November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Festive Period – Events and Celebrations

As the festive season approaches, we are looking forward to a number of events that bring our school community together and celebrate the values of **Community, Character and Curiosity** that are at the heart of life at Tapton. Christmas is always a special time in school, providing opportunities to support local charities, connect with our wider community, celebrate our students' achievements and enjoy the many talents that make our school such a vibrant place.

Thursday 26th November - Non-Uniform Day for Sheffield Children's Hospital

We will begin our Christmas celebrations with a non-uniform day in support of Sheffield Children's Hospital. Through our Tapton Star appeal, we hope to raise funds for the incredible work carried out by the hospital for children and families across our city and beyond. Details will be shared next week on how to make your donation to this important cause.

A reminder that all students must wear their school lanyard at all times, including on non-uniform days, to ensure we can maintain our usual high standards of safeguarding and site security.

Monday 30th November - Wellbeing Day for Pupils and Staff

Please note that school will be closed to all students on this day as part of our commitment to the wellbeing of both pupils and staff. The pace of school life can be challenging, particularly during a busy autumn term, and this dedicated wellbeing day provides an opportunity for everyone to pause, recharge and focus on their physical and mental wellbeing.

Wednesday 2nd December 7pm – Tapton Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place in school and promises to be a fantastic evening of festive music and celebration. Students from across the school have been working hard in rehearsals and we look forward to showcasing their talents. Whether performing or supporting from the audience, this event always captures the spirit of Christmas at Tapton and is a wonderful way to begin the festive season. Refreshments will be provided by our Food Technology pupils who will be baking festive treats. Please see below for details regarding tickets.

Tuesday 8th December - Community Christmas Lunch - 2-3pm

This year we will be launching our Community Christmas Lunch. During this event we will welcome 120 local pensioners for an afternoon of festive food, entertainment and companionship. The event will be hosted and served by our Senior School Ambassadors, who take great pride in supporting members of our local community. If you know a grandparent, neighbour or local pensioner who would enjoy attending, we would be delighted to receive your nomination. To make a nomination, please email ssimmons@taptonschool.co.uk with the name of the person you would like to nominate.

Thursday 10th December - Year 7 Showcase

We are delighted to invite Year 7 families into school to celebrate the fantastic start our newest students have made to life at Tapton. The Year 7 Showcase will provide an opportunity to view examples of work completed during the autumn term, meet staff and see first-hand the progress, creativity and enthusiasm that students have demonstrated since joining us in September. We are incredibly proud of how quickly Year 7 have embraced our values and become part of the Tapton community, and we look forward to sharing their achievements with families. To accommodate all famililies, we will be holding two events. For pupils in 7A, B, C and D, the event will take place during P4. For pupils during 7E, F, G, H and I, the event will take place during P5. We will write to Y7 families at the start of next week with full details of this.

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Students and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for a £1 donation via ParentPay to St Luke's Hospice, helping to support the outstanding care they provide to families across Sheffield. A traditional Christmas lunch will be served in the Dining Room, making this a festive day that the whole school can enjoy together while raising money for another important local charity. Year 7 pupils will have an early lunch on this day.

As with our non-uniform day, students wearing Christmas jumpers must continue to wear their school lanyards throughout the day.

Thursday 17th December 7pm - Ranmoor Church Christmas Concert

For many members of our school community, the Ranmoor Church Christmas Concert is the highlight of the Christmas season. Set in the beautiful surroundings of Ranmoor Church, the evening showcases the exceptional musical talents of our students and provides a wonderful opportunity for families, staff, students and former students to come together in celebration. Please see below for details regarding tickets.

Friday 18th December - Last Day of Term

The final day of the autumn term will be **Friday 18th December**. School will finish at **12.30pm**, allowing students and staff to begin the Christmas holiday period. We thank all families for their

support throughout the term and wish our students a well-earned break. School reopens on **Monday 4th January.**

Tickets for our two Concerts

Tickets for both concerts must be booked in advance via Eventbrite and will go on sale from midday on Monday 16th November. Tickets for one concert are £6 each, tickets for both concerts are £10 in total. The links / QR codes for booking tickets are below and they will also be on the school website.

School Christmas Concert, 2nd Dec 7pm, £6: School Christmas Concert

Ranmoor Carol Concert, 17th Dec 7pm, £6: Ranmoor Carol Concert

Combined ticket for both concerts, £10:Combined Concert Ticket

Looking Ahead

These events provide much more than festive entertainment. They are opportunities for our students to demonstrate kindness, service and leadership, celebrate their achievements and strengthen the sense of community that makes Tapton such a special place. From showcasing the excellent work of our Year 7 students, to supporting local charities and welcoming members of our wider community into school, we hope these events capture the very best of Tapton at Christmas.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating with you over the coming weeks and would encourage as many families as possible to get involved in the events on offer.

Best wishes,

Tapton School