

SCHOOL NEWS

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MARS – 60437 EARTH – 61328 NEPTUNE – 58242 JUPITER – 60307

DISCOVERY

DIARY DATES

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
08/05/25 – Change to the School day for external exams
09/05/25 – Non uniform Day
13/05/25–15/5/25 – A level Art Exam
14/05/25 – Parent and Community Event
15/05/25 – Colour Run
17/05/25–18/05/25 – Bronze D of E
23/05/25 – Early Lunch for Winning House
23/05/25 – Last Day of Term
24/05/25–01/06/25 – Half Term Holidays
02/06/25 – Term Begins (Week 1)

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:

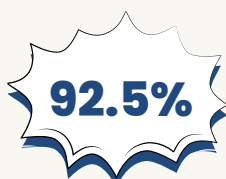
If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the 'students' page and can be accessed via this link:

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

ATTENDANCE

House attendance:

Mars 92%
Jupiter 93.5%
Neptune: 92.5%
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 DISCOVERY

Here are all the Year 8 students who championed the value of discovery for the week commencing the 31st March:

8T – Santi F, Elia S-W
8A – Sophia S, Finley S
8V – Leo B, Austin L
8E – Amelia C, Oli S
8R – Jack B, Charlie S
8H – Jack M, Mikey C
8M – Bethany H, Jess M
8S – Evelyn W, Caleb G

HOUSE VOICE

This has been a short week back, but a busy one nonetheless. Our Mars House leads have organised and put on a House Competition in the hall for KS3 students to get involved in! This was an Easter themed team quiz, well done to all those that took part!

Our H2H team have also started afresh with litter picking and have been doing an amazing job – well done. Next week, we look forward to welcoming residents of care homes along with members of our community to the Friend Indeed Music and Movement event on Tuesday 29th at 10:30am (see poster for more information!)

SPORTS NEWS

Over the Easter weekend, Paige (8H) proudly represented her club in the UK Mixed Martial Arts Championship, an event she had been training towards for nearly eight months. Her dedication and hard work in the lead-up to the competition truly paid off, as she brought home a well-deserved bronze medal for her club.

We are incredibly proud of Paige's fantastic achievement!



UNIFORM DONATIONS

As we continue to support our school community, we kindly ask for your help in donating any outgrown uniform your child no longer needs. These donations will be passed on to other families who need it. If you have any gently used items to contribute, please drop them off at our Main Reception. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Easter. It has been lovely to welcome our Sixth Form students back after their break and to start the term as we mean to go on. The study centre has been a picture of hard work and concentration these past few days with students maximising their time to prepare for their pending examinations.

Year 12 students, have a busy few weeks ahead. Next week they will be off timetable for their mock examinations and the following week they have their work experience week. Looking through the list of placements that have been secured, there is a vast array of opportunities for our students ranging from veterinary practices to accountancy and even the House of Lords!

Year 13 students are on their final push ahead of their exams which start in just a few weeks time. I would like to take this opportunity to remind students of the Wellbeing section on our school website which contains links to useful information and resources on topics such as coping with exam stress, motivation and self-care during the exam period. All resources can be found by clicking this link: <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/wellbeing/>.

On a final note, there is still time to sign up for the RAGFest Colour Run which is taking place on Thursday 15 May at 5pm. This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and family, have fun running just under a mile and have one final opportunity to raise money for our chosen charity Leeway. Information on how to register can be found on our website - <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/assets/THS/Main-School/Parents/Letters-2024-2025/General/Colour-Run-2025-THS.pdf>. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



ALUMNI UPDATE

It was lovely to hear from one of our alumni students this week. Whilst studying at Taverham Sixth Form, they undertook a psychology research project with the University of Bath. Having undergone peer review, the paper is in the process of being published and they are a named co-author. Congratulations to Hannah on this fantastic achievement.

It is always great to hear from our alumni about how they are getting on and their achievements. If you are, or know of any alumni who are keen to share their progress with us, please feel free to email us at 6thform@taverhamhigh.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

Exam season is on the horizon for Year 11 and 13 students in the Global and Historical studies faculty. Students are revising hard to make sure that on the day of their exam, they are the best linguist, geographer, historian or computer scientist they have ever been.

Some students in KS3 Computer Science recently opted to take part in a national coding competition run by Bebras - participants could choose to enter one of three categories using block code or written code, based on their abilities. All students did really well, with Taverham's average for all categories higher than the country's average - so well done to you all.

Mrs Moore made it a house competition as well:

The winner of Novice was Zioni in Earth with an amazing 42 out of 48 points

The winner of Explorers was Louis in Mars

And the winner of Navigators was Logan in Earth

A huge well done to all who took part - house points have been awarded and certificates and prizes are on their way.

