

SCHOOL NEWS



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DIARY DATES

20/01/25-24/01/25 - Year 13 Mock exams
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
03/03/25-07/03/25 - RAG Week
03/03/25 - Year 13 tracking data published
04/03/25 - Bake off for RAG week

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 93.8%
Neptune: 93.3%
Earth: 92.7%

92.9%

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.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Over the past week, students completing the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards have had their eDofE launch sessions. Students and parents/carers have received an information email with some pointers on using the system effectively. Support documents for students are also available in the DofE Award folder in Student Resources (on Teams) if they get stuck.

Please encourage your son or daughter to make a start on their sections as soon as possible.

Miss Reding
Duke of Edinburgh Manager



SPORTS NEWS

The following Year 8 students have some amazing sports achievements:

Jensen H qualified for the Anglian Schools Cross Country Competition.

Mia B, Isla B and Olivia W reached the Norfolk Cross Country Championships.

Kida G and Bethany H secured a place on the Junior Dance Crew for the Junior World Cup representing England.

PARENT/CARER COMMUNITY EVENT - MENTAL WELLBEING FOCUS

On Wednesday this week, we were delighted to welcome representatives from across Norwich and Norfolk involved in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

Attendees included The Matthew Project, Young Carers, Early Help, Family and Communities, Map and YAB, local police representatives and our own fantastic student support team. Thank you to the parents and carers of both current students and prospective students who attended, many bringing along their children to discuss support and meet the teams. Many meaningful conversations and connections were had bringing together services and families in a way that is incredibly valuable.

We are already looking forward to our next event... look out for news on this soon! These events are open to the whole family so please feel free to bring along any additional guests.

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

It has been Year 13 mock examination week here at Taverham Sixth Form. Our Year 13 students have been working exceptionally hard for these and despite being off timetable, many students have continued to use the study centre facilities in between exams to maximise their preparation. I am impressed with how Year 13 have approached these mock exams with such maturity and determination.

Next week we have two exciting enrichment activities running. On Monday our Year 12 Extended Project Qualification students, along with selected Year 11 Sixth Form applicants will be attending an online Oxbridge information session looking at how to successfully make an Oxbridge application. On Friday AVIVA are delivering a business and cyber security talk for A Level Business, Computer Science and Economics students. Year 11 students who have applied to study one of these subjects at Taverham Sixth Form have also been invited to attend this session. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form

STUDENT VOICE

I hope everyone had a very restful and peaceful Christmas break full of lots of food (and hopefully not too many arguments over Monopoly!) As I'm sure you all have heard, for this year's RAG week, we are going to be raising money for the charity Leeway. Even though RAG week is next half term, the Sixth Form Leadership team would love to hear the wonderful ideas and thoughts on what stalls students would want to possibly run when RAG week comes around. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

As well as this, we have our spring concert coming up on Thursday 27th February after school. The spring concert ran last year and was a great show of all Taverham's performing artists. So, if you can sing, play an instrument, dance or act, it is a wonderful place to show your talent off.

Harry S, Head of School
Sixth Form Leadership Team



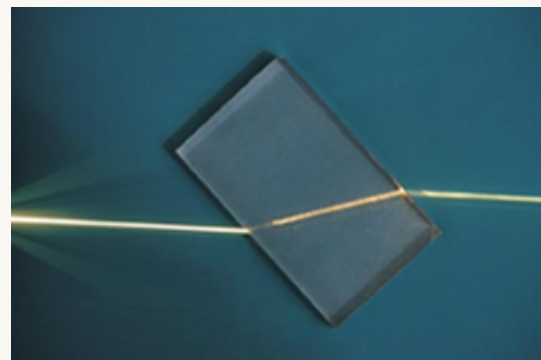
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

All years have been busy in science. Year 13 are in the process of completing their mocks. We are supporting students through these and look forward to celebrating students' mock results.

Some Year 8 students are representing the school in Faraday Challenge Day. They will be travelling to Dereham Neathered High School to compete against other schools in a STEM challenge organised by the Institute of Engineering and Technology. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the best of luck in their upcoming challenge.

I have recently written to parent/carers of Year 11 students about revision plans as we get closer to the summer exam series. Please encourage your child/ward to complete these valuable plans and make use of the drop in sessions to get support with their science.

