

# SCHOOL NEWS



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ISSUE 10 - 22/11/2024

## DIARY DATES

**27/11/24** - Year 8 Vaccinations  
**28/11/24** - Royal Air Force Visit Year 7 and 8  
**02/12/24-04/12/24** - Year 11 Art Mock Exam  
**04/12/24-06/12/24** - Year 13 Art Mock Exam  
**05/12/24** - Taverham Academy Awards Evening  
**10/12/24-11/12/24** - Christmas Lunches  
**12/12/24** - Year 11 Parents' Evening (Online)  
**16/12/24** - Tracking Point 1 published to parents via MCAS  
**18/12/24** - THS Christmas Fair  
**20/12/24** - Last Day of term - Students finish 1:10pm  
**21/12/24-06/01/25** - Christmas Holidays  
**07/01/25** - Term Begins (Week 2)  
**16/01/25** - Year 9 Parents' Evening (online)  
**20/01/25-24/01/25** - Year 13 Mock exams  
**22/01/25** - Year 11 Poetry Live trip  
**22/01/25** - Parent and Community Event  
**23/01/25** - Year 10 Trip to Macbeth  
**28/01/25** - Year 11 visiting speaker: Action Jackson  
**28/01/25** - Year 9 Options Evening

## 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:

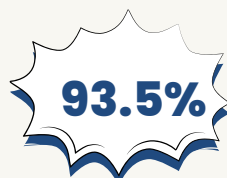
If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the 'students' page and can be accessed via this link:

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

## ATTENDANCE

### House attendance:

Mars 92.8%  
Jupiter 94.1%  
Neptune: 94.4%  
Earth: 93.2%



If your child has an appointment during school time, please call 01603 860505 or email [office@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:office@taverhamhigh.org) with the name of the student, date and time of the appointment. Students will make their own way to reception to sign out to be collected by parents/carers.

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

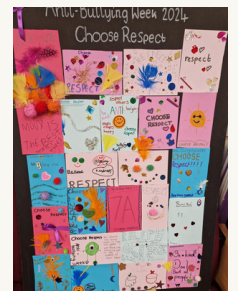
This year's theme from the Anti Bullying Alliance is Choose Respect!

Our Elf Team have been involved by running a competition in their year 7 forms to create a logo or a poster around this theme. Below is the winning poster created by 7A. Congratulations to the form group and to Daisy, Laurent & Sofia who are the Elf Team members.

More members of the Elf Team have also supported Mrs Killington from Student Support to run an assembly all about Respect. Grace C, Jamie, Mia, Laurent, Daisy, Isla, Lexi & Maisie all spoke out loud or took part, a difficult thing to do in front of 220 students.

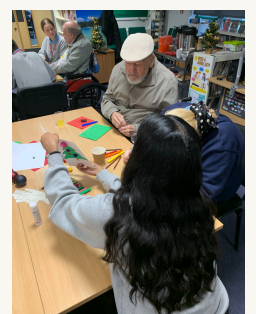
During Anti Bullying week activities were run in the Library at lunchtime to promote what the Elf Team and the Alliance stand for. Students made purple lapel badges, got involved with activities and made respect keyrings. The Student Support Team would like to thank the Elf members for their hard work this week.

Mrs G Killington  
Student Support Officer



## EVENTS

Christmas came early on Tuesday for our first community coffee morning of the year! We were joined by members of our local community including residents from Two Acres Care Home and Badgers Wood Care Home for tea, cake and Christmas crafts - thank you to all those who attended and we can't wait for the next event in the Spring.



## SIXTH FORM

### NEWS

This week a group of Year 12 students took part in a Higher Aspirations Scheme visit to the University of Suffolk for their Social Sciences Taster Day. The students were able to experience taster sessions in a variety of social science subjects ranging from psychology to law. Thank you to Miss Crossley for facilitating this visit.

Our Student Leadership Team are already thinking ahead to RAG week and sixth form students have been voting for their chosen charity. The poll closes on Sunday so please make sure your child/ward gets their votes in before then!

Whilst sixth form application interviews are still in full flow, I have also been busy visiting Year 11 forms over the past few weeks delivering acceptance letters. It has been great to see so many of these being returned and accepted. Keep an eye on your emails over the next few weeks as we have some exciting enrichment opportunities coming up across a range of subjects and Year 11 applicants for these subjects will be invited to attend as well.

Finally, thank you to the Sixth Form students for allowing me to join their badminton game on Thursday during the Active Sixth Form session, you certainly put me through my paces! I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson  
Head of Sixth Form



### STUDENT VOICE

Hello, I hope everyone has been settling into this cold weather. Coming up from the Sixth Form Leadership Team is our highly anticipated Sixth Form Social! On Monday 2nd December 3-4pm, we are going to have a sports social in the sports hall where all of sixth form is welcomed and encouraged to come along with the chance to win some prizes.

We are also getting closer to deciding our RAG Week charity and we have our final decider poll closing on Sunday, sixth formers - please make sure you have your say. As a sixth form team we are looking forward to this next season of fundraising ahead, where we as a community come together for a worthy cause; we will be keeping you updated! Thank you for all of your support so far, we are excited for what is to come.

