

SCHOOL NEWS

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MARS - 52511 EARTH - 52908 NEPTUNE - 50398 JUPITER - 51960

COMPASSION

DIARY DATES

19/03/25-21/03/25 - Year 12 Photography Mock exam
19/03/25 - Parent and Community Event
20/03/25 - Classics Trip
20/03/25 - Psychology Conference
21/03/25 - Year 11 GCSE Dance Exam
24/03/25-26/3/25 - Year 12 Art Mock Exam
25/03/25 - Enrich Maths Competition
27/03/25 - Year 8 parents' Evening (online)
31/03/25 - Tracking data published to parents - all years except Year 13
2/04/25-9/4/25 - Ski trip
04/04/25 - Last Day of Term
05/04/25-22/4/25 - Easter holidays
23/04/25 - Term Begins- (week 2)
23/04/25-25/4/25 - Year 11 Mock Science Exams
25/04/25 - MFL GCSE Oral exams
28/04/25-2/5/25 - Year 12 Mock Exams
28/04/25-1/5/25 - GCSE Art Exam
01/05/25 - Year 10 Parents' Evening (in school)

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:

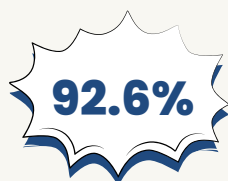
If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the 'students' page and can be accessed via this link:

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

ATTENDANCE

House attendance:

Mars 92.1%
Jupiter 93.6%
Neptune: 93.2%
Earth: 92.3%



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 COMPASSION

Here are all the students who championed the value of compassion for the week commencing the 3rd March:

10M Taylor T - For consistently supporting and advocating for her form in a positive and uplifting manner.

EVENTS

Spotlight on a French artist competition

As part of our celebration of French art, students were challenged to create their own interpretation of the Eiffel Tower, inspired by the vibrant and abstract works of French artist Robert Delaunay.

We were thrilled to see so many creative and imaginative entries! It was fantastic to see that the winning submissions came from a team of students in different houses, showcasing great collaboration and teamwork.

Congratulations to the winning team! Your creativity and teamwork were truly inspiring. Well done to everyone who participated - your artistic talents continue to impress and inspire us all!

1st place Team:

Jasmine W and Nevaeh R - Jupiter House - 50 points
Nina S and Maisy S - Neptune House - 50 points



2nd place Team:

Izzy D - Earth House - 25 points
Jacob G - Neptune House - 25 points

Well done all!



SIXTH FORM

NEWS

Despite this week feeling relatively quiet compared to last week's RAGFest, there has still been a lot happening within the Sixth Form.

The Year 12 tutoring program started this Monday which is where 75 Year 11 students are tutored by one of our 18 Year 12 tutors in a particular subject area. Our Year 12 volunteers received training by Miss Green on how to be an effective tutor and it has been great to see some of these sessions in action. Not only does it demonstrate our core value of compassion, but it also provides students with the opportunity to develop their communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.

On Wednesday, Miss Green also organised a Year 12 Sociology visit to Norwich Whitefriars Court to participate in a courtroom workshop. This was an amazing opportunity for the students to see a real working courtroom and take part in a mock trial, where they had the opportunity to be the judge, barristers, witnesses, clerk, usher and jury members. Upon returning to Sixth Form, the students animatedly told me how accurate their verdict was compared to the real verdict so well done to everyone involved and thank you to Miss Green for providing this opportunity for our students.

To support with their next steps, on Thursday, Ms Reding organised a student finance talk for Year 13 students who have applied for university. This was delivered by Lucy from the University of East Anglia and provided useful information on what students may be eligible for and the application process.

On a final note, we now have the current RAGFest 2025 total which stands at £3,190.17. We have one more fundraising event to add to this which is the Colour Run on 15th May, more details will be sent out about this shortly. Thank you again for all your support with raising these vital funds. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



SPORTS NEWS

Our Year 7 girls had a fantastic day at The Nest for the International Women's Day event.

They played some great football and really worked hard as a team. Getting to the final was a great highlight, just losing out to a strong Hethersett side. Well done all!



STUDENT VOICE

From all of us in the Sixth Form leadership team and the Sixth Form in general, thank you for all your generous contributions to RAG week, as well as taking the time to help with stalls.

We are very excited to release the total amount received for Leeway! It is so important to help charities as much as we can, and the whole school excelled in doing this! Thank you all again.

