

# SCHOOL NEWS

ISSUE 24 - 21/03/2025



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## COMPASSION

### DIARY DATES

**19/03/25-21/03/25** - Year 12 Photography Mock exam  
**24/03/25-26/03/25** - Year 12 Art Mock Exam  
**25/03/25** - Enrich Maths Competition  
**27/03/25** - Year 8 parents' Evening (in person)  
**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)  
**23/04/25-25/04/25** - Year 11 Mock Science Exams  
**25/04/25** - MFL GCSE Oral exams  
**28/04/25-02/05/25** - Year 12 Mock Exams  
**28/04/25-01/05/25** - GCSE Art Exam  
**01/05/25** - Year 10 Parents' Evening (in school)  
**02/05/25-07/05/25** GCSE MFL Oral Exams  
**03/05/25** - Navigation Training for D of E  
**05/05/25** - May Day School Closed  
**06/05/25-09/05/25** - Year 12 Work Experience  
**07/05/25-09/05/25** - Year 13 Photography Exam

### 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:

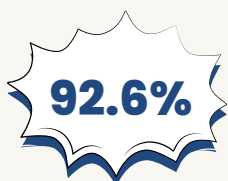
If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the 'students' page and can be accessed via this link:

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

### ATTENDANCE

#### House attendance:

Mars 92.2%  
Jupiter 93.6%  
Neptune: 92.7%  
Earth: 92.5%



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.

### VALUE OF THE WEEK COMPASSION

Here are all the students who championed the value of compassion for the week commencing the 10th March:

**11A** - Madison P  
**11A** - Hana C  
**11V** - Ebony C  
**11E** - Georgia S  
**11H** - Ella-Rose S

For helping with yearbook and prom committees, being kind and compassionate by including others' ideas and views.

### LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE DRILL

We would like to inform you that we will be conducting a lockdown drill on Friday, 28th of March at 09:00. A letter will be sent out on Monday to all parents and carers with further details regarding the drill.

Lockdown drills are an essential part of our safety procedures, ensuring that students and staff are well-prepared to respond appropriately in an emergency situation. These drills help reinforce the importance of quick and calm action, allowing everyone to know what to do, where to go, and how to stay safe in unexpected circumstances. Practicing these procedures regularly helps build confidence and enhances our ability to manage unforeseen events effectively.

If students have any concerns or queries, they are encouraged to speak with their Form Tutor or Head of Year.

#### Important notes for Parents/Carers:

- We will be unable to take any calls during the lockdown drill. In the event of a real lockdown, it is important for the school to maintain clear and direct lines of communication.
- If your child/ward is upset or has any concerns following the drill, they are encouraged to speak with their Form Tutor or Head of Year, who will provide support.
- Normal school activities will resume shortly after.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in keeping our school community safe.

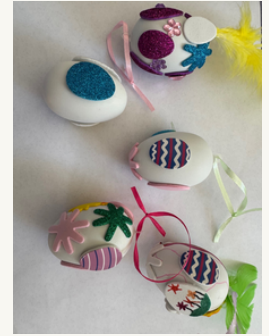
If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Miss J Turley  
Senior Operations Manager

# HOUSE VOICE

## Spring trip to Two Acres Care Home

This week Year 10 prefects organised a trip out to our long-established friends at Two Acres Care Home. The prefects organised and ran a number of activities whilst there including egg decorating, colouring and even some lego building! The prefects were fantastic, showing amazing compassion and resilience when speaking to residents with conditions such as dementia or Alzheimer's. We can't wait to welcome residents from Two Acres and other local care homes to our next community coffee morning on Tuesday 1st April – all are welcome!



## Parent/Carer Community Event

Thank you to all families of Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 students who attended our community event on Wednesday evening. This was the third event of its type this year, and we were overjoyed by how many upcoming and current parents/carers attended to hear updates on our rewards survey from the Autumn term. Well done to our student leaders from Sports Leaders, Debate Leads, Library Leaders and H2H students that ran stalls, spoke to parents, and helped support the evening. A very special thank you and well done to Henry K in 7R for helping Mrs. Gardiner with the presentation to parents and carers; a daunting task with a large audience and Henry did an amazing job. We look forward to welcoming you all again for our next event on the 14th of May!

