

# SCHOOL NEWS



**MARS - 33242 EARTH - 32534 NEPTUNE - 32940 JUPITER - 33446**

ISSUE 16 - 17/01/2025

## DIARY DATES

**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  
**04/02/25-06/02/25** - Year 11 Hospitality Practical  
GCSE Exams  
**05/02/25** - Community Music and Movement Event  
10:20-11:20  
**06/02/25** - Year 11 Revision Evening  
**13/02/25** - Year 10 trip to Gonville and Caius  
Cambridge University  
**14/02/25** - Last day of term  
**15/02/25-23/02/25** - Half Term Holidays  
**24/02/25** - Term Begins (Week 2)  
**24/02/25-28/02/25** - Year 11 Mock Exam Week  
**27/02/25** - Year 9 Immunisations  
**27/02/25** - Music Event

## 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 92.1%  
Jupiter 93.9%  
Neptune: 93.9%  
Earth: 92.7%

**92.9%**

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.

## SPORTS NEWS

James L took part in the Sportshall Athletics County Championships on Saturday 11th January at the UEA. James competed in 4 events (Standing Triple Jump, 2 Lap, Standing Long Jump and 4 Lap race). James came first in all 4 of these events and has been crowned the under-15 boys Sportshall county champion for 2025! Fantastic work James.

## HOUSE VOICE

It's been an exciting (and busy!) week with our student leaders. We held our first House Council of the half term, and 2025 - at this meeting students discussed stalls for RAG week, this half term's house competitions and issues that had been raised by form groups. We have an exciting range of stalls in the mix for RAG week and students are excited to be working more closely with our Sixth Form student leaders who have been regularly attending lower school student leader meetings.

Today we hosted Jo from the charity Friend in Deed who came in to discuss the work the charity does to build bridges between the generations, our students also shared ideas with Jo about what we could do as a school to get involved and also help to build those bridges. We are looking forward to hosting our first 'collaboration' with Friend in Deed in February - see the information below in the events section and at the end of this newsletter.

On Friday 14th February, the house with the most house points (plus any bonus points that have been earned through interhouse and house competition or challenges) will be rewarded with an early lunch PLUS a free cookie!



## EVENTS

### Music for all ages

A free Music and Movement session for babies and children up to 4 years old at Taverham High School on Tuesday 11th February 10:30-11:30am. Book your place:

<https://www.friendindeed.org.uk/book-a-session>

# SIXTH FORM

## NEWS

Our Year 12 students kickstarted the week with their work experience launch assembly. Work experience is a fantastic opportunity for students to get a taste of a career they may be interested in whilst also developing important transferable skills. I have been impressed with the speed at which some students have already sourced placements; it is lovely to hear so many students talking animatedly about where they are hoping to go. The deadline for students to have their placement information added to Unifrog is Friday 14th March. For further information please refer to the letter sent out on Monday.

There has been a flurry of UCAS applications come in this week, please remember that the UCAS equal consideration deadline is 29th January so the last few applications must be submitted to me prior to this so they can be checked and sent off in time.

When walking around the school this week, it has been lovely to see our Sixth Form students so engaged with their learning. From Art students busy painting large portraits to Health and Social Care students conducting site inspections and Year 13 students studying hard in preparation for their mocks, the commitment and determination to succeed has been palpable. As a final note this week, we wish all our Year 13 students well as they embark on their mock exams next week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson  
Head of Sixth Form

## STUDENT VOICE

Hello and a happy new year from all of us in the Sixth Form Student Leadership team! As we come back from the holidays, Year 13 have been preparing for mocks, and we have been wanting to support this through our lovely Mental Wellbeing Leads who are available for you to talk to throughout breaktimes and lunchtimes.

We have also been preparing for RAG week which is taking place in the next couple of months, and we are excited to raise as much money as we can for Leeway. Also, we have been preparing for a new Sixth Form social in February after mock exams have finished - we will be keeping you updated. I hope that you have had a successful start to the year, and we cannot wait to see you at our exciting events that are coming up.

Chloe C, Head of School  
Sixth Form Leadership Team



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

2025 is an exciting year mathematically – as 2025 itself is a square number –  $45 \times 45$ . This is the first time this has happened since 1936 and it will not happen again until 2116! When you consider that 45 is the sum of 20 and 25 – that just adds to interest. 2025 is also the sum of the cubes of all the single digits, so  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3 + 5^3 + 6^3 + 7^3 + 8^3 + 9^3 = 2025$ . The maths department at Taverham High School can't help but enjoy some of these facts and love to share them with our students and of course with you, our wider school community!

Within the department, we are excited to announce that 2025 has seen the arrival of Pieces of Pi. Students will have slips with ten 'pieces of Pi' stuck into the back of their exercise books. They will be given a piece of pi in recognition of any small actions or efforts that are noted by their teachers during lessons, which they record on their slip. Perhaps they completed a task well, answered a question, asked for help, were supportive of another student. These are additional opportunities for recognition of the everyday positive actions that so many students demonstrate routinely. Students can collect their pieces of pi to gain extra house points.

