



Welcome to our school



**TAPTON
SCHOOL**
& SIXTH FORM



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- Introductions
- Our Values
- The Tapton Seven
- Transition Process
- Uniform
- Year 7
- The role of the Family
- Staying in Touch and Communication



Key Staff

- Ms Grewal and Ms Siddell – Co-Heads of School
- Mr Johnson – KS3 Behaviour Lead
- Mr Rippin – Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo
- Ms Jackson – Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Ms Lake – Year 7 Year Leader
- Mr Jones – Year 7 Inclusion Lead
- Ms Cawrey – KS2-3 Transition Lead
- Ms Law – Subject Leader for English



Valuing Everyone, Caring for Each
Other, Achieving Excellence



Ofsted – November 2024



"Tipton is a school where pupils and staff are restless in their pursuit of excellence."

"The school's 'Tipton Seven' values underpin learning across the school. Kindness, hard work and responsibility are examples of these values"

"Teachers' superb subject knowledge helps to ensure consistently high-quality teaching. Pupils approach their learning with great enthusiasm. Staff embrace this."

"The school enriches pupils' lives with many opportunities beyond the curriculum. It offers a wealth of experiences beyond the taught subjects."

Our Offer

- Experienced and passionate subject experts in every classroom
- Exceptional extra-curricular offer in Sport and the Performing Arts
- Opportunities for every child
- High expectations in all aspects of school life
- A positive culture with a focus on praise and reward



A Flavour of Tipton - This Term

- 150 students involved in Maths Challenge
- Neurodiversity assembly to celebrate our diverse community
- Year 7 and 8 football teams won the Sheffield School Cup
- KS4 badminton team through to Regional Finals
- Year 13 Leavers' Concert – Senior Orchestra, Brass Band, Concertos
- Holocaust Trust Exhibition – student leadership
- SEND Ten Pin Bowling trip
- Oxford University Debating Competition
- To Kill a Mockingbird theatre visit
- Year 12 Work Experience Week
- Rehearsals for our School Show
- Technicians' Lunch
- Be Inspired Apprenticeship Fair
- Residential visits to Madrid and Wales
- 194 UCAS applications sent to universities
- 16 Medicine and 6 Oxbridge offers
- Record number of Year 11 applications to Tipton Sixth Form
- Non-Uniform Day tomorrow to celebrate 15,000 acts of kindness



Our Results

GCSE

- 68% of pupils achieved Grade 5+ in both English and Maths
- 84% of pupils achieved Grade 4+ in English and Maths
- The average point score for EBacc was 5.31

Sixth Form

- Highest ever results since the introduction of league table methodology in 2013
- Students achieved an average Grade B
- On average our students made a third of a grade additional progress on each of their qualifications



What's the best thing about Tapton School?

"The teachers and other staff – they try and help you"

"They are friendly and committed"

"Teachers try to make lessons as engaging and fun as possible"

"Teachers are passionate about their subjects and knowledgeable"

"The community. Everyone is really nice"

"I like Duke of Edinburgh – it's fun and exciting"

"How kind the staff are. They are very caring and that's why I love this school."

"The teachers always find time to help – not just academically. They help you in their own time"

"The teaching assistants who support us"

"A huge range of lunchtime and clubs before and after school and teachers who are passionate about them"

"I have an amazing key worker who helps me every day"



