

# SCHOOL NEWS



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## DIARY DATES

**14/02/25** - Year 12 Core Maths Mock exam  
**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  
**10/03/25** - Panoramic school photographs for Year 11 and 13, Year 11 individual photographs  
**11/03/25** - Year 9 Art event  
**11/03/25** - SEN Cafe 2pm-3:30pm  
**13/03/25** - Year 12 Parents' Evening (online)  
**19/03/25-21/03/25** - Year 12 Photography Mock exam  
**19/03/25** - Parent and Community 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%  
Jupiter 93.6%  
Neptune: 93%  
Earth: 92.6%

**92.7%**

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.

## YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Year 11 have been busy preparing for their second round of mock exams, which take place after the half term.

On Monday, they were issued timetables for the first three days of the mocks, which are in the main hall. This covers one maths paper, an English language paper, an English literature paper, and a history paper.

The rest of the exams will be taking place in classrooms, and students will be advised by their subject teachers which lessons these will be timetabled in.

## EVENTS

### Join us for an unforgettable evening of music!

We are thrilled to invite you to celebrate the incredible talent of our students at the upcoming School Spring Music Concert. This special event will feature a variety of inspiring performances, showcasing the dedication, hard work, and passion of our young musicians across all year groups. Expect an evening filled with beautiful melodies, vibrant ensemble pieces, and solo performances that truly highlight the exceptional musical abilities of our students. Whether you're a fan of classical, contemporary, or something in between, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Date: Thursday 27th February

Time: 7pm start

Location: School Main Hall

Tickets: £3.00 per person, available for purchase on WisePay



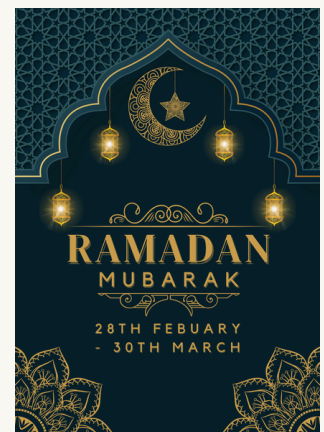
Performer spaces available: Whether students sing, dance, recite a poem, or have any other performance talent, we want to see students shine on stage. If you're interested in performing, please see Mr Timbers as soon as possible to discuss your act.

## RAMADAN 2025: CELEBRATING TOGETHER

As we approach the holy month of Ramadan, we invite parents to let us know if their child will be participating. While it's not required, this helps us ensure we can support all students during this special time.

Wishing everyone a blessed Ramadan!

<https://forms.office.com/e/teh27szLJq>



## SPORTS NEWS

Harry represented Norfolk for the U13 boys at UEA Saturday 1st February in the Sportshall - East Regional finals. He and his team beat Suffolk, Cambs, Herts & Essex with 674 points, to go on and secure a place at the National Finals in Stoke later in April.

Well done Harry from everyone at THS, and good luck in the finals.



## HOUSE VOICE

### RAG Week preparations

This week our Heads and Deputies of houses have been busy working in the House Councils to brainstorm and decide on the stalls they are going to run for RAG week, which is run by the Sixth Form Student Leaders. Our House Councils have some fantastic ideas from guessing games, to exciting prizes and brand new stall ideas for this year - more to come on this soon from the Sixth Form Team!

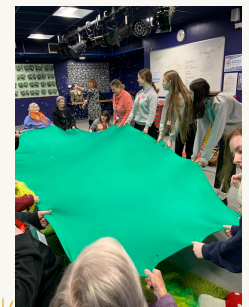
On Wednesday, Mrs Gardiner and four students from Year 8, 9, 12 and 13 were invited to a charity lunch organised by Friend in Deed at Two Acres Care Home. Along with students from Taverham Junior School, residents and carers, we had a wonderful lunch and really meaningful conversations with residents. Students spoke to residents about the music they enjoyed when they were younger and talked about their own experiences in school. Well done to Henry, Olivia, Niamh and Alina for attending and being such wonderful representatives of Taverham High School and, for young people in general!



### Community Events

It has been a busy week or working with our wider community, and local charity Friend in Deed!

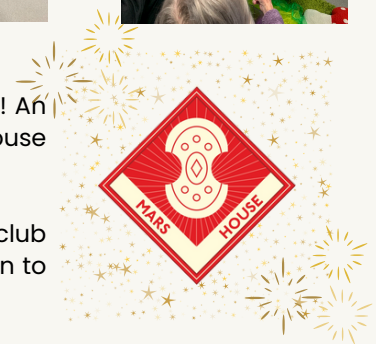
On Tuesday, we held our first 'Music and Movement' event in school which saw residents from local care homes (Two Acres and Cawston) along with local mums and their babies and our own wonderful prefects joining together for a session of live music led by the wonderful Lucy! The session was a great success from bubble machines, ukulele playing and lots of tea, coffee and cookies afterwards. We are already looking forward to our next event, and thank you to Friend in Deed for organising this event!



