

Our Curriculum Intent

Our ambitious and bespoke curriculum is designed to allow all students to realise their life chances and dreams. Inclusion and destinations drive all our decision making. We aim to ensure that every child is fully engaged in learning and gains and retains a deep body of knowledge. This ensures they are ready for a successful transition to the next stage of learning and onwards to employment.

We value everyone, care for each other and achieve excellence.

Every child has the right to a broad and balanced curriculum with a quality experience in the Arts, Technology, Science, Ethics, Philosophy and Religion, Physical Education, a Modern Foreign Language and the Humanities, alongside a strong core subject experience in English and Maths.

The school is committed to a 3-year Key Stage Three experience with 22 subjects on offer. At Key Stage Four students learn a broad, balanced and academic curriculum of 9 or 10 subjects. Sixth Form is the stage of school where our students begin to focus on and develop their academic passions. At Tapton, students can choose 3 or 4 subjects from a broad curriculum offer of 29 subjects allowing a focus on the subjects that really matter to them in preparation for further study or employment post-18.

At every Key Stage we build the composite knowledge and skills for progress and future success. Our broad, knowledge rich curriculum ensures engagement and allows students to discover their own passions and make appropriate learning and life choices. Our vision is to embed cultural capital across all groups.

We believe the heart of our curriculum must be academic because this is the best guarantee for student destinations and removes obstacles for social mobility. Our curriculum offer is personalised to the individual needs of young people, particularly those at risk of disengagement and exclusion. As a Vision Support school, we deliver independent living skills for Visually Impaired students and where appropriate other students with high needs.

We are a values-driven school that celebrates the diversity of our community. Students learn and live out these values through the Tapton Seven. Ethics, Philosophy and Religion are an integral part of the curriculum for every student from year 7 to 11. Universal values of tolerance and understanding are deeply embedded within our Ethics, Philosophy and Religion, Personal Development and Form Time programme as are LGBTQ+, anti-sexism, anti-racism, anti-bullying and online safety.



Community



Character



Curiosity