

SCHOOL NEWS

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ISSUE 2 – 20/09/2024

DIARY DATES

- 20/9/24** -Year 10 Art Trip
- 20/9/24** -Year 7 Activities Fair (Form and period 5)
- 23/9/24** -Year 7 and Year 9 School Photographs
- 26/9/24** -Year 11 Geography Field Trip
- 26/9/24** -Year 12 Open Evening 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 02/10/24** -D of E Parent Information Evening
- 03/10/24** - Year 7 and Year 8 Parent Maths Workshop
- 10/10/24** - Year 6 Open Evening 6:30-8:30pm
- 18/10/24** - Year 11 GCSE Drama Practical
- 22/10/24-12/11/24** - Year 11 Mock GCSE Exam Period
- 25/10/24** - Half term Commences. (last day for students 24/10/24)

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

At the bottom of this newsletter you will find useful contacts and websites. Here is an overview of the support they can offer:

- **Young Minds:** Resources to help young people care for their mental health, empowers parents to support them.
- **NSPCC:** Support and tips to help you keep children safe.
- **Thinkuknow:** Helping you to better protect your children online
- **Children's society:** Advice pages offer help on a range of topics for young people.
- **Ownit:** Help, support and advice on how to be safe online.
- **Just one number Chathealth:** Secure NHS approved text messaging service.
- **Nelson's Journey:** Support children and young people following a bereavement.
- **MAP:** Ensure young people have the access to information, advice, counselling and support they need.
- **Kooth:** Access support from other young people and professionals.
- **Staying Safe:** Help keep people safer from thoughts of harm and suicide

HOUSE VOICE

At Taverham High School, we underpin everything we do with our house values. Each house has a value attached to it; this is a value that students should champion in inter-house competitions, fundraising and school life.



COMPASSION



OPPORTUNITY



RESILIENCE



DISCOVERY

This academic year, students will have the opportunity to take part in challenges and tasks to demonstrate each value. Look out for updates on this in the future!

SAFEGUARDING AT TAVERHAM HIGH SCHOOL

The School's Designated Safeguarding Leads - Ms R Ricketts, Mrs G Killington, Mrs A Reynolds, Mr S Blowers.

Emergency contact number: 0344 800 8021

NSPCC- Run Helpline for Victims of Sexual Abuse in Schools: 0800 136 663

Wellbeing and Mental Health Referral Form:

If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the 'students' page and can be accessed via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/jwPTkVYnYz>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Clubs

Information regarding our school clubs will be launched to parents/carers next week.

Social Media

We have launched our Taverham High School PE Instagram account. To keep up to date with all our exciting sport news please follow us here:

https://www.instagram.com/taverham_high_school_pe/

Sports Fixtures

All of our sports fixtures can be viewed on the school website under the Enrichment tab. Sports fixtures for the following week will be uploaded from Wednesday onwards each week for your information.

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

It was wonderful to meet so many Year 11 parents/carers earlier this week at the Year 11 Next Steps Evening. Thank you all for coming to hear about what to expect over the coming year and what we offer here at Taverham Sixth Form.

This week we also welcomed Year 12 parents and carers to the Sixth Form Centre for our Year 12 Welcome Evening. It was great to meet everyone and share some important information about how to succeed at Sixth Form as well as what to expect over the next two years.

Next week we have our Year 12 Open Evening which is a great opportunity to have a look at our Sixth Form offering, meet the teachers and hear from our student leaders. I am looking forward to meeting many of you there.

Lastly, we wish Finlay well this weekend as he competes in the English Schools Athletics Combined Events National Final. Good luck Finlay!

STUDENT VOICE

A big welcome to everyone at the beginning of what I hope to be another great year for the Taverham school community.

As your new Heads of School, myself, Chloe, and the rest of the team, have many exciting plans coming up for the next year. Keep an eye out for the Christmas Fair, Spring Concert and RAG week, which are set to be the best yet! Through these we aim to make the Sixth Form and main school feel like one community. In the coming weeks, we also have our Year 11 and Year 6 open evenings coming up and I look forward to seeing you then.

