

# SCHOOL NEWS



**MARS - 38260 EARTH - 37095 NEPTUNE - 37726 JUPITER - 38417**

ISSUE 18 - 31/01/2025

## DIARY DATES

**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  
**05/03/25** - KS3 Disco for RAG week  
**06/03/25** - Quiz & Chips for RAG week  
**07/03/25** - Non Uniform 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%  
Jupiter 93.7%  
Neptune: 93.1%  
Earth: 92.7%

**92.8%**

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.

## STUDENT TRIBUTE

This month we held a memorial for a member of the current Year 9 cohort, Jasmin, who sadly passed away in January of last year.



Student Support worked alongside two lovely ladies from the Specialist Support Crisis team in the school library between periods 1-4. They were available to speak to students if they wanted to discuss any worries or memories they might have had about Jasmin or any other personal loss that may have come to their minds during the period of remembrance. Mindfulness colouring was offered to students to help them in quiet reflection, there was also an opportunity to write positive memories/messages that have been placed onto our Student Support Positivity Tree.

At 11am, the whole school observed a minute's silence to hold space to remember Jasmin. As Jasmin's favourite colour was purple, ribbons were available for students to wear to remember her as well as having the opportunity to wear their own purple item of clothing or accessory.

## HOUSE VOICE

This week, student leaders from across the school have been busy organising upcoming house competitions and events! Mars are organising a 'speed charades' event in the hall next Tuesday, followed by Earth House's 'Pictionary Live' on Friday the 7th in the hall - both events include students from across KS3 and offer an opportunity to gain more points for your house and edge that little bit closer to the early lunch on Friday 14th February!

In other news, our H2H team (made up of H2H students in Year 8 and H2H leads in Year 9) have been busy working on the campaigns to raise awareness for climate change and help keep the school clean, tidy and litter free! One group have organised for Year 7s to get involved in litter picking during form time with a competition between houses for who can collect the most litter - it has got incredibly competitive with winners to be announced next half term! Another amazing group, have organised boxes for form rooms to collect crisp packets and, again, reduce the amount of litter around school - well done all for your hard work and organisational skills.

Lastly, a HUGE thank you to our team of Year 10 and Year 11 prefects for their help with the Year 9 options evening - setting up our board and stall, greeting parents/carers and students, and talking to Year 9s about exciting opportunities in student leadership in KS4.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

It's been a busy start to the new year in Social Sciences and it's hard to believe we are coming to the end of only week 4!

In Religious Studies students have been exploring all new topics this term. In Year 7 students are discovering the great depths and contextual beliefs surrounding Buddhism. In Year 8 students have started their deep thought Philosophy unit on the Search for Truth. Many have had to think hard about what evidence really means in our society. In Year 9 students have been resilient and compassionate whilst studying the Holocaust. Many have insightful questions that have led to great wider class debate. It genuinely has been lovely for all the RS team to see the level of empathy and respect they are continuing to show in some very challenging lessons.

In Personal Development, Year 11 students have had talks from various local emergency service department members on "FATAL 4, it could happen to you". The session covered dangers faced by young driver and their passengers. Many students found the session useful and were really shocked by the statistics shared about Norfolk. Additionally, Years 7 to 10 found the information regarding E-Scooter Safety during form time interesting. In Year 9 students have been learning about sexual relationships, health and wellbeing. Despite it being a topic many may initially find difficult to discuss with their peers, they have done a brilliant job getting over any giggles or silliness to take a mature approach to some really challenging content such as consent and FGM. Additionally, Year 9 recently had the launch of Kooth in assembly <https://www.kooth.com/>.

In Psychology, Year 12 have just started their new unit of social influence focusing on conformity. They have covered the different types and explanations of why we conform. Year 13 have almost finished 'Schizophrenia'; they are currently looking at biological treatments and have been set the task of creating prescription packaging for a selected drug treatment!