The Tapton Seven

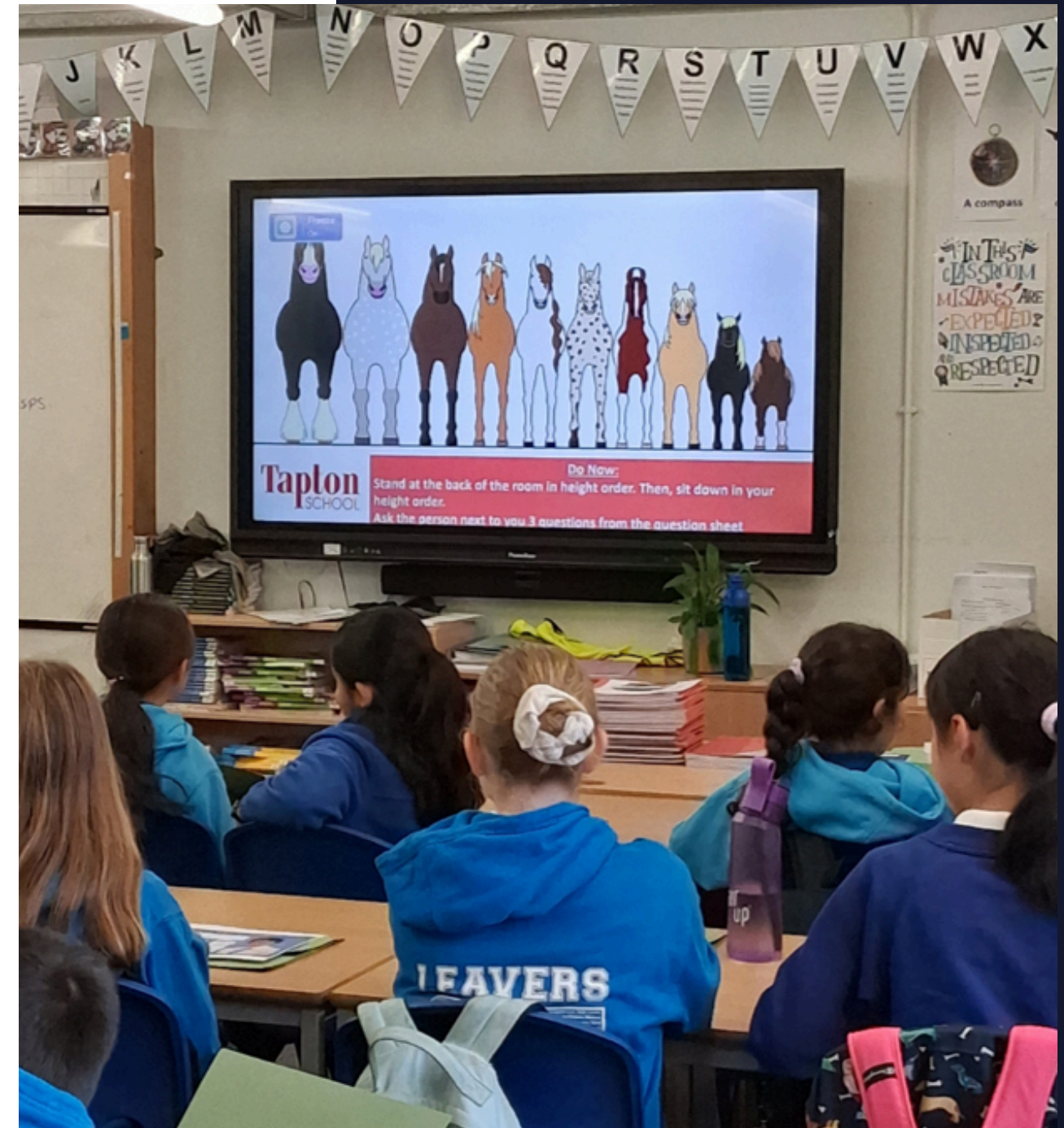
1. We are responsible for the world around us
2. We are kind
3. We work hard
4. We follow the rules
5. We are responsible for our learning journey
6. We make the most of the resources available to us
7. We believe we are all capable of excellence



