

10 reasons why you should choose Taverham High School



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High School
An 11-18 Academy

Inspire | Empower | Achieve



**Mr
Gareth Yassin**
Headteacher

Welcome to Taverham High School and Sixth Form Centre, a fantastic and successful 11-18 school that I am proud and privileged to be Headteacher of. Over recent years, our school has gone from strength to strength, with students achieving the best results in the school's history and taking up places at prestigious universities and post-18 providers, and in a range of exciting and diverse careers.

Ours is a school that prides itself on providing exceptional opportunities for the community we serve, helping to develop independent, well-informed, respectful and successful young people who will go on to contribute positively to the communities they choose to live in. We are an unapologetically ambitious school and we hope to have the support of all parents/carers and students in creating an environment where everyone can be the very best version of themselves. We understand that underpinning this are excellent relationships between staff, students and parents/carers. Good communication, trust and respect provide the basis on which we nurture and develop the unique gifts and talents of our young people.

Our aim is for your children to enjoy coming to school, to feel rewarded for their efforts and achievements, to feel challenged and supported everyday through engaging and inspiring tasks and activities, and to develop their social and communication skills by collaborating with their peers in productive and positive ways. We know those are ambitious aims, but we believe they are the very least that all children deserve from their education.

Our students are proud of our school, which is a happy, safe and enjoyable place to learn. We are fortunate to have first class school buildings providing the very best environment for learning. We also understand the importance of offering as wide a range of extra-curricular opportunities as possible to build confidence, team-building skills, a thirst for knowledge and a love of learning, but also to give students those memories of their school years that they will look back fondly on for the rest of their lives. Our students are our greatest advocates and our biggest assets; without their positive attitude the school would not be the same place. We are as proud of them as they are of their school.

While I hope this prospectus gives you some sense of the school and the opportunities we offer, to truly gain a feel for our school, I would warmly invite you to visit us, by either calling 01603 860505 or emailing office@taverhamhigh.org to make an appointment. My team and I would be delighted to meet with you and happy to show you our school and answer any of your questions. We look forward to welcoming you soon.



**Mrs
Susan Byles**
Chair of Trustees

The role of the Board of Trustees is to ensure that Taverham High School provides a high quality of education for all students. We do this by working collaboratively with our Headteacher, the Senior Leadership Team, parents/carers and students. Together we aim to provide a learning environment which is safe and supportive whilst also being engaging and challenging. In this way, we promote the high standards which allow students to excel both academically and grow in character during their time at the school.

We are committed to offering students the opportunity to access a broad and balanced curriculum which is relevant to the modern world. The dedicated and specialist staff at Taverham High School work hard to ensure students can achieve their full potential academically and personally. Students gain the knowledge and skills they need to make rapid progress at each key stage whilst also developing their personal, creative and social skills. A carefully constructed personal development programme allows students to experience a rich diet of enrichment and extra-curricular activities, thus enabling students to develop their understanding of, and contribute to, wider society. Positive values are central to everything we do at Taverham High School, and we expect these to be modelled by both staff and students. The school takes pride in the values displayed by students as they go about their studies. Many visitors comment on the calm and orderly atmosphere within the school and how our students are mature, polite and courteous.

As trustees, we are committed to the education of students so they may realise their ambitions and rise to the challenges they will face during their academic journey and working life. We wish them well on this journey and their future endeavours.



1.

A Safe, Supportive and Nurturing Environment

We feel strongly that students will flourish and develop independence if they are encouraged and feel fully supported in all aspects of their school life.

We have an effective staff team that work tirelessly to guide students both academically and pastorally.

Our dedicated student support and SEND teams work closely with students requiring additional support and external agencies to ensure the best possible specialist advice and provision is available.

2.

Excellent Academic Standards

Taverham High students consistently achieve high standards of progress both at GCSE and A level.

The positive culture and celebrations of success are a very important and high profile element of our school. Award evenings and celebration assemblies congratulate students' efforts and application in all areas of school life, be it in the classroom, on the sports field, in drama, music, in leadership, or community service. The staff team at Taverham also understand that the smaller acknowledgements of successes whether it be through feedback, the recognition of progress or thanks, is vital in building student confidence, self-esteem and a love of learning.