Miss R Green  
Head of Social Sciences Faculty



## SIXTH FORM

### NEWS

On Monday, Sophie (our Fundraising and Events student leader) and I met with Leeway to discuss our plans for RAG week. It was great to have the opportunity to work directly with Leeway and share ideas to make this RAG week one to remember! RAG week is fast approaching on 3rd-7th March so we will begin publicising events in our RAG assemblies the week commencing 10th February.

Also on Monday, our EPQ students had an enrichment talk on Oxbridge applications. This opportunity was extended out to some of our Year 11 students so they could also benefit from this experience. On Friday there was a talk from Aviva about their cyber-security and business management opportunities. Again, sixth form applicants in year 11 for computing, business or economics were invited to attend. We had a fantastic uptake for this, and it was lovely to see our current sixth form students working with our future students to share the enrichment opportunities available to them. Thank you to Ms Reding for organising these. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson  
Head of Sixth Form



### STUDENT VOICE

Firstly, I would like to say a big well done to all Year 13s for getting through mock week - I am sure all our hard work has paid off! There has been lots of progress among the Leadership Team regarding Prom 2025, so be sure to look out for exciting updates about that. Also, RAG Week is creeping closer and there are lots and lots of fun new stalls and events to look forward to.

Good luck for these last two weeks of school until the half term, and I hope you all have a restful break!

Emily C, Committee Leader for Student Support  
Sixth Form Leadership Team

### SPORTS NEWS

A massive well done to the Year 7 and 8 boys football teams who both progressed through to the next round of their cup competitions!



## STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

A small number of selected Year 9 students visit Whitwell Station to undertake hands-on activities, which provides them with the chance to learn basic skills in areas that may not be on the curriculum.

The first task for last year's students was to draw cartoon animals, paint them and cut them out with a jigsaw. The students took their time and were rewarded with fantastic results. The animals have now been put up along the track by Whitwell Station staff for their little visitors to spot and have proved to be a very popular activity for them.



Happy the Dragon says  
"Come on a Train Ride to find me and all my animal friends"





## FUTURE PATHWAYS

This week, Year 11 students had the opportunity to attend an insightful presentation delivered by The Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge (ASK) programme. Designed to inspire and inform, the session provided students with a comprehensive overview of the diverse apprenticeship pathways available to them, from entry-level roles to degree-level qualifications.

The presentation emphasised that apprenticeships are not a one-size-fits-all route but instead cater to a wide range of interests and career aspirations. For example, entry-level apprenticeships offer foundational skills in industries like retail and administration, while higher and degree apprenticeships allow students to earn a university-level qualification while working in fields such as engineering, digital technology, and law.

At Taverham High School, we are committed to ensuring that all students are well-informed about the potential pathways they can take after school. Whether it's pursuing an academic route, an apprenticeship, or entering the workforce, we believe every student deserves the knowledge and guidance to make confident, well-informed decisions about their future.

Mrs A Warwick  
Careers Lead



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## TRIPS AND EVENTS

### Poetry Live! and Macbeth Trips

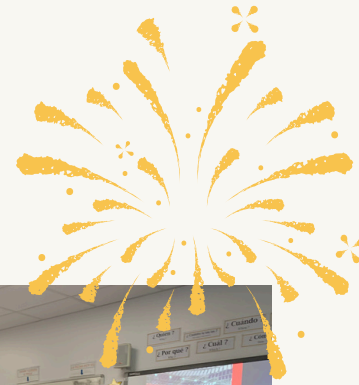
Two English trips went out last week. Year 11 to 'Poetry Live!' on the 22nd at the Regent in Ipswich and Year 10 to watch Macbeth at the Playhouse in Norwich on the 23rd. Both groups were exemplary in the venues. English staff on the trip were approached by members of the public and stewards at the Playhouse, commenting on how well behaved and polite our students were.

This was valuable experience for both Year 10 and Year 11 students. Thank you to all who participated.