As always, the wonderful staff in the faculty are making sure they provide high quality advice, guidance and support to ensure every student feels as calm and confident as possible on exam day. A special shout out goes to all the MFL students taking their speaking exams this week, good luck!

Mr K Cromwell
Global and Historical Faculty Lead



DRAMA NEWS

See to the right a picture of Ty and Mikey ready for their Component 2: Performance from Texts exam with a visiting examiner. The play, set in the 1960s, Blood Brothers, by playwright Willy Russell. The Year 11 boys portrayed Eddie Lyons and Mickey Johnstone, twin brothers, who are separated at birth and brought up in completely different environments in the city.

This component deals with developing knowledge, understanding and skills in exploring and performing from a performance text. Students will interpret this text and rehearse and refine two key extracts, leading to a final performance. They will demonstrate and use a wide range of acting and/or design skills to communicate their interpretation in performance. Congratulations to all Year 11 students who completed this exam on Friday 4th April 2025!



AND FINALLY...

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and chocolate-filled break. Regardless of whether the religious meaning of the Easter period resonates with you in any way, enjoying time with loved ones and basking in the glorious pockets of sunshine certainly lifts spirits and our students have returned with energy and smiles on their faces; always lovely to see!

The ski trip over the Easter break was a real success (brilliant snow and weather with plenty of skiing). Huge thanks to Mrs Burgess and all of our colleagues who supported the trips, as well as to students and families who made the trip such a positive experience for all involved. Planning has already started for next year's trip, so keep your ears peeled.

As ever, we've got a busy term ahead of us, not least with the start of exam season approaching. Our students have been well prepared and are working hard, with lots clearly having completed a considerable amount of revision over the break. To support our students going into large cohort exams, as we have in the past, we are inviting students into school from 8am for a breakfast session with specialist teachers. This will be an opportunity for them to grab something to eat to boost their energy levels going into the exam whilst hearing last minute revision tips and exam strategies from teachers. The sessions will be as follows:

Date	Subject	Where
Monday 12th May	English Lit	Atrium
Wednesday 14th May	Geography	Atrium
Thursday 15th May	Maths	Maths department
Friday 16th May	History	Atrium
Monday 19th May	Chemistry	Atrium
Tuesday 20th May	English Lit	Atrium
Thursday 22nd May	Physics	Atrium
Friday 23rd May	English Lang	Atrium
Wednesday 4th June	Maths	Maths department
Thursday 5th June	History	Atrium
Friday 6th June	English Lang	Atrium
Monday 9th June	Biology	Atrium
Wednesday 11th June	Maths	Maths department
Thursday 12th June	Geography	Atrium
Friday 13th June	Chemistry	Atrium
Monday 16th June	Physics	Atrium

I sincerely hope that all students sitting these exams will attend these briefings. Previous students have found these hugely helpful.

If you haven't already, please do speak with your child/ward about the upcoming RAG week 'Colour Run'. It's a lovely event, lots of fun and a really simple way to raise yet more money for Leeway, a very worthwhile charity supporting victims of domestic abuse.

Finally, a quick staffing update. After many years of dedicated service at Taverham High School, Mrs Cornish, our Head of Drama, has decided to pursue opportunities away from the school going forward and will leave the school officially on 30th April 2025. We thank Mrs Cornish for her hard work, enthusiasm and passion for her subject as well as for the opportunities she has offered our students over many years and wish her the very best for the future.

Over the forthcoming weeks and months, as Years 11 and 13 students navigate the exam season, it's really important that we work together to support them as best we can. If, to that end, you identify ways that we could do this better, please don't hesitate to contact the school and discuss this with us.

Have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to writing to you again soon.

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://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](#)

Art Department

Spring Exhibition

Call for Entries !

Twentieth Century Composer Igor Stravinsky described his well known ballet and piece of music 'Rite of Spring' (La Sacre des Printemps) about the mystery and great surge of the creative power of Spring..

"The Choreography of Nature..."

What inspires you about the season? Allow yourself to be energised and get creating!

>>Open to all staff and students

Fun prize commendations to be awarded!

Drawing / painting / printmaking / photography / mixed-media / digital art - you choose !

As before, all entries to be A4 approximate size and able to hang on a wall surface with name and title on reverse. Hand in to Art Dept.

Deadline Friday 2nd May.

Good Luck!

Music For All Ages

**FREE
TO ATTEND**



**A free Music and Movement
session for babies and children
up to all ages**

Where?

**Taverham High School
Beech Avenue,
Taverham,
Norwich.
NR8 6HP**



When?

**Tuesday 29th April 2025
10.30am - 11.30am
Please arrive at 10.20am**



Book your place: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friendindeed/t-gakklyn>



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**