Chloe C. Head of School  
Sixth Form Leadership Team



### LIBRARY NEWS

We invite parents/carers to visit the library and meet with our librarian to discuss reading support for your child! Whether your child is looking to build confidence in reading or discover books they'll love, our librarian is here to help. During this meeting, you can explore personalised book recommendations, strategies to support reading at home, and information about programs or resources that can make reading enjoyable and rewarding. Let's work together to inspire a lifelong love of reading and support your child's success! <https://forms.office.com/e/ykWD6gCxxN>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

The maths department have been busy supporting students with term 1 assessments, as well as mock exams for year 11 students.

Mock exams have taken place in the hall and students have been demonstrating that they are generally fully equipped and well prepared for the exams. Feedback for all assessments is in the form of skills checklists, which students stick inside the cover of their exercise book. This offers personalised feedback and allows individuals to review the topics they found more challenging using mymaths. We support students to use this feedback constructively and so to make the best possible progress as individual learners.

Outside the classroom students from year 7 and 8 have been enjoying Codebreaking Club, cracking codes using the Caesar Shift cipher, Pigpen cipher, Railfence cipher and more. Codebreaking club is open to all Key Stage 3 students and runs every Tuesday lunchtime - new members are always welcome.

We were also excited to welcome parents and carers to our second Parent Maths Workshop on Thursday this week - this time focusing on division. We were delighted to be able to welcome you into the classroom and to share our love of maths, as well as seeing students working so positively with their adults to solve mathematical problems together.

Mrs H Crane  
Head of Key Stage 3 Maths



### SPORTS NEWS

On the evening of Friday 15 November Oliver B in Year 9 attended the Norfolk Athletics Road Running awards and was presented with the Junior Boys first place for his results in the Sportlink sponsored Grand Prix 2024 series.

To gain first place for this award Oliver took part in the three 5k road races, at Wroxham, Coltishall and Dereham, in the spring and summer. This is the first year Oliver has moved up to 5k road races and he has gone from strength to strength, setting personal bests at each race, with his last race of the season, the Gazelle Big Stampede 5k, being completed in 18 minutes 3 seconds! Well Done Oliver!



### LOST PROPERTY

Lost property continues to accumulate, and unfortunately, many of the items are unnamed. To help us return belongings to their rightful owners, we kindly ask that all items of clothing and other possessions are labelled with names. At present, we have around 20 unnamed water bottles, 4 pairs of school shoes, several PE bags, and numerous coats. If you think your child/ward may have lost something, please contact reception with a description. Thank you for your cooperation.

## AND FINALLY...

It has been a week which genuinely reflects the four values we have at Taverham High School; Compassion, Opportunity, Resilience and Discovery.

Saturday saw our first park run of the year at Sloughbottom Park with over 25 students arriving for a chilly 9am start. Many of these students have been involved in Fitness Friday's Couch to 5K series and it was fantastic to watch them crossing the finish line and seeing the impact of their efforts since September. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents/carers who brought their children to the event and the members of staff who arranged and supported the event by giving up their Saturday lie in and running with our students.

Throughout the week Mrs Killington, Mrs Reynolds and the ELFs have been delivering assemblies to promote the Anti Bullying Week campaign and talking about how we can support and help one another. The ELFs and Student Support deliver a week of assemblies every year and each time I am in awe of our ELFs having the confidence and resilience to stand up in front of entire year groups to talk about something that they feel so passionately about.

On Tuesday Mrs Gardiner and some of her prefects organised a community coffee morning where we welcomed local care homes into school. Our students, who are dementia trained, spent a few hours making Christmas cards, serving refreshments and chatting with the residents. It was lovely to welcome Jo Herrieven from A Friend in Deed and the Reverend Seabrook from St Edmunds Church to the event and we hope they will join us again in the future. Next week our students will be visiting Two Acres Care Home to meet more of the residents and do further Christmas activities with them. The compassion, kindness and connections that our students have built with some of the residents is really something special. Please do keep an eye out for future community coffee mornings- all are welcome!

Wednesday saw Year 12s having the opportunity to visit and discover the University of Suffolk as part of a taster day. Thursday Mrs Killington and Mrs Reynolds took a group of Year 7 students to The Garage and next week we look forward to welcoming the Royal Air Force into School who will be delivering sessions to our Year 7 and Year 8 students.

As part of the Royal Legion Poppy Appeal we raised £101.76 and we raised a further £836 for Little Lifts following our non uniform day. Thank you for your support with both of these fundraising events.

As this half term marches on we are starting to plan events for next month. Please remember the deadline for ordering the school Christmas lunch is Tuesday 26th November. Students will need to pre-order their lunch via WisePay. Unfortunately, students cannot purchase a Christmas meal on the days of the meal. Please note a limited menu will be available at the snack shack on the days of the Christmas lunches, no other food will be available from the canteen.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual Christmas Fair on Thursday 18th December. We have over 35 stall holders attending as well as Churros and Chorizo for refreshments. The fair's a lovely event and we hope you will be able to join us for some festive spirit and last-minute Christmas purchases!

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Miss R Ricketts  
Deputy Headteacher



Expand your reading adventures! Students - Scan the QR code to download the eReader app and access your school's library anytime, anywhere! Students will receive training at school, but feel free to log on now!



### 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](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)
- **NSPCC:** Support and tips to help you keep children safe: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- **Thinkuknow:** Helping you to better protect your children online: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- **Children's society:** Advice pages offer help on a range of topics for young people. [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)
- **Ownit:** Help, support and advice on how to be safe online.: [www.bbc.com/ownit](http://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-childs-self-harm-you-are-not-alone>