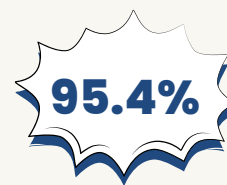
Harry S, Head of School
Sixth Form Leadership Team



ATTENDANCE

House attendance:

Mars 94.6%
Jupiter 96.5%
Neptune: 95.7%
Earth: 94.7%



Please remember to let us know if your child is going to be late due to a scheduled appointment, etc.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

The maths department warmly welcome a new member of the team – Mr Scoggins – and have very much enjoyed welcoming our new Year 7 students to Taverham High School. We have been very pleased with how the new students have settled in to our routines, arriving fully equipped with calculators and all the required equipment. The students were very positive about tackling their induction assessments, which will be used to double check that they are placed in an appropriate group to support them making the best possible progress and to enable their teachers to get to know them and to see where their strengths and knowledge gaps lie.

Year 7 have started out with some number work – looking at how place value affects calculations, working with negative numbers and using BIDMAS to ensure calculations are completed in the correct order.

Our year 8 and 9 students start in a similar area, continuing to build on this with our spiral curriculum that develops and extends knowledge and skills year on year.

Our year 10 students have made a good start to their Key Stage 4 studies and are demonstrating maturity tackling the start of their GCSE curriculum, while year 11 students have settled quickly to their work with mock exams to tackle only a few weeks from now.

It is exciting to see a cohort of A-level mathematicians begin their course in year 12 and we also welcome a group of students studying Core Maths again this year – a course that is studied alongside 3 A-levels and complements many of the A-Levels on offer here at Taverham.

Year 13 students have tackled an assessment to start their year off ensuring that they are supported in the most bespoke way possible for their final year at Taverham Sixth Form.

A letter is coming out to year 7 and 8 parents/carers about a Parent Maths Workshop, inviting parents/carers to come into the maths classroom and brush up on their maths skills, so we look forward to meeting many of you there.

Mr J Gerrard
Head of Faculty for Maths



AND FINALLY...

Please share my thanks and congratulations to your children for their brilliant return to school! Over the last few weeks, we have dedicated time at the start of each lesson to revisiting our expectations, and it has been noticeable around school how students have adopted these values.

Students are working hard at being on time, remembering their homework, speaking kindly and bringing the correct equipment to their lessons. These are life and employability skills, and it is important that our students become equipped with these skills to ensure they have the best possible chances moving forward in life. I am also grateful for the fantastic support we are receiving from parents and carers in the follow up when a student has not met with expectations. Your involvement and being able to speak with your child about how they can improve makes an enormous difference to their behaviours and attitudes to learning in school. If you do have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor or their Head of Year.

It has been another busy week at Taverham High School; Mrs Daniels and her team ran two art trips, and we held our first ever Year 7 Activities Fair today. This gave our Year 7s the chance to look at and sign up to all the extracurricular activities currently on offer- hopefully some new skills, hobbies and interests will come from this! On Tuesday, we held a very well attended Year 11 Next Steps Evening and on Thursday we welcomed parents of Year 7 students to meet their child's Form Tutor and Mrs Robertson held a Welcome Evening for our Year 12 parents/carers. It was lovely for staff to meet and speak with parents/carers at these events.

Following on from Mr Yassin's request last week for good news stories, it was fantastic to receive emails from you. Congratulations go to Toby in year 8, who is a dedicated swimmer and, in August, qualified for the Summer Nationals Meet competition in Sheffield swimming the 200-metre backstroke. He finished 8th place ranking him one of the fastest 12-year-old males in England and is now the fastest 12-year-old male in the East of England. He will be representing Norfolk at the Interlink Relay competition in October- we wish Toby the very best of luck and look forward to hearing more about his success in the future.



We would also like to acknowledge Sophia in Year 8's amazing act of kindness over the weekend. Sophia supported with a serious incident on Saturday, keeping the family members at the incident calm, offering words of reassurance and helping to ensure the gentleman was comfortable whilst receiving medical treatment. We are so proud of Sophia's selfless actions and feel lucky to have such a level-headed and reliable student at our school. If you have a success or achievement that you are happy for us to share in our newsletter, please let us know via celebrations@taverhamhigh.org.

I wish you and your families a lovely and restful weekend and hope the sun shines for us!

Ms R Ricketts
Deputy Headteacher



Useful Contacts and Websites

- Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk
- NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk
- Thinkuknow: www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- Children's society: www.childrenssociety.org.uk
- Ownit: www.bbc.com/ownit
- Just one number Chathealth: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/chathealth>
- Nelson's Journey: <https://nelsonsjourney.org.uk/>
- MAP: <https://www.map.uk.net/>
- Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/>
- Staying Safe: <https://staying-safe.net/home>
- Guide for parents and carers, coping with self-harm: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2015-12-01-new-guide-parents-who-are-coping-their-childs-self-harm-you-are-not-alone>