

SCHOOL NEWS



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ISSUE 11 - 29/11/2024

DIARY DATES

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
30/01/25 - 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 92.7%
Jupiter 94.1%
Neptune: 93.9%
Earth: 93.2%

93.4%

If your child has an appointment during school time, please call 01603 860505 or email 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.

EVENTS

Visit to Two Acres

On Thursday this week, we took a group of Y10 and Y11 prefects to Two Acres Care Home to spread some early Christmas joy! We joined in with the online 'care home choir' led by local charity Friend in Deed, led a Christmas themed bingo game for the residents and then had quieter visits to deliver Christmas cards made by our KS3 students to the residents in their rooms. As ever, we had a great time and all thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Two Acres - we are already looking forward to our spring events.



Christmas Lunches

All the lunch orders are in! Due to numbers of tickets sold, the days will be split as such:

Tuesday 10th December - Years 9 -11 and Sixth Form

Wednesday 11th December - Years 7 and 8

BAE Systems Education Programme Roadshow

On Thursday 28 November we welcomed the BAE Systems Education Programme Roadshow, delivered on behalf of the sponsors, BAE Systems, the RAF, and the Royal Navy celebrating STEM across Britain.

Our Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an engaging theatre roadshow with the theme of the show being Electricity. This highly interactive show explored what electricity is and how we generate it. With multimedia and interactive demonstrations, students experienced how a simple circuit is created, explored the pros and cons of different energy sources, created an electrostatic charge with their Van de Graaff generator, and for the finale, a teacher was invited to use pedal power to turn the LED windmill with its colourful light display and animations. Well done for volunteering Mr Horrobin!



Student Christmas writing competition

We are pleased to be able to offer a fantastic opportunity for students to create a piece of writing with the theme of winter/Christmas. Please see the poster with all the details at the end of this newsletter. Students can keep an eye out for the poster around school, or speak to Mrs Higgins or Miss Harnden for more details.

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

This week our Year 12 students had an assembly with Ms Reding to launch the Zero Gravity mentoring platform. This is a fantastic scheme that provides students with a range of opportunities from mentoring, masterclasses, internships and scholarships through to personalised career opportunities. Students who participate in the program are five times more likely to be accepted into Oxbridge and two times more likely to be accepted at a Russell Group University. All students have received a follow up email from Zero Gravity and will be reminded in form time about this. Please also encourage your child/ward to access this scheme.

Meanwhile, our Music Technology students have been busy co-ordinating and recording this year's Christmas video. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to practice their sound engineering skills, work as part of a team and to see a different side to their teachers. Whilst we all look forward to watching the video, an awful lot of hard work goes into putting it all together so thank you to Mr Timbers, the music technology students and everyone who has been involved with the singing. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



STUDENT VOICE

With Christmas right around the corner, there are some exciting events planned. We have the Christmas Fair on the 18th of December which hosts music and some amazing local stores. As well as this, Awards Evening is next week. This is a great way to celebrate all our students' achievements and future aspirations.

Looking further ahead, we are delighted to announce that our RAG week charity has been selected and is Leeway. They are an amazing local charity, helping those who have experienced domestic abuse. The leadership team are really hoping we can show them our community spirit and raise a great sum of money for them this year.

Harry M, Head of School
Sixth Form Leadership Team



SPORTS NEWS

Don't forget to check upcoming fixtures and results on the school website. They can be found under the Enrichment tab then Sports Fixtures.



HOUSE VOICE

Early Rewards Lunch

After the success of our early rewards lunch last half term, we are running this again on Thursday 19th December for the house with the most house points accumulated this year so far. Students have been encouraged to attend as many clubs and extracurricular activities as possible, as there are 150 bonus house points available to the house with the highest club attendance this half term - already, we are amazed at the high levels of attendance at everything from homework club to fitness Friday to Esports. We look forward to celebrating on the last day of term with the winning house and a free cookie or cake!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

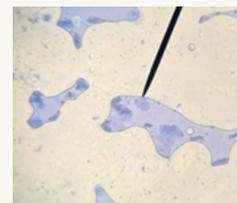
It has once again been my pleasure to head up the team at school supporting the charity Movember. A small, but enthusiastic group of teachers who grow moustaches during the month of November to support this charity with their efforts to raise funds and awareness of men's health issues. It's been my pleasure this week to deliver assembly to the whole school to raise awareness and help prevent men and boys dying too young of preventable causes. If you would like to support our team or learn more about what Movember do, please scan the QR code below.



All years have been busy in science with Year 11 recently completing their mocks, we look forward to supporting students who need it and celebrating with everyone's achievements. All years have been completing their tracking assessments which we will be reporting home very soon.