Evie J, Committee Leader for Student Wellbeing
Sixth Form Leadership Team



£3,190.17

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

Happy Pi Day! It is the 14th of March and the maths department are celebrating pi – the value that you get if you divide the circumference of a circle by the diameter. It is approximately 3.14, which is how some countries write today's date, and the reason today is the day when we choose to focus on this number.

Students have been creating a variety of items to contribute to the pi day competition and gain house points. Creations have included pi cookies, stones beautifully decorated with a pi design, images created by AI coding written by the student, paintings and poems. Our students never disappoint, blending their artistic creativity with their love of maths. Winners will be announced next week.

Alongside the excitement of Pi Day, students have all tackled term 2 assessments over the past few weeks. We hope that the increased communication prior to assessment for key stage 3 parents has been useful. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Crane for Key Stage 3 and Mr Robinson for Key Stages 4 and 5.

Feedback for the assessments is ongoing, with Years 7 and 10 due to receive their feedback next week. We encourage parents and carers to discuss the feedback their child/ward has received with them. Every student has a personalised plan to support their improvement using mymaths to complete targeted activities, which can be found stuck in the front or back cover of their orange book.

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



AND FINALLY...

And in the blink of an eye, we've approached the halfway point of the half term – Easter looms, then it's only a few short weeks before the exams start! We've started putting together a programme for students to opt into in school over the Easter break to support their revision, subject leaders will be writing home to make sure you're aware of what's on offer. These sessions will take place on Monday 7th and Monday 14th April so, if you can, please try to keep these days clear for students in Years 11 and 13 so they can access revision sessions should they wish to (or you wish them to!). I have deliberately separated the two in-school revision days by a week in case families are away for one or other week in the hope that all students can access something of use to them.

On Tuesday this week, a group of Year 9 students took a trip out to Taverham Lakes to take part in the River of Hope project as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Arts Festival. They then followed this up with a poetry session in school, which I was lucky enough to hear a small amount of. The poem the artist performed about his father was incredibly moving and beautifully written – I was only sorry I couldn't stay longer. The third part of this project, on Thursday, involved the group creating pieces of art reflecting the experience over the week. A really lovely project and experience for all of those invited to take part. The poet and representative from the festival stopped me on the way out of school to commend our students and tell me how well they represented themselves, their school and their families, so well done to all involved and my thanks to Mrs Adams, Mr Powell and Mrs Summerson-Gray for coordinating the running the project. Getting these sorts of compliments from visitors and the public is starting to become the norm for our students, but it's always welcome!

Also on Thursday, I met with Nigel and Lottie from NelsonSpirit (you can read their annual report at [Nelsonspirit Annual Report 2024 25.pdf](#)) along with a small group of talented and ambitious Year 11 students to give them the chance to learn more about the Lord Lieutenant's Future Leaders Crew, a leadership development programme which encourages young people involved to grow as leaders whilst helping others in their community. If these students decide to apply for the programme and are successful, they will join the 'crew' from September whilst studying at our Sixth Form Centre and will receive regular leadership coaching from CEOs and MDs from Norfolk companies who will work with them to develop their skills and experiences in preparation for future leadership roles. Over time we want to be able to offer more of these sorts of ambitious and developmental opportunities to give our students the chance to really shine. We saw this recently with Olivia G in Year 7 winning the Herring Prize, an international writing award organised by the Norwich School that I wrote to families about earlier in the term. Olivia won first prize in the Year 7 and Year 8 category for her piece 'Ballroom Dancing – a social superpower', which the judges described as an "entertaining, witty, fun piece of writing but with a serious social message too". An incredible achievement and I look forward to seeing Olivia receive her award (and the £100 prize!) on the evening of the 28th March at the National Writing Centre in Norwich.

We continue to look for ways in which we can celebrate success and engage with our community more, so if your child/ward does something fantastic, please do let us know by emailing celebrations@taverhamhigh.org and please get in touch with me if you can think of other ways we could get involved with our local community.

Finally, in the spirit of celebration, we are very proud that we will once again be an oversubscribed school in September with our new Year 7 intake. As in Years 8 and 9, we will support local families by agreeing to take more than our agreed pupil admission numbers, but this will still leave a large number of students who have applied to study with us from September disappointed not to be allocated a place at our fantastic school. We are delighted to be the school of choice for so many families, and we take this honour very seriously. Transition information will be coming out to families over the next few weeks and we look forward to meeting our new starters soon!

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

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-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](#)



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



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**