fieldwork trip
27/06/22	Y12 Induction Week this week
30/06/22	Y7 Maths Challenge European Youth Parliament National Finals (residential) Y13 Leaving Party
01/07/22	Y10 Art Yorkshire Sculpture Park Trip Y8 HPV Vaccinations European Youth Parliament National Finals (residential begins)
04/07/22	Year 10 Careers Week this week
06/07/22	Sports Day Y12 Destinations Day Y10 English exam PM
07/07/22	Y6 Transition Y6 Welcome Evening 7.00pm
08/07/22	Y6 Transition
11/07/22	Y10 and Y12 Business Amazon Trip this week Y6 Visit Drama school play dress rehearsal Drama School Play 7.30pm
12/07/22	Drama School Play 7.30pm
13/07/22	Drama School Play 7.30pm
14/07/22	Y12 Berlin Trip Leaves Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition
15/07/22	Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition
18/07/22	Y9 Yorkshire Wildlife Park (9.00am-3.30pm) this week Y12 Berlin Trip Arrives Back
21/07/22	Y12 Art and Textiles Trip to Paris Last day of term

# BROOMHILL FESTIVAL 2022



10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE

GET TOGETHER TO SOLVE A LOCAL CHALLENGE with our

## 'EARTHSHOT' COMPETITION

- Entries are invited from: **Families, Secondary School Groups, Adult Groups or Individual of any age.**
- **Choose a local environmental challenge** based on one of the Earthshot themes. [see [earthshotprize.org](http://earthshotprize.org) for ideas]
- **Discuss the problem. Dream of a solution. Be creative!**
- **Inspire others** with a poster, song, poem, advert, model, design, article or piece of artwork.
- **Bring entries to Broomhill Library OR scan and e-mail to [festival@broomhill-library.org.uk](mailto:festival@broomhill-library.org.uk)**  
[Write your group category and contact details with your entry.]

Deadline **FRIDAY 10 JUNE**

**PRIZE FOR WINNING ENTRY IN EACH GROUP**

**GOOD LUCK!**



The poster features a vibrant, multi-colored geometric background in shades of teal, green, yellow, and orange. In the foreground, there are black silhouettes of musical notes, a treble clef, and a sharp sign. The text is white and positioned in the upper and lower portions of the image.

# Lower School Concert

**Monday 18th July**

**7pm £6**

Tickets available on eventbrite  
See school website for the link.