

Curriculum 2025-26

KS3 students have 25 lessons per week

KS4 Students have 25 lessons per week (Some Mandarin lessons take place after school for students opting in)

KS5 Students have on average 18 lessons per week (Y12 study 3/4 subjects, 16-20 hours per week, Y13 study 3 subjects on average, 18 hours per week)

School Hours:

	Monday - Friday	
Form Time	09.00-09.20	
Period 1	09.20-10.20	
Period 2	10.20-11.20	
Break	11.20-11.40	
Period 3	11.40-12.40	
Lunch	12.40-13.30	
Period 4	13.30-14.30	
Period 5	14.30-15.30	
<i>(Period 6)</i>	15:30-16:30	Lessons are scheduled after school for Mandarin (optional) for Y11 and a variety of Y12 and Y13 lessons where the timetable dictates.
<i>(Period 7)</i>	16:30-17:30	

Key Stage 5: Y12 & Y13

YEAR 12 - ALL OPTION SUBJECTS

Students pick up to 4 subjects to study at A level and receive 5 hrs/wk of each subject chosen. Where class sizes fall below 10, hours may be reduced from 5 to 4. In addition to the chosen subjects, all students will undertake a programme of Personal Development, 1 hour timetabled per week.

Students are encouraged to take Enrichment activities for 1-2 hrs/wk in Y12, for example, paired reading, mentoring etc.

OPTION A

Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Gov & Politics, Maths, Further Maths, Music, Psychology, Sociology

OPTION B

Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, English Literature, Geography, History, Maths, Further Maths (Maths), Physics, Psychology,

OPTION C

Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, Film Studies, French, History, Maths, Product Design, Engineering, Physics, Psychology, Sociology

OPTION D

Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, German, Gov & Politics, Maths, PE, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Theatre Studies, Textiles

YEAR 13 - ALL OPTION SUBJECTS

Students pick up to 4 subjects to study at A level and receive 5 hrs/wk of each subject chosen + 1 hr/wk of Directed Study in each subject chosen.

Where class sizes fall below 10, hours may be reduced from 5 to 4. In addition to the chosen subjects, all students will undertake a programme of Personal Development, 1 hour timetabled per week.

Students are encouraged to participate in Work experience during Y13 for 2 hrs/wk during the Autumn Term.

OPTION A

Biology, Chemistry, EPR (Ethics, Philosophy & Religion), German, Maths, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Theatre Studies, Further Maths

OPTION B

Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Literature, Food, Gov & Politics, Maths, PE, Physics, Psychology

OPTION C

Biology, Chemistry, Economics, English Language, Gov & Politics, History, Maths, Product Design, Engineering, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Textiles

OPTION D

Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, Film Studies, French, Geography, History, Maths, Music, Psychology, Spanish, Further Maths (Maths)

Key stage 4:

KS4 classes work primarily towards GCSE qualifications. The KS4 curriculum is a mixture of **5** Core subjects and **3** Option subjects chosen from the lists in the table below. All KS4 students should take at least one EBACC subject (History/Geography/MFL). KS4 classes are mixed ability across 3 bands for everything except Maths. In Y11, Maths students working at the foundation tier standard will have a 4th hour of Maths timetabled in place of one of their Core PE lessons. All students have access to the Triple Science course and will be entered for either Foundation or Higher tier exam papers based on their achievements in the subject in Year 11.

COMPULSORY CORE SUBJECTS						OPTIONS		
						OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C
	Maths	English	Science	PE	EPR (Ethics, Philosophy and Religion)	Art, Business Studies, Catering, Food, French, Geography, German, GCSE PE, History, Textiles	Business Studies, Catering, Computer Science, Mandarin, French, Geography, History, Product Design, Spanish, Engineering, Textiles	Business Studies, Drama, Geography, German, History, Music, Spanish, Engineering, Vocational Engineering
Year 10 (Hrs/Wk)	4	5	6	2	1	3	2	2
	Maths	English	Science	PE	EPR	Business Studies, Catering, Computer Science, Mandarin, Geography, German, GCSE PE, History, Spanish	Art, Business Studies, Computer Science, French, Geography, German, History, Spanish, Engineering, Textiles, Vocational Engineering	Business Studies, Drama, Food, French, Geography, German, GCSE PE, History, Music, Product Design, Spanish
Year 11 (Hrs/Wk)								
Higher Maths cohort	3			2		2	3	3
Foundation Maths cohort	4	5	6	1	1			

Key Stage 3: Y7-Y9

Year groups are split into three mixed ability bands in KS3 (X, Y and Z).

Students are taught as a form group in Year 7 for Geography, History, Drama, IT, Music, EPR (Ethics, Philosophy & Religion), Personal Development and Art.

MFL: Students commence studying a language in Year 7 and continue with the same language through to KS4. The languages taught at Tapton are French, German, Spanish and Mandarin (please note Mandarin is being discontinued to incoming students from September 2025).

Maths: are set by ability in Year 7-Year 9.

DT: Year 7 and Year 8 are taught food, Textiles, Engineering and Product Design on a rotation (the specialism rotates halfway through the year) to enable students to experience each of the subject areas.

Subject Choices: In Year 9 students will study two subjects from the option blocks below. At least one subject must be one of the Arts (Art, Drama, Music, Textiles), although we promote a balanced curriculum with one Arts and one technical subject.

	ALL SUBJECTS IN Y7 AND Y8 ARE COMPULSORY													
	Geography	History	Drama	IT	Music	EPR	Personal Development	Art	Technology (Product Design, Engineering, Food and Textiles)	MFL	Maths	PE	English	Science
Year 7 Hrs/Wk	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	3
Year 8 Hrs/Wk	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	3

	Geography	History	EPR	Personal Development	OPTION A Art, Computer Science, Drama, Food Technology, Music, Product Design, Textiles	OPTION B Art, Computer Science, Drama, Food Technology, Music, Engineering, Textiles	MFL (continuation of language started in Y7)	Maths	PE	English	Science
Year 9 Hrs/Wk	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	3	3