

SCHOOL NEWS

 Taverham High School
An 11-18 Academy
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DIARY DATES

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
20/01/25-24/01/25 - Year 13 Mock exams

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 92.5%
Jupiter 94%
Neptune: 93.9%
Earth: 93.2%

93.3%

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.

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

There has been a lot to celebrate this week across the school and Sixth Form. Firstly, it has been lovely to see so many university offers coming in for our Year 13 students. One of the highlights of my role is being able to share the joy and excitement it brings to students when they receive these offers.

We also had a group of Year 13 students who attended the Larking Gowen apprenticeship assessment day this week. The fact we had six students through to this stage is a testament to their hard work and commitment, so well done.

Year 13 Art students have also been busy working on their mock exam this week. Their focus and determination are truly commendable. Lastly, it was wonderful to share with many of you the success and achievement of our students at the Taverham Academy Awards evening. This was a chance to celebrate the students who embody our core values of Inspire, Empower and Achieve. Congratulations to all award winners! I wish you a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



STUDENT VOICE

Another busy week! Having voted for Leeway as our RAG Week charity this year, the Sixth Form Leadership Team are getting stuck in with planning some exciting fundraising events.

On Monday we also held our first Year 12 and 13 social where we enjoyed supervising (and joining in with) a range of sports after school. Don't worry if you missed this one, look out for more socials after the Christmas holidays. We also celebrated some amazing students from both main school and sixth form at our Awards Evening on Thursday - congratulations to those who were nominated!

Lastly, for those keen to get into the festive spirit, a reminder that our Christmas Fair takes place on Wednesday 18th December, perfect for any last-minute presents!

Lily G, Deputy Head of School
Sixth Form Leadership Team



EVENTS

Year 7 Play Friday 13th December 6:30pm

Ernie's Incredible Illucinations by Alan Ayckbourn

Don't miss this zany, family-friendly British comedy for all ages! Ernie Fraser is a dreamer with a difference. Ernie's fantasies have the habit of turning into reality! Concerned about his illucinations, Ernie's mum and dad bring him to the doctor... but what happens if the illucinations turn out to be real?!

Tickets available on WisePay for £2. Free for children under 7 years old.



Trip to The Garage, Norwich

Student Support are currently running a trip to The Garage in Norwich. This is a 4-week course for an hour a week with a focus on Drama, however this group is more about self-esteem, confidence and team building. We are taking 12, Year 7 Students. We are now halfway through the course, and it is amazing to see them working together on activities, watching their confidence grow and we are all getting to know each other. The group have really engaged with these sessions, and we are looking forward to the rest of these.



Community Christmas Craft Fair

Don't miss the Community Christmas Craft Fair at Taverham High School on Wednesday 18th December, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Featuring a Makers Market with over 50 local artisans, a pop-up tea shop, a charity tombola, and delicious food from Churros and Chorizo, there's something for everyone. With free parking and entry, it's the perfect festive outing for the whole family. Join us and support local talent while enjoying a magical evening!



Christmas Songs

Just a reminder that next Thursday lunchtime at 1pm in the gym we are inviting students to join staff in singing Christmas songs. This is not in any way a religious event, songs will be festive and fun rather than religious, we want everyone to feel they can be included regardless of their faith or beliefs. The cost of entry is something for our food bank appeal, a festive jumper or top, a big smile and a loud singing voice!!



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This is perfect for students from Y7,Y8 or Y9 who want to find out more about this interesting topic and get the chance to get have their questions answered by Professor Ramirez – for free!

If you want to join this event please sign up on the sheet outside F12 before the end of 9th December.



SPORTS NEWS

Macey P came first in the Norfolk Sportshall Athletics League Champions this weekend- City of Norwich AC "O" team alongside her team mates. Massive well done, Macey.



HOUSE VOICE

Early Rewards Lunch

Following the success of last term's rewards lunch, we're hosting another on Thursday, 19th December for the house with the most points this year so far. Students are encouraged to join clubs and activities, with 150 bonus points up for grabs for the house with the highest attendance.

Christmas House Competition

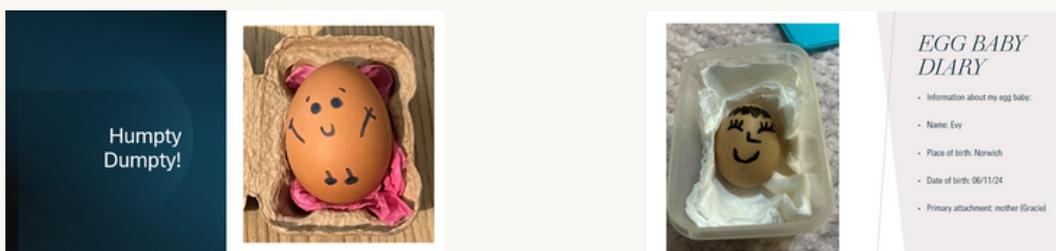
The Head and Deputy Head of Mars House have hidden 8 emblems around school for a Christmas-themed house competition! Students need to find them all, complete their sheet, and hand it in at reception for bonus house points and a shot at early lunch for their house!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

We've had a wonderful return following half term in Social Sciences with lots going on and lots to come!