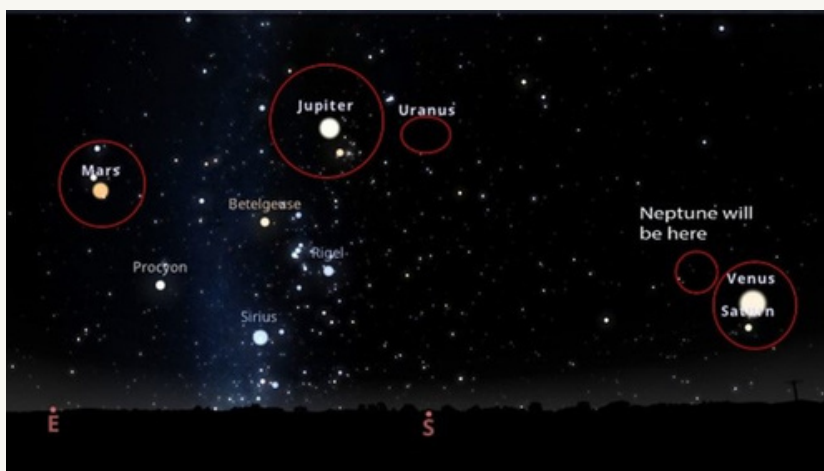
Our Year 7 students have been completing their first physics unit including investigating light, to the right is a picture of the experiment they have been completing for refraction.



During February half term Norwich Science Festival is running. 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. Further information can be found at <https://norwichsciencefestival.co.uk/>.

Finally, if there are clear skies over the weekend it is a fantastic time to look up, with several of the planets of the Solar System being visible to the naked eye. There are many free apps which will allow you to turn your camera phone to the sky and it will highlight the positions of each planet and constellation. A magical and inspiring sight for all the family.

Matthew Hart
Head of Science Faculty



AND FINALLY...

Unbelievably, particularly after the slog that was last term, today marks the halfway point of this half term, and it's been another busy and productive week.

Wednesday evening saw the second of our community events take place, this time focusing on mental health and wellbeing. We are so fortunate to be well supported by external providers and we are grateful that many of these turned up for this event to meet with parents/carers and support them in finding ways to support their children/wards. Parenting can be such a difficult and turbulent thing to navigate and there's no fool-proof guide or handbook, so I hope those parents/carers who attended on Wednesday evening went away feeling supported and with some new ideas to try out. My thanks to Mrs Gardiner for organising these events – it's no mean feat, and to colleagues who gave of their time to stay behind to meet with families.

Outside of school, students have been involved with lots of extracurricular events. We've had Year 10 and 11 students visiting the theatre to see Macbeth, a trip I was lucky enough to accompany. As ever, students represented us and themselves brilliantly and I hope the performance will support them in their studies of the text at GCSE. As well as coordinating this trip, Miss Hollis also arranged for a group of students to visit the Poetry Live event in Ipswich to help them with their poetry anthology GCSE preparations. Our Year 7 boys football squad have been out representing the school at the quarter finals of the Norfolk schools championship against Hethersett – thank you to Mr Derrick for taking them, and Mrs Birkin tells me that our under-13s girls fought hard against a very experienced team from Beauchamps School in Essex in the second round of the National Cup.

Even further afield, I had a visit from two Year 8 students this week, Bethany and Kida, who were keen to tell me that their dance school competition squad from the Avian Dance School in Norwich have qualified for the Dance World Cup in Burgos, Spain in July ([World Finals 2025 | Dance World Cup](#)). This is an unbelievable achievement and we're really proud of these two girls who have clearly worked hard with their team to get to this stage – we wish them luck for the competition in Spain, where they will be competing as a group of nine students against teams from all around the world. They are competing in the street dance part of the competition, which happens to be my specialty, so I'll pass on plenty of hints and tips over the next few months...



Well done to all of our Year 13s who sat their second round of mocks this week. Offers are starting to come in for apprenticeships and university degrees and this is a really exciting time of the year for this year group, I know Mrs Robertson loves hearing the latest news from students every morning!

A quick plea for you to remind your child/ward of the importance of being on time please – we've seen an increase in the number of students late to school and/or lesson and this needs nipping in the bud please. Students were great before Christmas, but a few have been a little sloppy with this over the last few weeks. And another reminder about hoop earrings, these simply are not allowed in Year 7s to 11 so please support with this by asking your children/wards to leave these at home.

Have a lovely weekend all.

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://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>



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