

SCHOOL NEWS



MARS – 6699 EARTH – 6616 NEPTUNE – 6769 JUPITER – 6874

ISSUE 3 – 27/09/2024

DIARY DATES

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)
04/11/24 – Term begins Week 1
05/11/24–11/11/24 – GCSE Maths and English Language Resit Exams
13/11/24 – Parent and Community Event
13/11/24–19/11/24 – Year 11 MFL Mock Oral Exams
15/11/24 – Non Uniform Day
27/11/24 – Year 8 Vaccinations
28/11/24 – Royal Air Force Visit Year 7 and 8

STUDENT VOICE

I'm Ebony and I'm Head of School. This means that I oversee the Prefects and school houses as well as promoting the school values. I hope to succeed in making the school a place where students feel like their voices and opinions are heard.

I'm Davashree and I am one of your Heads of school. As a Head of school, I help lead and meet with our Prefect team and help organise events. Then, Ebony and I take any ideas to Student Leadership staff such as Miss Gardiner or Miss Ricketts. I hope to be able to assist in making positive changes around the school, so our time here can be even more enjoyable.

ATTENDANCE

House attendance:

Mars 93.9%
Jupiter 95.7%
Neptune: 95.2%
Earth: 94.6%

94.8%

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Clubs

Please see our website for the latest information on our school clubs –

<https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/enrichment/school-clubs/>

Make sure you check the website link regularly as new clubs could be added at any time. We strongly encourage students to take part in as many extra-curricular clubs as possible as this is a great way to boost well-being by keeping active, connecting with others and learning new skills. We hope to see as many students there as possible!

PE Department Activities

The PE department are so impressed with the numbers coming down to Fitness Friday. We had over 100 students in the first week and that rose to over 120 last week alongside a good number of Taverham staff members looking to head into the weekend with a positive mindset. We are currently offering the Couch to 5K programme, a weekly 5km run, circuit training, Badminton, Pickleball and Cheerleading. New members are always welcome so students and staff can join us any time!!

Keep up to date with all our exciting sport news by following us on Instagram @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.

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>

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Art and Photography Trips

Year 10 Art students visited the Sainsbury Centre last Friday. It was a fantastic day where students experienced VR exhibitions and explored the work of renowned British artist Henry Moore.

Photography 6th Formers took part in a day workshop with Canon at Norwich University of the Arts, where they learnt new techniques with state of the art equipment. They worked with leading cinematographer Elisa Innacone considering global and economic concepts and how photography can question and challenge ideas.

Year 7 Settling in Evening

We had a super turn out for last week's Settling In Evening. Parents/carers of the new Year 7's were given a chance to meet their child/ward's Form Tutor, find out about the start of the school year and have any queries answered. There was also the chance to meet the Head of Year, Mrs Gardiner and the SENCo, Mrs Dixon. We had lots of lovely feedback about how well the students had settled into life at high school which was pleasing to hear. We are putting together a summary sheet of all the apps and websites that students and parents/carers can access during Year 7. This will appear on the school website very soon along with the presentation given by the Form Tutors that night.

Mr S Derrick
Transition Lead

Activities Fair

Last Friday, Year 7 attended our first ever Activities Fair! This was an opportunity for Year 7 to see what clubs and activities are on offer – there were over 20 stalls, all managed by Y8-12 students with enthusiasm and confidence. We had a range of clubs represented including Rugby, Debate, Cooking, Pride, Singing, Page Turners and more! Year 7 were tasked with visiting at least 9 stalls, so they could enter a House raffle and win an amazing 50 bonus points for their house.

The house with the most stalls visited was... EARTH! Now we can't wait to see which house attends the most clubs before October half term to gain a further 50 house points!

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

This week we held our annual Sixth Form Open Evening. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our facilities and the wide range of subjects we have on offer. Thank you to everyone that came for this event, it was lovely to speak to many of you and find out what courses you are thinking of taking next year. Earlier this week, our Sixth Form Student Leaders held an information afternoon for Year 12 students, giving them an opportunity to ask any questions and meet the Year 13 subject leaders for their course. A huge thank you to our Student Leadership team as well as all the students that represented our Sixth Form this week. They have all demonstrated our core values of compassion and opportunity, we really value their continued efforts. Finally, this week we launched our new Instagram account, so to find out more about what we do and our news follow us @taverham_sixth_form

Mrs L Robertson.
Head of Sixth Form

STUDENT VOICE

Another week at Sixth Form, another string of exciting commitments! As one of the Deputy Heads of School, my role is mainly focused on supporting our Heads of School and organising events. This term I've mostly been keeping busy organising our Year 12 Student Panel, which we ran on Monday. I know the Year 13 subject leaders thoroughly enjoyed demolishing the food provided, so I hope it was useful for our Year 12 attendees too. This week, Heads and Deputies of School have also taken part in the lower school House Council meeting, and it was great to see so many students getting involved and having their voices heard. The Leadership Team has plenty of ideas brewing for the rest of this term, and we can't wait to share them with you.