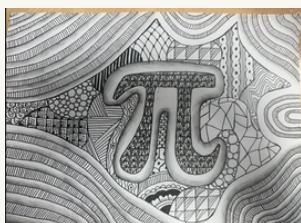
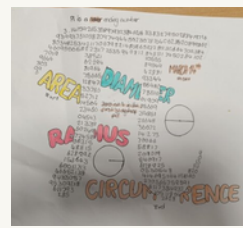
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## EVENTS

### Pi Day competition

The maths department were delighted to see some really creative submissions for the Pi Day competition. We had everything from paintings to pies and cakes, decorated stones to 3D printed coasters and spheres.

It was fantastic to see so many entries with such a great deal of effort put in to them. Congratulations to our overall winner Halle C (Y7), who produced a beautiful piece of artwork as well as two decorated stones (right). She has won a Pi pin and 100 house points for Jupiter house. Reserve prizes of Pi pins and 20 house points went to Harry S (Y7), Lilly W (Y7), Arthur G (Y7), Amelia W (Y8) and Ellie R (Y9). All entrants have received house points and stickers. Below are a few of the reserve entries.



### Police Safer Schools Partnership

Year 7 had a special, extended assembly this week with PC Shane Artingstall and PJ from the Police Safer Schools Partnership delivering an assembly on online safety, which included discussions on managing yourself safely online, current laws and restrictions and what to do if online behaviour becomes a concern. Well done to Year 7 for being respectful to our visitors and thank you to the police for an informative and interactive assembly.





## SIXTH FORM

### NEWS

There have been several exciting enrichment opportunities at Sixth Form this week. The Year 13 psychology students attended a conference with renowned author, examiner and lecturer, Jean-Marc Lawton for a day designed to improve exam skills. Similarly, the Year 13 sociology students had an intensive exam skills seminar with materials written and delivered by one of the most experienced senior examiners of A level Sociology in the country. Meanwhile, Classics students went to the British Museum in London where they were able to explore the Greek Theatre and Greek Religion topics to complement their studies. Finally, nurse trainers came in to deliver a talk to our Health and Social Care students about pathways and careers in nursing.

Our Year 12 photography students have been hard at work this week with their three-day photography mock exam. Well done to all of them for their determination and hard work with this. Looking forward to next week, Year 12 art students have their mock exam and Year 12 have an assembly to introduce them to the Norwich Summer School. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs L Robertson  
Head of Sixth Form

### STUDENT VOICE

I hope everyone has had a great week, especially with the weather slowly starting to warm up. The past couple of weeks have been busy with RAG week, trips across both years, and ongoing revision for exams.

With only 8 weeks left until A-Levels, it's a stressful time not just for A-Level students at the Sixth Form, but also for Year 11 students preparing for their GCSEs. It can be difficult at times to find the balance between working, revising, and taking time to relax, but it's so important to take breaks and care for yourselves and your friends. Our wellbeing leads and subject leaders are here to help during break and lunchtimes daily, offering support with topics, advice, and any help you may need, along with teachers and peers.

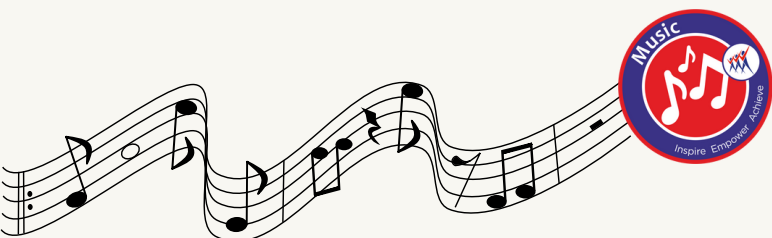
I hope the next couple of weeks leading up to Easter go well, and don't hesitate to email any of us on the leadership team for support or just to talk.

Kaitlyn H, Committee Leader for Community and Whole School Outreach  
Sixth Form Leadership Team



### MUSIC NEWS

Hollie D in Year 8 received an 'outstanding' for her solo singing performance of 'Dead Mom' from Beetlejuice The Musical at the Norfolk County Music Festival last week. Well done Hollie!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

All year groups have been busy in science completing their tracking assessments. This will be the second time we write home about progress. We would really appreciate you taking the time to discuss these with your child/ward as parental engagement is key to academic success. We are busy with KS5 and KS4 interventions and all students have access to the revision area of Microsoft Teams with a wealth of resources. We are always ready to support students who want or need it.