We have an excellent track record of students gaining places at their chosen University or future pathways, underpinned by a wealth of educational trips, links with Universities and a comprehensive programme of guidance. For the last few years our students have been offered places to read at Oxford and Cambridge. In 2024, 67% of our students went on to study at University, with 65% of those students securing a place at either a Russell Group institution or at one of the top third universities. A further 12% of students were successful at securing an apprenticeship or employment in a wide range of diverse careers.



3.

High Quality Teaching from Specialists in their Field

We pride ourselves on the relationships we build between staff and students. These relationships enable our students to thrive academically.

We offer inspiring teaching and learning which has led to some outstanding results at GCSE and A-level. The staff plan lessons that bring the subjects to life and provide a solid understanding of the fundamentals of each area and an opportunity for further enrichment and intervention for those needing further guidance.

4.

A Wide Range of Provision and Subject Choice

We offer a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum. Our wide choice of subjects and class sizes allows each student to be ambitious in their studies.

The school has worked hard to maintain the rich curriculum incorporating the arts, sports, personal and social education, classics and a range of languages. This will allow students to experience all areas before they narrow their choices and embrace a depth of learning in their favourite areas.



5.

Inclusive Culture

Every learner is treated as a unique individual with a breadth of skills and attributes that are nurtured and developed.

We work hard to provide a personalised approach to all aspects of school life. We have a strong SEND team who ensure that every student receives the intervention and support to access the curriculum and wider extra curriculum provision but also achieve their potential and beyond.

6.

Outstanding Facilities & Study Spaces

Our single site allows all students to have access to a diverse range of excellent facilities including:

- The Library has a range of subject specific resources, including an online archive of journals and reviews.
- Several ICT suites and clusters.
- A wide range of sporting facilities.
- Recording Studio.
- Dedicated Sixth Form Centre.



7.

Opportunities to Lead & Contribute

Every student has the chance to contribute to the wider school community, and to our school values of Compassion, Opportunity, Resilience and Discovery.

At Taverham High School, we want to inspire students to be ambitious and to feel empowered; leadership opportunities contribute heavily towards this goal. We have a diverse range of student leadership opportunities at Taverham High School including: an active House Council, the Year 10 ELFs, Prefects, Heads of House, Key Stage 3 'Here 2 Help' students, Sports Leaders, Library Leaders and the Sixth Form Leadership Team. We are passionate about student voice and we actively encourage our students to look for opportunities to demonstrate our school values whilst we work collaboratively with them to achieve their goals.

8.

Enrichment & Extra Curricular Opportunities

Taverham High School students are renowned for their spirit, energy and enthusiasm.

With a wide range of opportunities for fun, challenge and experiences beyond the curriculum, our committed and enthusiastic staff help to enhance our students' learning. We are proud of our sense of community and students are encouraged to take responsibility, to consider others and work together as a team.

Opportunities include: sport, music, clubs and societies, Gold, Silver & Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, trips & visits, charity fundraising opportunities, links with Universities including Oxford & Cambridge, Nelson's Spirit, The Scholars Programme, guest speakers, Young Enterprise, as well as links with the business community.



9.

Community

We believe it is essential that learning extends beyond the classroom.

Taverham High School wants our students to take a lead role in the school community and to be seen as role models to other students and within the wider community. The sense of community is epitomised by RAGFEST; an annual fundraising week led by Sixth Form students. Each year students select a charitable cause and plan a programme of activities to raise money for that cause. Since starting RAGFEST we have raised in total over £40,000 for charitable causes.



10.

A Passion to Build Your Future

Our aim is to support students in making well-informed decisions by providing access to impartial, independent information and guidance on academic, vocational, and apprenticeship options.

We are committed to fostering high aspirations and preparing students for the competitive job market, ensuring they secure stimulating and rewarding careers. Students across all key stages benefit from a rich program of personal development and guidance, equipping them for their chosen pathways, ensuring they aspire to secure a suitable and ambitious future pathway.

How to apply

Taverham High School follows the Norfolk County Council Admissions Policy. Admission arrangements to the school do not discriminate against students for any reason.

Whilst most of our students come from our traditional catchment area of Taverham, Drayton, Thorpe Marriott and Ringland, we welcome applications from motivated students who live beyond these areas, who aspire to achieve in a successful school that has a caring and supportive ethos.

Due to increasing demand from other areas, we provide transport to bring students from the Queen's Hills area of Costessey and Longwater Lane. This is subject to a small charge.

If you have any particular questions relating to admissions to Taverham High School, please phone our school office on **01603 860505**.

A copy of our Prospectus can be found on our website www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk



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