

SCHOOL NEWS

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RESILIENCE

DIARY DATES

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
20/03/25 – Classics Trip
21/03/25 – Year 11 GCSE Dance Exam
24/03/25-26/03/25 – Year 12 Art Mock Exam
25/03/25 – Enrich Maths Competition
27/03/25 – Psychology Conference
27/03/25 – Year 8 Parents' Evening (online)
31/03/25 – Tracking data published to parents – all years except year 13
02/04/25-09/04/25 – Ski trip
04/04/25 – Last Day of Term
05/04/25-22/04/25 – Easter holidays
23/04/25 – Term Begins – (week 2)

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:

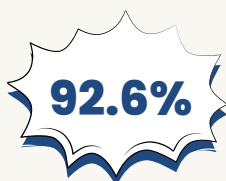
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<https://forms.office.com/r/jwPTkVYnYz>

ATTENDANCE

House attendance:

Mars 92.1%
Jupiter 93.5%
Neptune: 92.6%
Earth: 92.5%



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.

VALUE OF THE WEEK RESILIENCE

Here are all the students who championed the value of resilience for the week commencing the 24th February:

Savannah N – Has had great attendance after a challenging period.

Taylor B – joined an adults hockey team despite only starting to play hockey recently.

Amillie H – has had a great start in her new form group.

Sky C – for pushing through demanding Fridays and not allowing them to affect her attendance.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

Festival of Knowledge – Norfolk's biggest event for skills, careers, jobs and knowledge.

On Wednesday our Year 10 students explored local career prospects at the Festival of Knowledge careers fair organised by the Norfolk Chambers of Commerce at the Norfolk Showground & Events Centre.

Students had the chance to:

- Meet local employers from sectors such as Agriculture, Engineering, Creative Industries, Technology, Public Sector, and more.
- Speak directly with industry leaders and discover what it's really like to work in different industries.
- Explore dedicated career zones that focus on key growth sectors in Norfolk.
- Be inspired by global corporations and pioneering start-ups that are shaping the future of work in our region.

It was a great opportunity for our students to experience some of the interactive exhibits and learn about different jobs available in the region's industries and start to consider their post 16 options and future pathways.

Mrs A Warwick
Careers Lead



NEWS

Wow, what a week it has been! There has been such a wonderful buzz around the school for RAGFest 2025, it has been great to see so many people getting involved to raise money for Leeway.

Every day there were events on the main stage as well as tutor group stalls and activities for students to visit. Major highlights have been the THS Bake Off where huge congratulations need to go to Lacey and Mr Gerrard who were crowned the 2025 winners. However, everyone that took part was a winner in their own way as it was so lovely to see the fun and energy of all the contestants.

On Wednesday saw the Key Stage 3 disco where students enjoyed an eclectic range of music from Steps to Taylor Swift and even some Baby Shark! Finally, it was lovely to see so many people attend Quiz and Chips on Thursday and congratulations to Dr Frost and the Icicles for their crowning victory.

I could take up the whole newsletter thanking everyone who has been involved with RAGFest because the list has been endless. Whilst it has been a lovely opportunity to bring the whole school and the wider community together, it wouldn't be possible without the hard work and organisation of Ms Higson, our Sixth Form student leadership team and our sixth form volunteers. They have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to make sure everything ran smoothly.

Thursday evening showcased the amazing students we have here at Taverham Sixth Form and the opportunity to see our sixth form students lead and run the evening filled me with pride. Finally, thank you to all of you who have helped organise an event, attended an event or donated in any way this past week. Thank you for all of your generosity.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



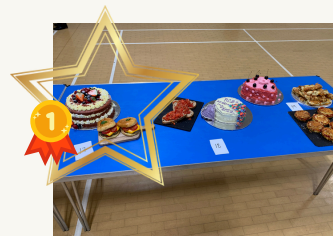
STUDENT VOICE

As you all know, this busy week has been RAG Week, and I want to take a moment to say a huge thank you for all of your incredible contributions and enthusiasm. From our wonderful stalls to The Chase, your efforts have made a huge impact. I am excited to see the total amount raised for our outstanding charity, Leeway.