Transition Aims

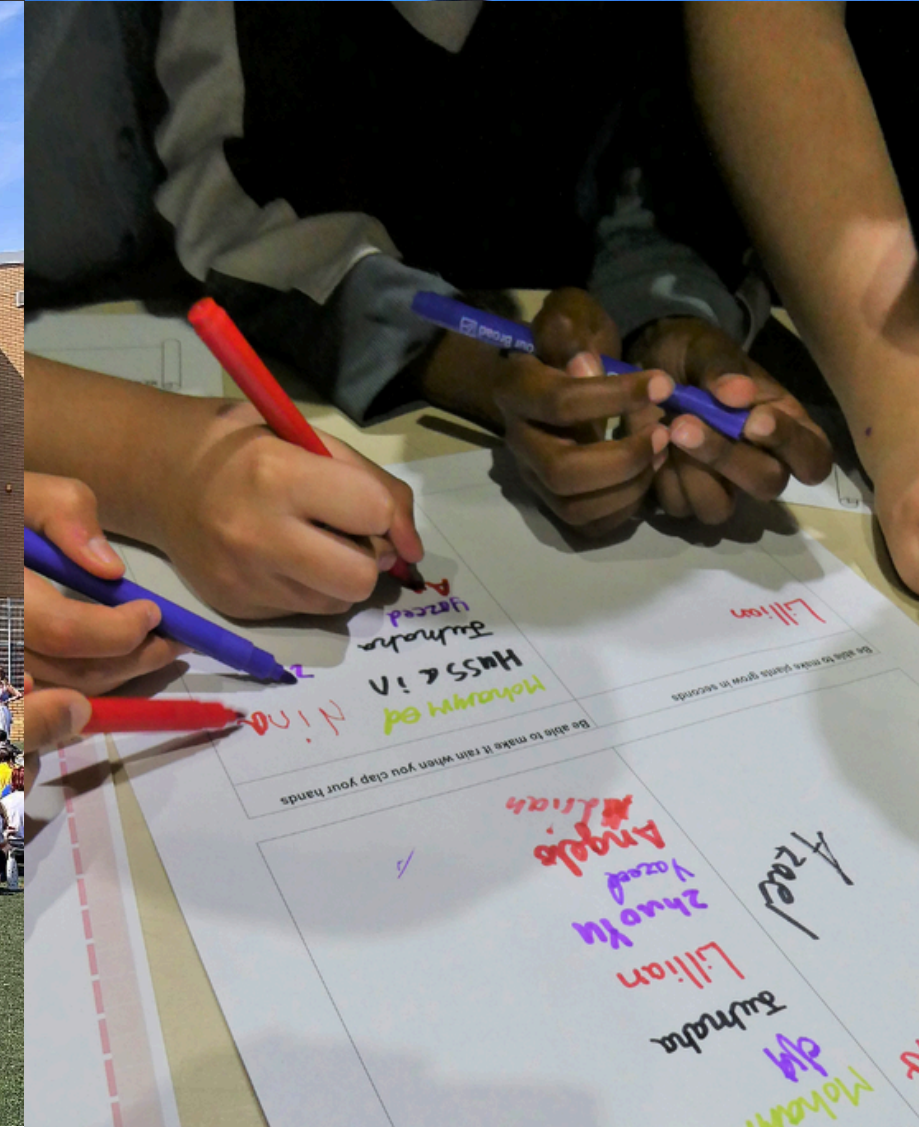
Communication - Collaboration - Curriculum

- Student-centred approach
- Involvement of parents and carers
- Building belonging and community
- Preparing for learning and progress at secondary level