Some Year 9 students are representing the school in this year's Top-Class competition where they will battle against other local schools in a science quiz. We are incredibly proud that last year's team got to the grand final, at the University of East Anglia but narrowly missed out on the top prize. We wish Mr Large and his team of Year 9's the best of luck this year and we hope to replicate last year's performance or better it.

Year 7s have been busy studying biology and even looking at their own cells under the microscopes, an example of which you can see below.



Although it's some time away I wanted to give you an early reminder that during February half term Norwich Science Festival is on. With a range of events and activities for all ages, we strongly recommend this event which has a combination of paid and free activities and is well worth a visit.

Mr M Hart
Head of Science Faculty



AND FINALLY...

The weeks are flying by this term despite the dawn starts and moonlit drives home from school. It's been another very busy week in school with immunisations on Wednesday and a Year 7 and 8 interactive RAF presentation on Thursday. On Thursday Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Ross also took a group of students to the Two Acres care home to continue our intergenerational work. As always, our students represented us, themselves and their families so well, engaging in activities and conversations with the residents and even entertaining them with Christmas songs.

I met this week with Teddy Watson and Alexa Sale from the Swire Chinese Foundation who have been supporting us for a number of years with our Mandarin provision. It was their support that allowed some of our Year 9 students to visit China over the half term break in October, so it was lovely for them to hear first hand from the students the impact this visit has had on their understanding of the cultural differences between the UK and China as well as their general language development. The Great Wall of China seems to have been a real highlight of the trip even if the food wasn't always for everyone!

Please take a note of the key dates at the top of this newsletter. We have a busy few weeks ahead of us in the run up to Christmas, with assessment information coming out to families, the fantastic Christmas fair, Christmas lunches and various other events. In addition to these bits, two more pieces of festive news for you; firstly, from Tuesday 10th December (the first Christmas lunch day) students are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers to school. I need your support with this though please – these are only to be Christmas jumpers and only in place of the school jumper. They cannot be hoodies (whether festive or not!), blazers must still be worn and they must clearly be 'Christmassy', this is to allow students to enjoy the build up to Christmas not simply an excuse to flout the school uniform expectations. Please help us to manage this by ensuring your child/ward is appropriately dressed as they leave the house so we don't have to revert back to uniform and cancel Christmas for everyone!! Secondly, in the spirit of charity and community we warmly welcome all students to join staff in the gym on Thursday 12th December at 1pm to sing their hearts out to some Christmas carols. The only stipulations to join this are that students (and staff!) must be wearing a Christmas jumper/t-shirt and they must bring with them a contribution to the food bank that we are collecting for to help those less fortunate than ourselves. This could be a tin of biscuits, a packet of pasta, a tin of beans or anything else in date, with a long shelf life and non-alcoholic. If your child/ward is in receipt of a free school meal and would like to join the fun, please ask them to speak with Mrs Norris in the office and she will help them to be able to access the event. A strict warning though, there are no passengers allowed in this, everyone in the gym must be full of good spirit and singing for the world to hear – being in tune however is, thankfully, optional!

I want to thank local company P and R Upholstery who are moving from their location in Hellesdon to Sprowston for donating us reams and reams of fabric to support the DT department. We're hugely grateful for this and will ensure it is put to good use! On that note, a reminder that you can continue to support the school with some of our smaller 'luxuries', for example restyling the library, putting on an Art and Photography exhibition or increasing the range of rewards we can offer students by completing this form <https://forms.office.com/e/6RF2mREseM>.

Many thanks as ever for your ongoing support, have a lovely weekend.

Mr G Yassin
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
- **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>



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Carers Matter Norfolk

SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS & FAMILIES

Young Carers Literacy Wellbeing Group



Monday 2nd December



3:15pm to 4:15pm



Hellesdon Library, NR6 5QB



- For all young carers ages 8 to 11 (under 8s will need to be supervised by an adult over 18)
- Working in partnership with Norfolk Libraries, we are offering the opportunity to explore what your local library has to offer and a chance to become a member.
- Computers will be available to use.
- Wellbeing and support literature available along with a young carers reading list and books available to borrow.
- Support available from Rowena Cove (Young Carers Education and Community Worker)

No need to book but if you would like further information please contact

rowena.cove@benjaminfoundation.co.uk



Norfolk County Council



CHRISTMAS WRITING COMPETITION

CREATE A PIECE OF WRITING WITH THE THEME OF WINTER/
CHRISTMAS

ALL TYPES OF WRITING WELCOME E.G. SHORT STORIES,
DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPHS, POEMS, PLAYSRIPTS...

PRIZES FOR KS3 AND KS4

*Please hand in or email your entries to
Mrs Higgins or Miss Harnden by
Monday 16th December*