### Early Lunch Reward

A huge congratulations to Mars house for their second win in a row for our Early Lunch Reward! An amazing achievement! Mars have really brought the energy and enthusiasm to house competitions this half term with wins in both Charades and Pictionary.

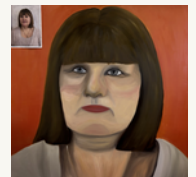
A special shout out to Earth house who, for the second time in a row, have handed in the most club cards (over 50 more than any other house!) this is amazing and shows Earth houses dedication to getting involved in clubs and extracurricular! Well done Earth!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

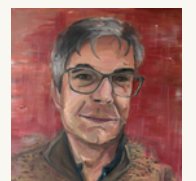
### Art

Year 12 artists have undertaken a portrait project, creating 4ft x 4ft paintings of someone they know. This has been very successful and students have produced some amazing pieces of work.



Year 10 have been working on an "Under the sea" project, and have produced some great pieces of art.

We have had some really great entries for the winter art exhibition, which will be displayed in the school soon.



### Design & Technology

KS3 students are now onto their third rotation of the year. Some excellent work is being produced with students enthusiastically engaging with their projects. In case you missed Year 9 options evening last week, your child's subject teacher has delivered a short presentation about the subjects the department offers at KS4. Staff are always on hand to answer any questions that students may have about options. A reminder that we offer GCSEs in Design & Technology and Engineering, a vocational qualification in Hospitality and Catering, and also Level 1 BTEC Construction.

Year 11 and 13 students are nearing completion of their coursework projects with practical work underway in most groups. The deadline for GCSE Engineering and Design & Technology coursework is 14th March, and for A level it is 4th April.

The Hospitality students have had a demanding week with their practical food exam. Students have worked really hard in preparing recipes and time plans prior to the exam. There were some amazing plates of food produced. Well done everyone!

Keep your eyes peeled for details of the annual Bake Off coming soon in March. Students will have to find a teacher to pair with to compete and spaces are limited. Letters will be sent home shortly after half term about this. Also look out for food club next half term. To take part in this a small donation towards ingredients is required via Wisepay. With the weather hopefully getting a bit warmer soon, gardening club will be back up and running in time for spring planting. Look out for messages at morning registration about this.

### Drama

We've been working on Pantomime recently, discovering the key elements, exploring them practically and creating clownish characters and stories. These are snippets of a research booklet which supports their independent skills and work. We're really proud of what they've accomplished!



### Music

In Key Stage 3, Year 7 students are preparing for their performance assessment on Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," focusing on chords, harmony, and building confidence in keyboard and ensemble skills. Year 8 students are exploring "What Makes a Good Song?" by analyzing catchy melodies, hooks, riffs, and song structures, and examining how lyrics convey emotions. Year 9 students, after studying cyclic patterns and minimalist music, are now exploring The Blues, including the 12-bar blues structure and composing blues-inspired pieces.

In Key Stage 4, Year 10 students are preparing for solo performance assessments and studying the Conventions of Pop, focusing on popular music's evolution from the 1950s to the present. Year 11 students are refining solo and ensemble performances, developing compositions, and studying Rhythms of the World to understand global music styles and techniques.

In Key Stage 5, Year 12 Music Technology students are mastering digital audio workstations (DAWs) and have recently completed a 15-hour mock exam, producing music for an art installation. Year 13 students are focusing on advanced mixing and mastering techniques, remixing "Steady as She Goes" to develop their technical and creative abilities.

We offer Peripatetic Music Lessons in piano/keyboard, vocals, drums, guitar, flute, and saxophone. Our dedicated peripatetic teaching team greatly enhances our music provision. For lesson inquiries or instrument purchase advice (we often arrange discounts!), please contact Mr. Timbers.

### Physical Education

Both our Year 7 and 8 boys football teams made it through to the next stage of their cup competitions. Year 8s won 7-3 and Year 7s drew 1-1 and went through 5-4 on penalties. Well done to Year 11 GCSE PE students who had practical exams this week, starting with Athletics at the UEA, followed by Dance, Football, Table Tennis, Trampolining, Basketball and Hockey. Well done to Oliver in Y9, who has qualified for regional cross-country championships.

Mr J Eastick

Creative Arts and technical Studies Faculty Lead



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### SIXTH FORM

This week was National Apprenticeship Week. During Thursday form time, all Year 12 and relevant Year 13 students, spent time looking at apprenticeship options as a progression route after sixth form. They completed an apprenticeship quiz, navigated the Amazing Apprenticeships website, and looked at the latest vacancy listings for Higher and Degree level apprenticeships.

