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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: End of Year 7**

I would like to reach out with a few items to bring to your attention before the end of Year 7. Firstly, I am so incredibly proud of the year group. When I took over as Head of Year in February 2024, I knew this was the beginning of a fantastic journey together. Each and every student in the year group are a credit to Taverham High School and I feel so lucky that I get to have a working relationship with so many incredible young people. I have learned so much about these young people and I cannot wait to see them grow into wonderful members of society over the next six years.

I would also like to commend the year group and share and celebrate with you, that the overall attendance for Year 7 sits at an average of **93.4%**, which is the highest out of all the year groups! Each form has been setting attendance targets to reach before the end of the academic year, and as a result we have seen a significant increase which they should all be very proud of. There were celebrations during form time on **Monday 15 July 2024** for all students with **100% attendance** this Summer term.

Year 7 have gained a collective of **54,596 positives** this academic year with **Tutor Group 7E** sitting at the top of the leader board with **7,707**. Students have been working hard to collect their positives and wear their bronze and silver stars with pride. I am delighted to see Year 7's demonstrating our school's values so well. We have had many successes throughout the academic year and one of those to note is Ms Birkin's Year 7 girls football team who won the Norfolk County Cup final and those that came **fourth** overall in the athletics event. We have also supported the Taverham Junior School with their Sports Day as Sports Helpers creating a defining collaboration between the two schools. We are incredibly proud all these students attend Taverham High School and represent the PE department's drive for teamwork and perseverance.

I am thrilled that so many students are involved in the student leadership programme led by Mrs Gardiner. Students have taken on roles and responsibilities such as 'Form Leaders' and 'Here 2 Help' and are really becoming a part of the wider community. We are delighted that students are accessing extracurricular activities that range from homework club, school bake off, E-sports to a performance for the Shakespeare Festival.

Well done to all who have participated in many wonderful opportunities and supported each other along the way.



Healthy School

As we approach the end of the academic year and we look towards a fresh start in September 2024 as Year 8, I would like to take this opportunity to remind both students and parent/carers of the uniform expectations at Taverham High School. We wanted to give you advanced notice that staff will be checking uniform on the school gates from September 2024 and students in the incorrect uniform will be asked to return home to change into the correct uniform.

All students are required to follow the uniform expectations at Taverham High School. By ensuring the standards of uniform are upheld across the school we hope our students will develop pride in all they do, which will maximise their progress throughout their time at the school:

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

- **Trousers**

Should be plain black, tailored trousers. They may be slim fit, if this is a preference, but must not be leggings. They cannot be jeans, track suit bottoms, have studded pockets or be 'figure hugging'. Please be aware that some shops are pushing legging style trousers with pockets and classifying these as school trousers. They are not acceptable in our school.

- **Shoes**

Must be plain black and polishable. If you are not sure, please ask.

- **Ties**

Should be worn properly, with seven stripes visible and the knot reaching the collar. We appreciate that not everyone is used to wearing or tying ties, but you can follow tutorial videos such as this one: [How to tie a tie - Quick and Easy \(youtube.com\)](#) to help, or your child/ward's form tutor can help them.

Students must wear a colour tie that corresponds with their school house and form as shown below.

- **Shirts**

Regardless of style or length, must be tucked in at all times.

- **Piercings**

must be simple studs (*students wearing hoops, or any other type of piercing will be asked to remove them*). Additionally, all students must be able to take part in the full curriculum. This means that, for example, piercings must be removeable for PE lessons. Please therefore ensure that your child/ward only has piercings at times when there is sufficient healing time so they can be taken out for lessons. This is likely to be the start of the Summer holiday.

- **Hoodies**

These are not acceptable items of outerwear in our school. Please support us by ensuring your child/ward has an appropriate coat if they are cold. Do not let them come to school in a hoodie.

If, for whatever reason, your child/ward does not have the proper uniform, please ensure they have a signed note explaining why and when this will be corrected. Any exceptions will not be accepted for longer than one week.

### HOUSE COLOURS

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If your child/ward has a permanent exemption, it would be really helpful if this was accompanied by medical evidence. However, if this is not possible, please contact me in the first week of term to discuss this and your child/ward may be issued with an exception card which they should expect to politely produce each time they are questioned about their uniform. This applies to toilet cards as well, although these will all need medical evidence to support them.

### PE KIT

- **Trainers:** Ensure they offer suitable grip and support (Converse are not PE trainers)
- **PE Sweatshirt:** Navy embroidered with school logo
- **Polo Shirt:** Navy with Royal panel, embroidered with school logo
- **Shorts/Skorts:** Navy with Royal panel, embroidered with school logo
- **Leggings:** Navy embroidered with school logo or plain thick navy-blue leggings
- **Tracksuit bottoms:** Navy embroidered with school logo or plain navy blue
- **Socks:** Royal Blue

Should you be facing financial hardship and your child/ward is entitled to a free school meal, please contact Mrs Norris on: [k.norris@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:k.norris@taverhamhigh.org) to request assistance with the cost of the uniform. If your child/ward is not receiving free school meals, but you are concerned about any aspect of the uniform, please get in contact with me and I will support you with the matter. My email address is: [r.andrews@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:r.andrews@taverhamhigh.org)

Please note that in September 2024, we will require medical evidence for exemptions in uniform and Time Out Cards/SPACE Cards will only be approved if your child/ward's SEN Support Plan requires it as a supportive measure. We place high importance on personal organisation and getting the 'basics' right, so it is vital that students come to school every day with the right equipment 'ready to learn' each lesson. When students arrive to lessons without the correct equipment, there is a disruption to learning for the whole class. All students are expected to bring the right equipment:

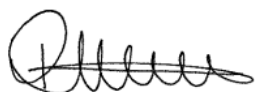
- **Pens** (black or blue to write with and green pens to mark with)
- **Pencils**
- **Ruler**
- **Rubber**
- **Scientific calculator**
- **Protractor** (angle measurer)
- **Pair of compasses**
- **Books for lessons that day**
- **Bottle of water** (optional)

It may be of interest for you to know that there is a Mental Health Fair for young people on the **29 August 2024 – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm**. This is being hosted by MAP at the Forum in Norwich.

May we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in ensuring that your child/ward is in the correct school uniform with correct equipment for September 2024 and for celebrating the end of an extraordinary Year 7.

I wish you all a very happy Summer holiday and I look forward to seeing the students on **Thursday 5 September 2024** for the start of Year 8.

Yours faithfully



Miss R Andrews  
Head of Year 7