In Business and Economics students in Year 10 have now started their second topic of Marketing and have all enjoyed watching the new John Lewis Christmas advert and how different it is compared to other years, a real step change in their advertising strategy. Year 11 Business students have been working hard following their mocks and we've really explored how to improve their exam skills by focusing on command words and essay structure. It's lovely to see so many of our Year 11's feeling they are making progress and seeing marks increase, well done! Our lovely 6th formers are working hard in both Business and Economics and all have access to FT.com for free as part of the FT free for schools. They're really enjoying understanding the recent budget and what it means for individuals and businesses, even if businesses aren't enjoying the budget as much!

In Health and Social Care Year 13 are preparing for the Equality and Diversity exam in January and Year 12 are moving onto the digestive system. Year 12 will also be attending a Life and Health Taster Day at the university of Suffolk in the new year. In Psychology, Year 12 students have been learning about attachment this half term. They have been applying the concepts from the lesson to their very own egg baby (pictures below)! Students are expected to look after their egg baby until the end of the topic to see if an attachment develops. Year 13 students have started their first optional topic for Paper 3 which is Schizophrenia looking at issues with diagnosis and classification of the disorder.



In Classics Year 8 have begun the Theseus myth which they are enjoying; they will get the opportunity to create their own mazes soon, so we are looking forward to seeing the results! Year 10, 11 and 13 are working enthusiastically on their exam courses. The exam groups have been given the opportunity to go to London in March to the British Museum, uptake has been very promising! In Politics Year 12 have finished looking at electoral systems in a year of more elections than any in history in 2024 where 3.7 billion voters have been able to take part in elections in 72 countries, not least here in the UK! We have now moved onto analysing factors that affect voting behaviour and have started looking at case studies of the UK General Elections in 1979, 1997 and 2010. Students are also continuing to improve their source analysis and essay questions, so well done to all.

In Sociology, Year 12 have been looking at Educational Policies over the last 80 years and evaluating their effectiveness. I'm sure many parents remember some of them! Students have been particularly interested in the 11+ and enjoyed having a go at it! They particularly also enjoyed their last topic on gender and subject choices. Some students even took surveys of all the A Level subjects at Taverham to see if the theory matched reality - a great bit of active Sociology! In Year 13 students are nearing the end of their Crime and Deviance unit and are reflecting on the effectiveness of crime prevention strategies. Many students were surprised by the reoffending rates and debated alternative methods of reducing crime in the UK. In Philosophy our Year 10s have just completed their first mock paper and have now moved onto unit 2 - Issues of Life and Death. Students have shown great maturity and respect surrounding some tricky and emotive topics within this unit. Year 11 have completed their mocks and we hope that they will help guide students on what areas they need to focus their revision on.

In Religious Studies, Year 7 students are nearing the end of The Island unit and will soon hopefully escape! They have had a wonderful settling into the school and have engaged really well with the different religious practices and beliefs. In Year 8 students have moved onto the Search for Truth and have enjoyed discussing what evidence means for different people and how we can potentially verify or falsify morality. In Year 9, students have now started their unit on the Holocaust and I have been most impressed by their maturity and empathy. In Year 10, core students are nearing the end of prejudice and discrimination. Students have most enjoyed understanding the many different forms. In Year 11 core students have been enjoying their debates and discussions around Medical Ethics, in particular the morality around cloning.

In Personal Development students have been really engaged across all year groups in their topics. Year 7 have looked at Media balance, Year 8 at Media Risks and how to be safe, Year 9 have very maturely been discussing mental health, Year 10 have looked at health and well-being and, lastly, Year 11 have been discussing safe relationships. A tricky topic that has been met with great maturity and students have been very empathetic and respectful of each other. In Child Development, students have been working hard on their coursework with task 1 submissions all completed and now students are moving onto task 2.

If your child is struggling with any subjects within Social Sciences and need time to catch up, please do encourage them to speak to their teacher and ask about attending the Wednesday lunchtime catch up sessions in F14. This is particularly useful for students completing coursework at GCSE and A Level.

Finally, a thank you to parents and carers for your support with homework as always!