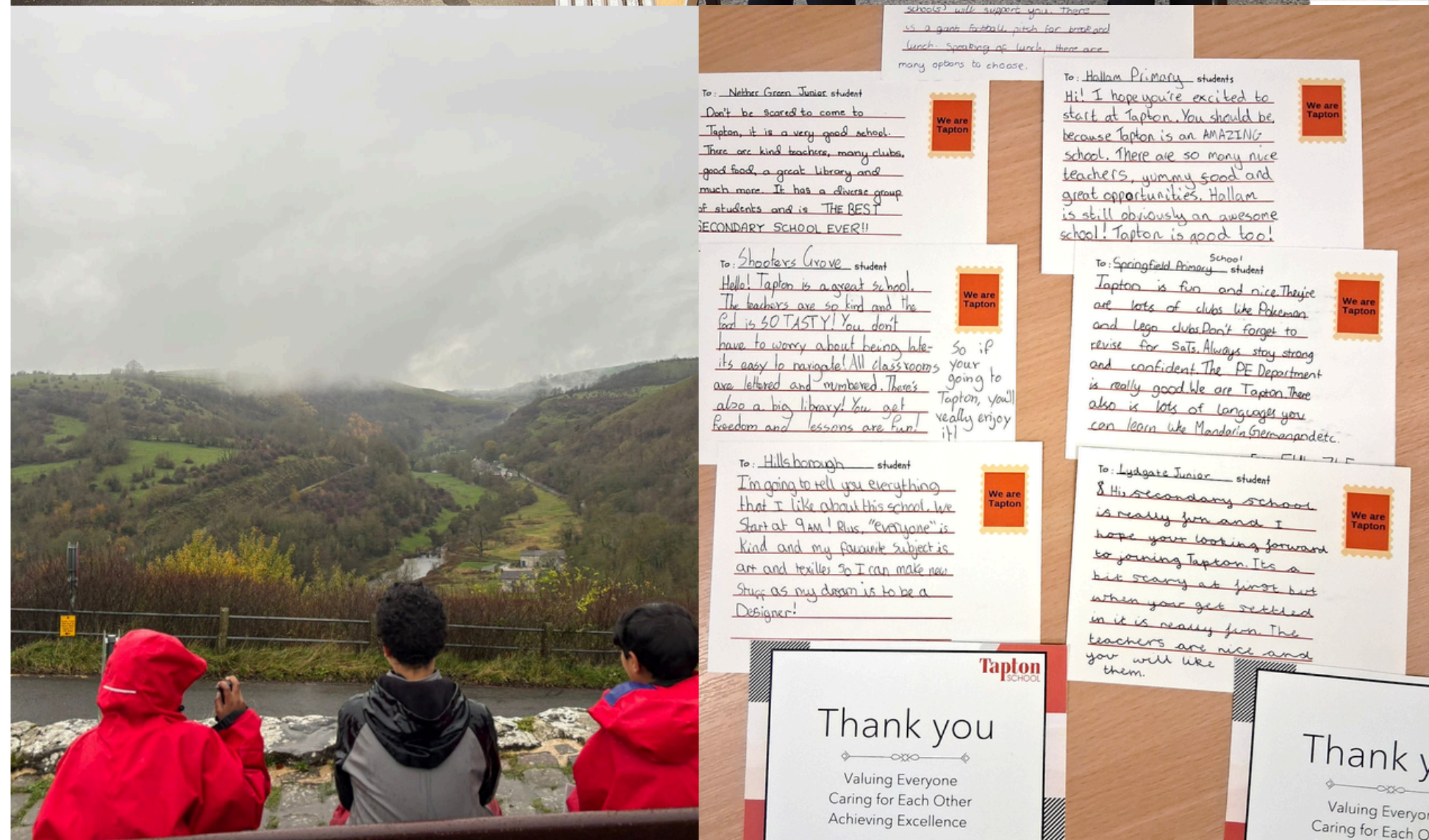
Y6 Transition - The Plan

- Initial meetings with feeder school leaders
- Young Writers
- Welcome Evening
- Visits to primary schools
- SEND Transition Day
- SEND Meet the Key Worker Afternoon
- Main Transition Days 1st – 3rd July
- Meet the Form Tutor Evening



Year 7 Start of Term

- First Day 2nd September
- Freshers' Fair
- Form Tutor consultations
- Tracking
- Thornbridge Trip
- Postcards to Primary School
- Sports Day at EIS





Thornbridge Trip

- Importance of outdoor education for wellbeing, belonging and progress
- Day visit to Thornbridge
- Outdoor Education Centre in heart of Peak District
- Range of activities to develop confidence, resilience and team building skills
- High ropes, caving, abseiling, hiking



KS3 English – Claire Law

- Focus on effective communication: reading, writing and speaking and listening.
- Engaging, challenging and creative lessons.
- Enabling students to understand, engage with and influence the world around them.