Lily G, Deputy Head of School
Sixth Form Leadership Team



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

The beginning of the new academic year in the Science Faculty has been an exciting one and we are thrilled to welcome Mrs Merryweather as a new Science teacher and Physics specialist. Mrs Merryweather joins us with a wealth of experience and replaces the long serving Mr Tutt, who I know you will join me in wishing him all the best for his retirement. 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. Our new Year 7s have been getting familiar with the laboratories, working safely with all of the equipment they will need to use in high school. Many have been excited to light the Bunsen burners for the first time, something most people remember fondly from their own school days.

Year 8 and 9 have returned with positive attitudes and are continuing the curriculum of scientific discoveries, with Year 8 focusing on Chemistry, with the unit elements and compounds, Year 9 have started with Biology and Genetics. We have been impressed by the excellent attitudes both years 10 and 11 have shown towards their learning as they continue to study towards their 2 or 3 Science GCSEs. We are also delighted to welcome excellent numbers onto our A-level courses and Key Stage 5 have had their usual excellent start.

A reminder to all students that you will all be invited to a Science Team, which will have a wealth of resources for independent study and materials to help you excel in Science.

I will be sending letters out in the coming weeks with opportunities to purchase reduced cost revision guides for Key Stage 4 students and textbooks for Key Stage 5. Please look out for these if that is something that interests you.

Mr M Hart
Head of Faculty for Science



AND FINALLY...

We've had another busy week at school (and out of school!) with trips and visits galore! I've included a sample of photos in this newsletter to give you taste of both the Year 10 and Year 12 art trips that students have enjoyed, as well as the Greenpower electric car day on Sunday held at the Lotus racetrack in Hethel. It was great that we were able to extend the curriculum by visiting the Sainsbury centre – how lucky we are to have such a resource so close to our school. Similarly, to be able to spend a day in the company of schools from as far afield as Norway and Portugal competing at the recognised centre of excellence of Lotus was such a treat.



Thursday evening's Year 12 Open Evening was really well attended, great to see so many parents/carers from both Taverham and neighbouring schools considering our fantastic and successful Sixth Form centre as a destination for next academic year. We know we're not the best destination for all students, but we are for those who want to study traditional A-levels in small groups with expert and successful teachers. We expect a large number of applications for 2025/26 so if your child is intending to study with us next year, please do encourage them to apply early and don't hesitate to get in touch with us to find out more about what our sixth form centre can offer your child.

Finally, I wanted to make you aware of a fantastic opportunity that several of our year 8s engaged with at the end of the summer term, in July. Our students entered a competition to place an item into a time capsule to be sealed into the walls of Norwich Castle, as part of their multi-million pound redevelopment project. The competition, judged by members of the castle's redevelopment team, asked for items to be no bigger than the size of an egg and to best represent "life in Norwich in 2024". The items also had to be made of a material that would last a long time for future generations to get a glimpse into their past. Our students came up with some excellent ideas, such as technology, precious stones and charity. However, the winning entry was provided by Henry S who impressed the judges with his creation of a bracelet that represented a popular trend from this time period, and in the colours made famous by Norwich City Football Club. His item will join other contributions from different people of different ages across Norwich and be sealed into the very walls of Norwich Castle. Who knows what future generations will think – but well done to Henry for leaving his mark on history!



I hope you have a fantastic weekend. Thank you as ever for your support.

Mr G Yassin
Headteacher

Useful Contacts and Websites

- **Young Minds:** Resources to help young people care for their mental health, empowers parents to support them: www.youngminds.org.uk
- **NSPCC:** Support and tips to help you keep children safe: www.nspcc.org.uk
- **Thinkuknow:** Helping you to better protect your children online: www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- **Children's society:** Advice pages offer help on a range of topics for young people. www.childrenssociety.org.uk
- **Ownit:** Help, support and advice on how to be safe online.: www.bbc.com/ownit
- **Just one number Chathealth:** Secure NHS approved text messaging service.: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/chathealth>
- **Nelson's Journey:** Support children and young people following a bereavement.: <https://nelsonsjourney.org.uk/>
- **MAP:** Ensure young people have the access to information, advice, counselling and support they need.: <https://www.map.uk.net/>
- **Kooth:** Access support from other young people and professionals.: <https://www.kooth.com/>
- **Staying Safe:** Help keep people safer from thoughts of harm and suicide: <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-childrens-self-harm-you-are-not-alone>