

# Tapton SCHOOL

Year 13 Information

2025/26

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## **Sixth Form Team**

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## **Form Tutors**

The most immediate and important link for students and parents is the personal form tutor. These teachers will oversee and guide students throughout their time with us.

R Criticos (C Law - Thurs)	13CR
C Williams	13CW
H Newill	13HN
B Walker	13BW
G Driver	13GD
A Kennedy	13KN
J Haigh (C Wadsworth - Tues & Fri)	13GH
S Wilson (R Gerrard - Mon & Tues)	13WL
L Ward (G Conroy – Fri)	13WA
T Priest	13TP

## **Subject Leaders**

Should you have questions about the teaching and learning in specific courses, the Subject Leaders (listed below) is the person most able to answer questions and advise students and parents. Please contact them through the Main Office on 2671414.

Art and Design	Ms K Pilarek	Biology	Dr A Naylor
Business Studies	Mr C Mehat	Chemistry	Miss J Rigby
Computer Science	Mrs S Thomas	Design and Technology	Mr J Fulson
Economics	Mr C Mehat	English	Mrs C Law
Film Studies	Mr R Criticos	French	Mrs K Wood
Geography	Mr A Kennedy	German	Mr G Driver
Gov & Politics	Mr A Boutle	History	Mr A McAuley
Mathematics	Mrs A Jenkins	Music	Mrs G Threlfall
Physics	Mr J O'Neill	Psychology	Miss B Walker
RE	Mrs K Molyneux	Food & Nutrition	Mrs T Stafford
Sport and P E	Mrs R Becks	Sociology	Miss B Walker
Spanish	Ms J Askew	Theatre Studies	Mrs R Gerrard

<b>KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>	
<b>PLEASE ALSO REFER TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRIES</b>	
22 Sept 25	UCAS Application Internal Deadline for Early Applicants
24 Sept 25	<b>Y13 Progress Evening and Y13 Tracking 4.30-7.10pm</b>
15 Oct 25	UCAS Early Applicant external deadline 6pm
3 November 25	UCAS Application Internal Deadline for January Applications
W/B 15 Dec 25	Charity Week
14 Jan 26	External UCAS deadline 6pm
21 Jan 26	Y13 Trial Exams
25 Feb 26	Y13 Tracking
16 Mar 26	Assessment Week
8 May 26	Y13 study leave commences
25 June 26	Leaving Party
13 Aug 26	A Level results

### Attendance

- We cannot authorise any holidays during term time.
- Full attendance at registration and all lessons is compulsory.

However, if you are unable to attend:

- To report absence, please call 2671414 (option 2) and leave a message. Alternatively, text 07860054089 or email [lridal@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:lridal@taptonschool.co.uk)
- Where a student has a planned absence please e mail [lridal@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:lridal@taptonschool.co.uk) two days in advance.

**If a student is unwell during the school day they must inform a member of Sixth Form staff and sign out in the Sixth Form office. We will call parents/carers to advise them that the student is leaving school.**

Valid reasons for absence from school include:

- Medical appointments
- University Open Days
- University interviews
- Work experience placements
- Driving tests (students must not take driving lessons during the school day)
- Religious festivals
- Participation in a sporting or musical event
- Family commitment, funerals etc.

Where possible, students should arrange appointments outside of the school hours. Students should also avoid missing lots of lessons from the same subject. For example, attending a University Open day on three consecutive Wednesdays should be avoided.

It is not acceptable for students to be absent from school for any of the following reasons:

- Driving lessons
- Paid work
- Job interviews
- Holidays
- Eye Tests

Sixth Form students will be issued with an electronic ID card that they must bring to school each day. This enables the school to know when they are on site, and it will electronically update their attendance record.

We will send a text if your young person has not attended form in a morning and we have not had notification of an absence. Texts will also be sent at the end of the day for any unauthorised absences that have occurred.

### **16-19 Bursary**

Students who are entitled to Free School Meals will also be entitled to financial support from the 16-19 Bursary. Please see Miss Deakin for more information.

### **Free School Meals**

Students can still receive Free School Meals whilst in Sixth Form. Similarly, if they become entitled during their time at Tapton please let us know so that we can ensure this is received.

### **Important Apps that we use as a school:**

**ClassCharts** – this is for parents and students and allows us to keep you updated with letters, information and announcements. You will also be able to view your young person's attendance, behaviour and homework.

**ParentPay** – as a cashless school we use ParentPay to allow parents to pay for equipment, trips and to update their young person's meal balance.

**Unifrog** – an online resource for Post-18 Destinations available to all students.