The Importance of Reading

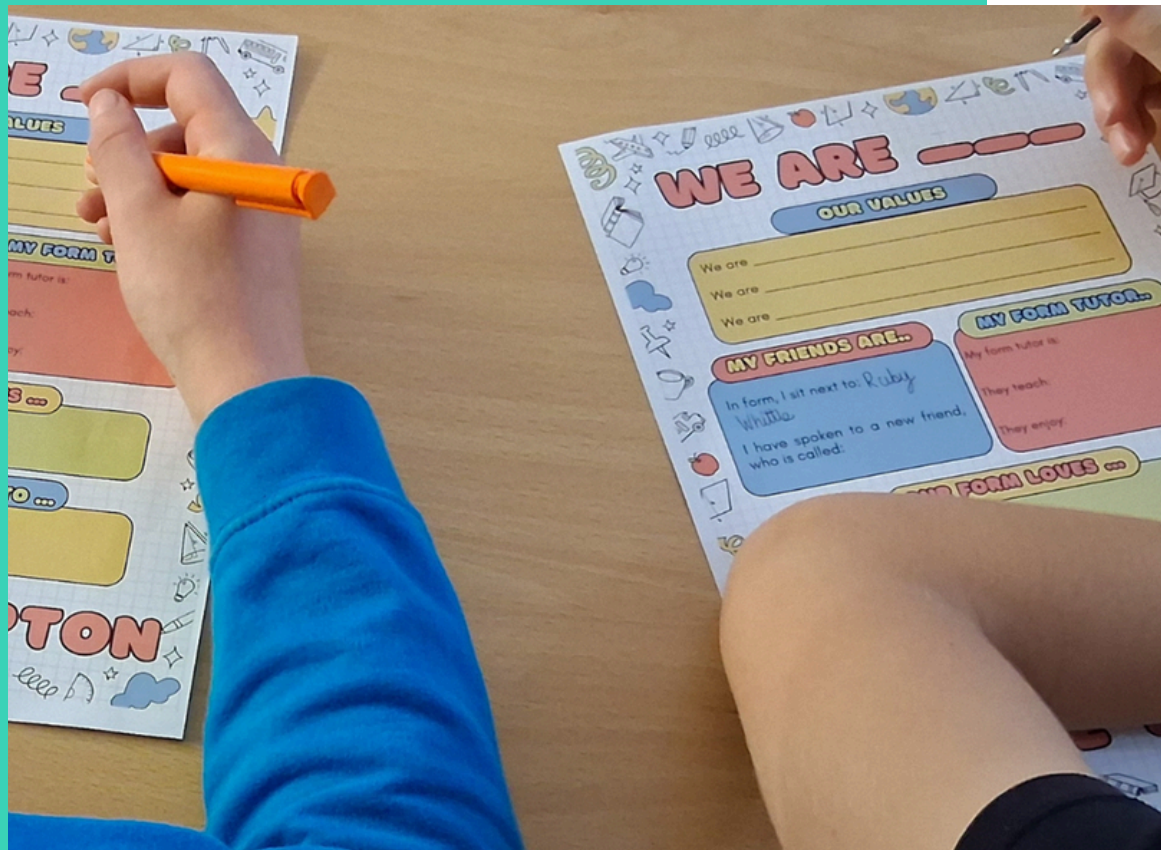
- Being able to read well is essential for success.
- A partnership between home and school.
- Sparx Reader: texts and tasks specifically tailored for your child and their reading ability



The Role of the Form Tutor



- Meet Form Tutor on Transition Days
- Form Time 20 minutes each morning
- Students settled, informed and ready for learning
- Uniform and equipment checks
- Assemblies, reading, Tapton Tribune, key information and Personal Development activities.
- First point of contact for any questions or concerns



Uniform

- A white or black polo shirt with the Tapton logo
- A black sweatshirt or black cardigan with the Tapton logo
- Formal black trousers, formal black shorts or formal black skirt
- A black fleece with the Tapton logo or a plain black fleece
- All black shoes or trainers without any coloured logo and without different coloured trims
- One pair of stud earrings and a watch (not a smart watch)
- New logo from September 2026
- Transition period for uniform – students can still wear old uniform
- Pre-loved uniform sale in Summer Term
- Financial support is available – details in Summer Term





Equipment

Equipment checks every morning in Form Time:

- Bag
- Black pen x2
- Pencil
- Green pen
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor and a pair of compasses
- Highlighters
- Glue stick
- Rubber
- Scissors