### Chinese New Year

We had a wonderful celebration of the Chinese New Year in Years 7, 8 and 9 Mandarin classes, featuring a vibrant Lion Dance costume (舞狮, Wǔ Shī). A big thank you to Ms. Chen for organising this exciting event! Students and staff took turns parading in the lion costume, bringing joy and festive spirit to our classroom. This year is the Year of the Snake, symbolising wisdom, introspection, and new beginnings. It was a fantastic way to immerse ourselves in Chinese culture and traditions. Happy New Year to all!

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## AND FINALLY...

Well, that is January done and dusted! I have heard lots of people saying how long and slow the month was but personally it feels as if it has flown by; maybe it's because of how much we have packed into school since returning from the holidays- a parents' and option evenings, our community and parent/carer event, trips to performances, mock exams and a visit from Action Jackson. Add on top of that the normal workings of a school day and it has been a busy month!

This week we welcomed Action Jackson, a motivational speaker, to come in and work with our Year 11 students. This is the third year we have had him in to work with our Year 11 students and each time we receive valuable and positive feedback from them. With the second set of mocks for Year 11 just a matter of weeks away and the final exams only four months away we are keen to ensure we give our students all the tools to cope with and prepare for their GCSEs. Knowing how to support your child with revision can also feel a bit like a minefield so we are holding a Revision Evening for parents/carers on the 6th February- we look forward to seeing you there. Unquestioningly this is a challenging and stressful time for students – so do take a look at the wellbeing page on the website that, along with other areas, gives further guidance on managing exam stress, self care, confidence and motivation: <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/wellbeing/>

It was lovely to open the doors on Thursday night to Year 9 students and parents/carers for our Options Evening. This is such an important event for our Year 9s as this is the first time they are getting to think about what options they want to take and making choices that will start to shape their future. If you were unable to attend the event or have some questions following the evening, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will endeavour to answer those questions for you.

Over the last fortnight I have also had the privilege to join the form time reading groups both listening to students read and reading to them. Reading out loud for young people can be quite intimidating so it has been a real joy to see students working collaboratively, volunteering to read and being respectful and supportive of one another. Reading is a key skill that will support students in every single subject that they study. Our Library link on the school portal page of the website is fantastic with reviews from students, suggestions and a whole host of other information. If you haven't had a chance to look at this yet, I would highly recommend taking a peek: <https://uk.accessit.online/tvr01/#!dashboard>

Next week things do not slow down for us either. Mars and Earth will be holding House Competitions at lunch time which have been designed, organised and run by the student House Captains. At the end of this half term we will hold the early lunch for the winning house. House points remain tight between all four houses, and last half term Jupiter were pipped at the post by Mars due to their successful wins in the House Competitions.

Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students will be sitting their practical exams next week; I am always astounded at the skills they display and the quality of the food they produce. Good luck to those Year 11 students and thank you to the parents/carers who have supported this by providing ingredients and in some cases having this meal tested on them several times at home already!

Our drama students will also be going to the Theatre Royal on Thursday next week to watch the production of 'The Girl on the Train' as part of their course and Ms Andrews will be leading a Higher Aspirations trip for Year 12 Health and Social care students next week too. Thank you to all our colleagues who have taken the time to organise and oversee these extra curricular events.

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

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://stayingssafe.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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Air Ambulance



Carers Matter Norfolk

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# EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE VISIT

THE HUB, HELIMED HOUSE,  
14 GAMBLING CL, NORWICH NR6 6EG

YOUNG CARERS MATTER AND THE BENJAMIN FOUNDATION INVITE YOUNG CARERS TO JOIN THEM AT THE EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE FOR 1 HOUR CPR/AED TRAINING AND THE CHANCE TO SEE THE HELICOPTER ON THE HELIPAD!

**WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2025**

**GROUP 1 5-11 YEARS: 10:00-11:30AM**

**GROUP 2 12-18 YEARS: 12:30-2:00PM**

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK**

[Click here to book!](#)