At the end of last term we said a sad farewell to Dr Stangoe, who has been a longstanding member of the maths department here at Taverham but has decided it is time to celebrate her retirement. However, it was not quite goodbye, as she has stayed with us part time to support with the transition period. This has meant some changes to the timetable and we have been very proud of all students affected, who have adapted well to their new timetables, dealing with changes to staffing and rooming arrangements. We are grateful to parents and carers for their ongoing support.

Mrs H Crane  
Deputy Lead for Maths, responsible for Key Stage 3



## AND FINALLY...

As we have at the start of each half term, students have begun their first lesson in each subject revisiting our expectations. We do this regularly to reinforce our basic expectations of: one voice, books to be kept neat with dates and titles underlined and that we line up quietly for lessons where students will be 'meeted and greeted' by their teacher and dismissed row by row at the end of the lesson. Not only does this remind us all of how we are to conduct ourselves in lessons but it also promotes a consistent approach so that we are all clear and understand why we do these things. These expectations might seem quite basic but they have had a clear impact over the last few years on how our students settle in lessons, work and leave the classroom creating a much more positive and productive environment for all.

Following a slightly gentle 4-day week last week we are now back in full swing and it has been another week full of things. Thank you to the Year 9 parents who attended the Parents' evening on Thursday. I hope you were able to have productive conversations that have helped you and your child start to consider their options. As a reminder the Options Evening will be held in school on Thursday 30th January. A letter will be sent out next week about the event, along with the Year 9 Options booklet. We look forward to seeing you at the evening.

We welcomed Friend In Deed in to school today. They came in to speak to our students about the charity and why intergenerational events are so powerful and what they can do to get involved. Over the last year we have built some positive links with the local community and it will be exciting to see what ideas our students have come up with to work with the charity this year.

Assemblies this week have been on the power of the internet and social media, so it seems like a good opportunity to flag up the importance of us, as parents/carers, being proactive in checking our child's phones and devices, making sure that we know what content they are looking at and accessing, and that settings on devices are up to date. We have a range of useful resources on online safety and security on our school website: <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/parents/online-safety/>

Fitness Friday is up and running again with a new Couch to 5K started, it was lovely to see lots of students partaking and getting involved despite the chilly weather. Its not too late to join in with any of the Fitness Friday activities or any of the other clubs and societies that we offer. The school website lists the extensive extracurricular opportunities we are currently offering: <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/enrichment/school-clubs/>

Our Year 13s start their mock exams next week, I know many have been putting a lot of time into their revision and we wish them luck over the forthcoming week. The mocks are a chance for staff and students to review where their gaps in knowledge are so that targeted revision and intervention can take place. On the note of mock exams, just a reminder that Year 11 have their second set of mocks straight after the half term break so they too should be continuing with their revision. We will be holding a revision evening in a few weeks for parents/carers so that you have some further guidance on how to support your child with revision and possible strategies that they could try to use.

Next week there are also two English trips taking place. Some Year 11s will be attending Poetry Live where they will hear from a number of the poets within the Literature poetry anthology. A number of Year 10s will also be going to watch a performance of Macbeth at the playhouse next week, another set text students will be studying. Thank you Ms Hollis for arranging both of these events.

Finally, we do hope you will be able to attend the Parent/Carer and Community Event held at the school on Wednesday 22nd January which starts at 4:30. Prior to Covid we had a large parent/carers and community presence at these events and we are keen to build this up again as your voice and opinions are valued.

Wishing all our families and the Taverham community a lovely weekend.

Miss R Ricketts  
Deputy 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](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://stayingSAFE.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>



## PARENT/CARER COMMUNITY EVENT

# MENTAL WELLBEING FOCUS

**WHEN: 22ND JANUARY 16:30-18:00**

**WHERE: Taverham High School**

### *What is the event?*

- An opportunity to speak with key members of staff including those from the Student Support Team
- A chance to speak to professionals from a range of external support providers
- A chance to engage with school, ask questions and find support



**You can speak to those attending at your own leisure, there are no specific scheduled talks and refreshments will be provided.**

### **Attending:**

An opportunity to speak with key members of staff including those from the Student Support Team, Early Help, School and Communities, MAP, YAB and the local policing team.



# Music For All Ages



**FREE  
TO ATTEND**



**A free Music and Movement  
session for babies and children  
up to 4 years old**

## Where?

Taverham High School  
Beech Avenue,  
Taverham,  
Norwich.  
NR8 6HP

## When?

Tuesday 11th February  
10.30am - 11.30am



**Book your place:** [friendindeed.org.uk/book-a-session](https://friendindeed.org.uk/book-a-session)



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SUPPORTING PEOPLE BY MAKING CONNECTIONS



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