I hope you have all enjoyed the fun events and competitions throughout the week. We truly appreciate all of your support and remember - RAGFest doesn't end on Friday. The fun continues with the Colour Run in May, so let's keep the momentum going!

Thank you again for making this week a success.

Sophie M, Fundraising and Events Committee Leader
Sixth Form Leadership Team



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

This term, KS3 students are diving into exciting new topics in their English lessons. Year 7 will be exploring creative writing with a focus on Myths, developing their narrative and descriptive skills. Year 8 are practising their transactional writing skills, learning how to analyse and write for real-world purposes. Meanwhile, Year 9 are delving into the unit Tragedy through the Ages, studying how this dramatic genre has evolved from ancient times to modern literature.

Outside of the classroom, the KS3 Book Club, Page Turners, will soon be taking part in the prestigious Carnegie Shadowing Awards, where students will have the opportunity to read and discuss this year's shortlisted books - new members are welcome to join us Thursday lunch times in the library. With World Book Day this week, we are running a fun form time competition where students will need to match up the staff member with the book they are currently reading. Finally, we are launching a KS3 Spring Creative Writing Competition this half-term, with fantastic prizes up for grabs. Budding writers can find full details at the bottom of this newsletter. We can't wait to see the fantastic work our students produce!

KS4 students have had a busy start to Spring 2 Term. Year 11 are completing their second round of mocks and are beginning the final phase of their revision and preparation for the summer exams. Year 10 are beginning their journey through the second half of Language Paper 1, developing their creativity through a range of descriptive and narrative writing tasks.

At A Level, our Year 13 students are now working through the feedback from their mock exams as they start the final phase of their revision and exam preparation for the summer. In particular, Year 13 Literature students completed excellent presentations last term on their prose texts, War of the Worlds and Frankenstein. Students explored nuances in depth as well as wider philosophical concepts.

Miss C Greenacre
Faculty Lead for English



TRIPS AND EVENTS

Community Parent/Carer Event – 19th March 16:30–18:00

Join us for an engaging and informative event at Taverham High School on the 19th of March from 16:30 to 18:00. This event is open to all KS3 parents and parents of Year 6 students, and siblings are welcome too!

During the event, we will share feedback and changes made in response to the parent/carers rewards survey from the Autumn. There will be a short talk at 5pm, followed by a showcase of the extracurricular opportunities available at our school. You'll also have the chance to meet key staff and discuss rewards, behaviour, and other aspects of school life.

Refreshments will be provided, and you are not required to stay for the entire duration. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your valuable feedback!

Here are some comments from parents who attended previous events:

- "Thank you for this. Tonight was really helpful!" – Parent of Year 8 student
- "I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and your staff for organising such a wonderful event. It has already had a profoundly positive impact on my family." – Parent of Year 6 student
- "We found it very helpful." – Parent of Year 10 student

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with our school community and learn more about the exciting opportunities at Taverham High School!

Year 10 Gonville and Caius College Trip

On the 13th of February, I took some Year 10 students to Gonville and Caius College before the half-term break. I couldn't be prouder of how they represented themselves and the school. They were engaged, enthusiastic, and well-mannered throughout the inspiring day.

We started with a lecture from the admissions team, who advised on how to prepare for university applications. Our students were attentive, taking notes and asking questions about course choices, entry requirements, and extracurricular opportunities. Next, current students gave us a tour of the college, allowing our students to explore the beautiful surroundings and get a feel for studying at Cambridge. They asked insightful questions and showed great curiosity.

A highlight was speaking with current students from various subjects and year groups. Our Year 10s asked about managing workloads, university life, and the best places to eat on campus. These conversations were invaluable. Lunch at the college dining facilities gave students a taste of student life. We then visited a fascinating museum, which rounded off the trip perfectly. By the end of the day, students were discussing how the information would help their future studies and careers.

It was a pleasure to accompany such a thoughtful, motivated, and engaged group. They made the most of the opportunity and conducted themselves brilliantly. As Head of Year, I was incredibly proud to see them shine. Well done to all involved; the students were a credit to the school!