Miss R Green
Head of the Social Sciences Faculty



AND FINALLY...

It only feels like a few weeks ago we were writing to you to welcome you back to the school year and now we are already in December. This week we held our Awards Evening which was a lovely event and so nice to see the parents and students in their finery. Our Year 11 and 13 Art students completed their mock exams and conducted themselves with maturity throughout; the quality of the work being produced within art is quite astounding. Year 11 parents please note that there is an online parents evening on the 12th December. Appointments can be booked through School cloud; if you are having any issues with making bookings please contact the school and we will support you with it.

Ensuring we deliver high quality lessons to our students is integral to our work and, as part of the quality assurance process, subject reviews are held through the Enrich Trust. This week the PE department were involved in a review where we got to showcase the strengths of the department, hear from students and look at schemes of learning. It was also a chance to work with external colleagues and to look at how we can continue to improve our provision within PE. We spend a lot of time telling our students about the importance of reflecting on their work and improving on it, so to have the opportunity for specialists to come in and support us with improving is something that we fully embrace and support.

As we approach the end of term we have a calendar full of events for the students. Next week we hold our festive Christmas lunches on the 10th December for Year 9-13 and on the 11th for Years 7 and 8. Just a quick reminder that, unfortunately, we will not be able to serve any other food from the canteen on those days but there will be a limited selection still available from the snack shack.

From the 10th December to the end of term students and staff can come into school wearing their Christmas jumpers, we will not be raising money for the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Appeal as we have only recently had a non uniform day and are conscious of asking parents to donate so soon after the last event.

On 11th December Ms Havunen will be taking some students to the German Christmas Market. I had the privilege of going on this trip a few years ago and am confident that they will have an amazing experience - fingers crossed they get the snow that we were promised but sadly missed last time. I would like to thank Ms Havunen and the other staff involved for taking the students to Aachen and giving up their personal time for the trip. These opportunities take a lot of planning and effort but we know that they will become lasting memories for those lucky students going.

The Heads of Houses are currently planning some House Competitions. Earth will be holding a Christmas quiz on 9th December and Mars are hiding their 'Where's Christmas Mars' logos around school for students to find. We will also be holding awards assemblies over the next few weeks, the attendance rewards event and finally the winning house for this half term will be getting their early lunch and treat on the 19th. And as a reminder the annual Taverham Christmas Fair will be held on the 18th December- an opportunity to get any last minute Christmas gifts or just soak in some Christmas cheer!

Finally, school will end at 1:10pm on the last day of term (20th December), taxis and buses have been arranged to collect students at the new time. Please do read the letter that was sent out last week about these arrangements.

I wish you all a relaxing and hopefully sunny 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
- **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-childs-self-harm-you-are-not-alone>

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Makers Market: 50 local makers

POP-UP tea shop
Charity Tombola
food from
Churros and Chorizo

free
parking

free
entry

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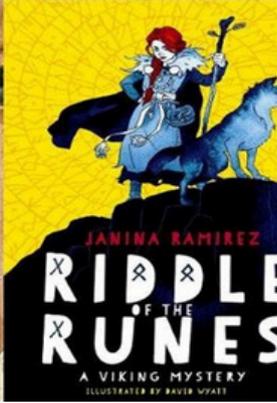
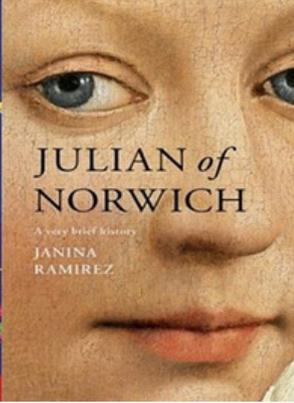
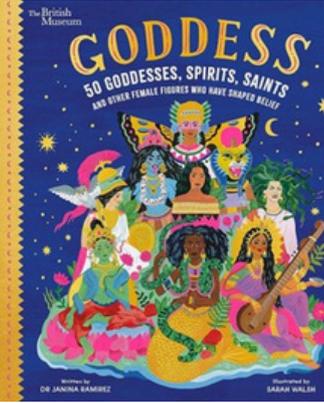
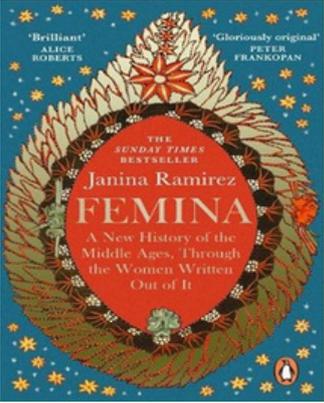
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Thanks, Mr Williams



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