I hope many of our Year 11 students are completing the 15 week plan I wrote to you about and will continue to make use of the drop in sessions every Friday Week 1, 15:00-16:00. In these sessions we can offer support with their printed science resources and past papers, students are welcome to stay for the full hour or just come along to collect resources. Remember, it is never too late to change your outcomes. If students have yet to start revising now is better than never! We are all here to support them.

Some Year 8 students represented the school in the Faraday Challenge Day. They traveled to Dereham Neatherd and competed against other schools in a STEM challenge organised by the Institute of Engineering and Technology. I am delighted to report they won the challenge! A wonderful victory and another trophy for our cabinet. Very well done to the students involved.



Our Year 7 students have been completing their second chemistry unit investigating pH, below is a picture of the experiment they have been conducting into the pH scale.



Finally, I'm sure you'll join me in wishing the best of luck to all our students who will be taking exams in the coming months. If there's anything we can do to support them, they're always welcome to reach out to us in person or via email. Their teachers are ready to assist with their preparation, helping them excel and unlock exciting opportunities for the next chapter, wherever it may take them.

Mr M Hart  
Head of Science Faculty



## AND FINALLY...

Spring continues to make its presence known and the weather has meant more of our students using the outdoor spaces at break and lunch times. As the term marches on it has been another busy week at school with much to celebrate and share with you.

On Tuesday some students went to Two Acres Care Home to continue their community work and carried out a range of Easter activities with the residents. One of the managers from the home came to see the work our students were doing at Two Acres and was exceptionally impressed by the way they conducted themselves and interacted with the residents. Continuing with the theme of community, on Wednesday we held a Parent and Community Event that had an amazing turn out with lots of Year 6 parents and students coming to visit us to hear about how we have responded to parent/carer feedback on rewards at Taverham High. Our next Parent and Community Event will be on the 14th May and we hope many more of you can join us for this.

Thursday saw two trips going out; a Year 12 Psychology Conference, and Mrs Barker took her classics students to London. Thank you to the colleagues who have arranged and supported these trips. Our Year 11 GCSE Dance students took their practical exam on Friday and Year 12 Photography students have been sitting their mock exams this week. Both cohorts of students have conducted themselves for these assessments with impressive maturity. Over the next few weeks our Year 11 and 13 students will start to be taking some of their final exams so a quick reminder that if you need some support or guidance on managing stress, we have a wellbeing page on our school website which includes some handy advice on exam stress: <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/wellbeing/> and our Wellbeing and Mental Health referral form link can be found under the Safeguarding part of this newsletter.

Year 7 had a visit from the Safer School Support Team on Monday who spoke to them about online safety awareness. Unfortunately, over the last few weeks, we have been made aware of some unkind and inappropriate messages being sent by a small number of students via online messaging services and apps. It is not the responsibility of the school to monitor this, but when it starts to have an impact in school, we have a duty to act. We would ask parents to regularly check the content and use of their child/ward's phone to ensure that they are safe online. There are some excellent free apps, for example Family Link, that enable parents to have control over what apps they download and how much time young people can have on their phones. In addition to this, I wanted to make you aware of a current social media 'trend' called the 'blue whale challenge'. This requires them to carry out a series of challenges with the final challenge being to commit suicide. Our filtering system has caught and prevented a few students looking this up, we have spoken to all of them and their parents. I just want to reassure you that in all instances they had been 'encouraged' to look it up and did not know what the content was. I would urge that you speak with your child/ward about how serious this 'challenge' is.

Just a reminder that it is Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 27th March, and this will be held in school with face-to-face appointments. If you are having any issues making appointments via Schoolcloud please contact the school and we will endeavour to help.

Thank you for all your ongoing support with the school and please do keep sending in good news stories when your child/ward does something fantastic. Let us know by emailing: [celebrations@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:celebrations@taverhamhigh.org).

I wish you all a relaxing and hopefully sunny weekend.

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://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-childs-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](#)



## **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**