Miss M Rowe
Head of Year 10



World Book Day

Our staff joined in the World Book Day fun by dressing up as their favourite book characters! Their fantastic costumes helped bring stories to life and inspire our students to enjoy reading. Staff managed to keep their fancy dress a secret, surprising students with their creative costumes! 📖 ✨



AND FINALLY...

We often talk about the importance of community and the power of the students to make a difference in our newsletter and this week has truly encapsulated this.

RAG arrived with a bang on Monday seeing Mr Frankham lose his luscious locks, followed closely on the heels with Bake Off, bingo, a disco, talent shows, penalty shoot outs, staff with pies in the face, quiz and chips and the chase alongside numerous stalls each break time. The time and effort that the sixth form and staff have put into this week has been palpable and already a lot of money has been raised for Leeway charity. Thank you to everyone involved and to you for supporting with these events.

On Wednesday Year 10 visited the Skills fair at the Show Ground and conducted themselves in a mature and sensible manner. It was good to see students actively engaging with the stalls and having productive conversations with businesses and providers. I hope that, alongside all the freebies they collected, that they gathered some valuable information along the way which will help them to start to consider future career paths. Thank you to Mrs Warwick our Careers Lead in organising this event.

We also celebrated World Book Day on Thursday with staff dressing up as literary characters, doors being transformed into book covers and book competitions. Students have been given book tokens (some electronic) as part of the event. Next week Year 11 and Year 13 will be having their year group panoramic photograph taken and we have a trip to Whitefriars and an art trip running. The SEN department will be holding their SEN Café on the 11th March between 2pm and 3:30pm and Year 12 Parents' evening will be held online on Thursday 13th. If you have had any issues making an appointment, please contact the 6th form team for support.

At the start of March places for September are allocated to families and we are pleased that yet again we are full for September and have a waiting list of over 40 families trying to secure a place with us. We are now in the process of starting to plan and organise our transition events for our new students and families. We are very proud of the school that we have created, and it is amazing to know that so many families have chosen Taverham as a school that they would like their child to attend.

Just as a reminder as we start to approach exam season and stress levels start to rise if you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, we have 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>.

I wish you all a relaxing and hopefully sunny weekend.

Miss R Ricketts
Deputy Headteacher



KS3 SPRING WRITING COMPETITION

Create a short story with the opening sentence:
"The gentle warmth of the sun on my skin reminded me of how much can change in a single season..." in no more than 1000 words.

Top Prize - £10 Amazon Voucher and 50 House Points.
Runners up - 25 House Points.
All entries will receive a House Point.

Please email or hand your entries to Mrs Higgins or Miss Harnden
g.higgins@taverhamhigh.org / d.harnden@taverhamhigh.org

PARENT/CARER COMMUNITY EVENT

REWARDS, BEHAVIOUR AND OPPORTUNITY FOCUS

WHEN: 19th March 16:30-18:00

WHERE: Taverham High School

WHO: All KS3 parents and parents of Year 6 students

WHAT IS THE EVENT?

- We will be communicating feedback, and the changes we have made in response to the parent/carer rewards survey from the Autumn (short talk at 5pm)
- A showcase of the extracurricular opportunities available at Taverham High School
- Opportunity to meet key staff to hear about rewards, behaviour and any other aspects of school life

ALL ARE WELCOME INCLUDING SIBLINGS AND YOU
DO NOT HAVE TO STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE
EVENT. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

PARENT/CARER FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS EVENTS:

I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT
GRATITUDE TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR
ORGANISING SUCH A WONDERFUL EVENT.
IT HAS ALREADY HAD A PROFOUNDLY
POSITIVE IMPACT ON MY FAMILY.
PARENT OF YEAR 6 STUDENT

THANK YOU FOR THIS.
TONIGHT WAS REALLY HELPFUL!
PARENT OF YEAR 8 STUDENT
WE FOUND IT VERY HELPFUL.
PARENT OF YEAR 10 STUDENT

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-childrens-self-harm-you-are-not-alone>
- **The SEND and inclusion team:** Information about how to support children and young people with SEND. Call the SEND and inclusion support line on 0333 313 7165 [The SEND and inclusion team - Norfolk Schools and Learning Providers - Norfolk County Council](#)