Also this week, we began promoting RAGFest 2025 which is coming up on 3 – 7 March. Some of our sixth form student leaders and I conducted assemblies with all year groups to thank them for raising £4078 for St Martins last year and to introduce the activities we have planned for this year. The sixth form leadership team have put together an exciting weeks' worth of activities and we hope all students can take part and enjoy themselves whilst supporting this year's chosen charity Leeway. Letters have gone home regarding the afterschool activities, however if you would prefer a paper copy of the reply forms for the Bake Off and Quiz and Chips, copies of these have been placed in reception for you to collect. RAGFest is always a lovely opportunity to bring the wider school community together and we look forward to seeing many of you for the renowned Quiz and Chips evening on Thursday 6th March! There will be a raffle on the evening so if you have any raffle prizes you are happy to donate, we would be extremely grateful to receive these. Please feel free to contact the Sixth Form team on [6thform@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:6thform@taverhamhigh.org) or drop these into reception.

Looking ahead to after half term, Sixth Form geography, history, art and photography students are going to London on Tuesday 25th February to support their subject studies.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs L Robertson  
Head of Sixth Form

## STUDENT VOICE

Hello everyone! Congratulations on making it through this half term! Year 13 students should have just received their forms for the Sixth Form Prom, so make sure to purchase tickets if you're interested. We have also recently had success with the visit to Two Acres Care home on Wednesday, helping our school to connect with the local community. Another way we are helping to build our community is through RAG Week after half term. The Sixth Form leadership team have been educating the younger years about our chosen charity Leeway in their assemblies. We all hope everyone has a lovely half term and returns to school excited for RAG week and the action packed half term ahead!

Josie S, Deputy Head of School  
Sixth Form Leadership Team





## AND FINALLY...

In the blink of an eye we have hit the half way point of the academic year and now we can start to look forward to lighter mornings and evenings as we welcome back Spring following a very dreary winter.

With such a milestone it is a good opportunity to reflect on the year so far and what we have achieved. Back in September I thanked and congratulated our students on their brilliant return to school as they were keeping good time, being organised, completing homework and speaking kindly to one another. Whilst like any school there have been a few bumpy moments and occasions where this has not been maintained by a small number of students, the vast majority have continued with this excellent ethos and continue to make Taverham High School a positive environment to learn and work in; so once again, thank you!

Our once 'fresh and new' Year 7s are now established members of the school community and have already contributed so much to the school from participation in House competitions, involvement in numerous clubs and societies, representing the year at House Council meetings and taking on responsibilities such as Library Leaders. Year 8 continue to grow as a year group with some outstanding Here to Helpers supporting events and Year 9s have conducted themselves with maturity whilst considering their GCSE options and many have started making applications to become prefects and ELFs for next academic year. Years 10 and 11 have approached their GCSEs with maturity and have taken on key leadership roles modelling to our younger years our expectations and values. And finally, the Sixth Form have also been actively involved in community events and are in the process of planning the annual RAG week.

Each week we have a focus on one of our school values and this week it was opportunity. The week has been bursting with chances for students and staff to demonstrate this both in and outside of the classroom. Throughout the week Mr Edmunds led a dodgeball competition which has contributed to the winning house Mars having their early lunch and free biscuit today. Ms Rowe took a small group of Year 10 students to Gonville and Caius College in Cambridge University on a higher aspiration scheme visit and the Science department took students on Tuesday to participate in the Faraday challenge which they won and may win a place at the regionals. We also welcomed in the community on Tuesday to a Movement and Music event that was led by the local charity, Friend in Deed and finally on Wednesday Mrs Gardiner with some students visited Two Acres, continuing to build those community links. We continue to look to create opportunities for parents and carers to be involved with our school and will be holding another Parent and Community Event in school on 19th March. Our Spring Concert is on the 27th February and we hope that you will be able to attend to listen to the performances our students have been rehearsing for you.

Year 12 parents please note that there is an online parents' evening on the 13th March and for Year 8 parents/carers we will be holding a face-to-face parents' evening in school on 27th March. Appointments for both evenings can be booked through SchoolCloud; if you are having any issues with making bookings please contact the school and we will support you with it. Year 11s will have their individual school photograph and year group panoramic photograph taken on the 10th March. Year 13 will also be having their year group panoramic taken on the same day. Students will be coming home on the 10th with a proof card that evening - if you have not received it, please check their bag!

As always there are lots of events on the horizon following the half term holidays, including a sixth form trip to London, the annual Year 10 trip to the Norfolk Skills Festival and RAG (Raising and Giving) Week which will be raising money this year for Leeway, a local charity chosen by the fundraising committee in the sixth form. They have organised a range of events both during the school day and after school, including the annual and very competitive Bake Off and the even more competitive Quiz and Chips evening- once again we would love to see some parent and community quiz teams at the evening, so please do consider forming a team.

A couple of reminders to finish with. We're still interested to find out how many people are reading this newsletter - last week's numbers were a little lower than we anticipated. I would be grateful, therefore, if you could click this link and register that you've read the newsletter please <https://forms.office.com/e/ErYjSKbJNh> - it really is only 10 seconds work! And please keep sending your good news stories to [celebrations@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:celebrations@taverhamhigh.org) so we can keep celebrating the wonderful things our students are doing outside of school.

Thank you to parents and carers for all your support this half term. We return to school on a week 2 Monday 24th February. We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term holiday.

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>