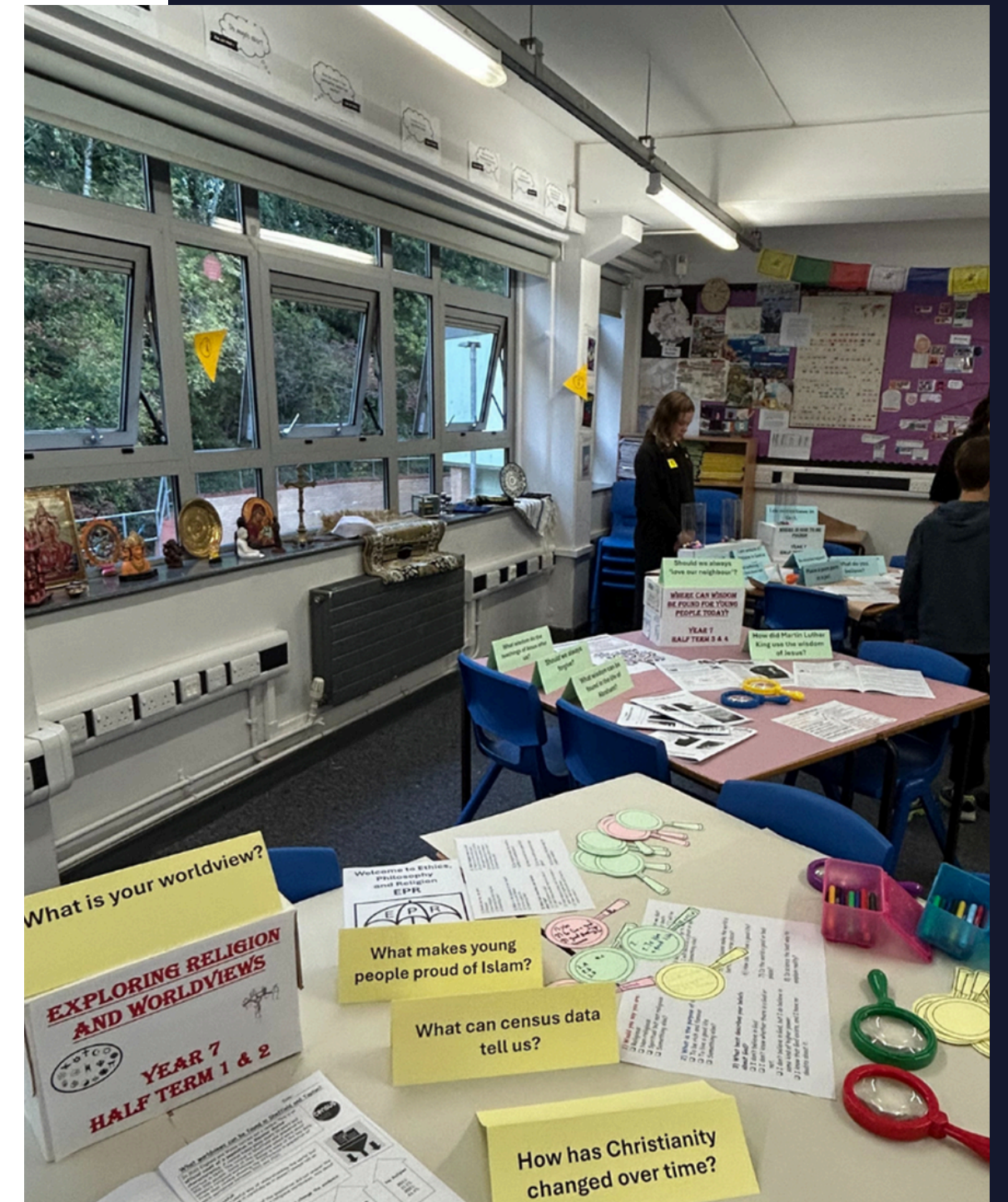
Parent Pay

- All payment for food, trips, non-uniform days is on Parent Pay
- Quick and easy way to pay
- Cashless catering system
- Top up account from home
- Auto top-up feature recommended
- FSM uploaded automatically onto account
- Biometrics completed on Transition Days
- Hardship Fund – information in New Starter Pack



Applicaa – Collecting Data

- Platform to collect your child's information
- Email to families this week with a link to Applicaa
- Let us know if anything changes
- Updates and New Starter Pack with key information will be available on Applicaa



**How much of their waking time
(during adolescence) do you
think children spend in school?**

22%

How To Grow a Grown Up

Prepare Your Teen
for the Real World

Dr Dominique Thompson
& Fabienne Vailes

The Role of the Family

- Supporting with preparation for the day ahead
- Practising the journey
- Organising equipment
- Checking timetable
- Sorting packed lunch
- Preparing uniform
- Trusting school staff – education, praise, sanctions and support
- Making time to talk about transition, school and friends
- Supporting with homework
- Monitoring social media and mobile phone use
- Promoting healthy sleeping habits



Mobile Phone Policy

- New Government guidance on mobile phones
- Government social media consultation
- Smartphone Free Childhood community
- Strict policy on mobile phones
- Mobile phones are not allowed anywhere on the school site
- If seen, they are confiscated
- If your child has a phone, it must be switched off and at the bottom of their bag at all times
- Set clear boundaries at home for social media and mobile phone use
- Risks of social media and large WhatsApp groups



Praise and Reward are at the heart of Tapton

- Merit Stickers
- Praise Postcards
- Weekly Year Team Praise Events
- SLT Pastries and Postcards
- Friday Awards
- Celebration Assemblies
- Weekly Year Team Celebration Boards
- Social Media
- Tapton Tribune
- 315,000 merits awarded since September





Keeping in Touch

During Transition:

- Email: transition@taptonschool.co.uk
- Letters
- Social Media

From September:

- ClassCharts
- Tapton Tribune - emailed out every fortnight and on website
- Website
- Social Media



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