

SCHOOL NEWS

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COMPASSION

DIARY DATES

07/07/25 – Year 10 Taster Day
08/07/25 – Harry Potter Trip
09/07/25–10/07/25 – Year 6 Induction Days
11/07/25 – Year 5 STEAM Day
14/07/25 – Thorpe Park Business trip
15/07/25 – Year 12 Pathways Day
15/07/25 – Year 12 Parents' UCAS Launch
16/07/25–18/07/25 – Hautbois residential (Year 9)
22/07/25 – Last Day of term– students finish at 1:10pm
23/07/25 – Summer Holidays commence.
03/09/25 – Autumn Term Begins for Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12
04/09/25 – Autumn Term Begins for All Year Groups

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 91.9%
Jupiter 93.5%
Neptune: 92.4%
Earth: 92.1%

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.

SUMMER WATER SAFETY REMINDER

With the warmer weather, open water such as canals, rivers, lakes, and docks can look tempting, but they can be extremely dangerous. Even strong swimmers can get into trouble, and every year, lives are lost due to the hidden risks of swimming or playing near open water.

Cold water shock can take hold in seconds, making it difficult to breathe or move. Water depths can change suddenly, and underwater hazards like rubbish, weeds, or sharp objects can cause serious injuries or trap swimmers. It's also often much harder to get out than it is to get in.

Top tips for keeping young people safe:

- Stay on the towpath or lakeside, no swimming or paddling in unsupervised areas
- Teach children to "Float to Live" if they get into trouble
- If someone falls in, call 999 and encourage them to float, never jump in yourself

Let's work together to keep our students safe this summer. Please take a few minutes to talk to your child/ward about the dangers and how to stay safe near water. For more information and guidance, visit:

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/summerwatersafety
www.riss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety



SIXTH FORM

STUDENT NEWS

On Monday, Biology, Business, Philosophy and Ethics, Psychology and Sociology students went to Banham Zoo. In Psychology, students used research methods and sampling to gather data, which they later compared in class. Business students analysed how Banham Zoo is run and examined its marketing strategies. Sociology students carried out an investigation into social norms and what is deemed socially acceptable. This trip was a valuable aid to their learning journeys.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, our current Year 12 students and Sixth Form staff welcomed our upcoming cohort of Year 12s during our Induction Days. It was great to see such a large turnout of Year 11 students.



On Tuesday, we held the Taskmaster event, where everyone got involved in some friendly competition amongst their teams. Then, we held the Enrichment Fair, where we showcased our new (and existing) enrichment options, including EPQ, Modern Foreign Languages, Gardening Club, and Grub on a Grant – and many more! There was also a talk from Lucy at the UEA on stepping up to Sixth Form. Thank you to all the students who offered to help and engaged with the upcoming Sixth Formers.

On Wednesday, we hosted our very first Sixth Form Social. This was a fun new addition to the usual timetable of the Year 12 Induction Days. There was an array of activities going on – an inflatable obstacle course, badminton, and most importantly, free pizza and chips! One of our main goals as a leadership team is to bridge the gap between the lower school and the Sixth Form, and we have made great headway in creating this welcoming environment, thanks to everyone's participation and help.

Faye B and Mia T, Committee Leaders, Sixth Form Student Leadership Team



WHO'S IN CHARGE?

There will be a fantastic opportunity in the autumn term to work in partnership with our Family Support Team at Norfolk County Council. We will be hosting a parenting programme called "Who's in Charge?" – a supportive project designed for parents and carers of young people who display challenging behaviour at home.

We have the provisional dates of:

25/09/25
02/10/25
09/10/25
16/10/25
23/10/25
06/11/25
13/11/25



Parents/carers would need to attend all of the sessions, 10:00am-12:30pm. One parent/carer from a family would be welcome to join us.

This is a free project, spaces are limited. If you would like to know more about this please contact our Student Support Team on 01603 861757.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

In Science, all year groups have been busy completing their tracking assessments. This will be the third time we write home about progress. We would really appreciate you taking the time to discuss these with your ward, as parental engagement is key to academic success.

A special mention to our Year 10 scientists, who completed their first mock exams in the hall. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to sit a full and genuine exam paper under formal exam conditions. It was an invaluable experience to help familiarise them with the process and environment ahead of their real exams.

All students will be receiving feedback from tracking, and we recommend they spend some time revisiting the areas they found challenging. There is a wealth of support available on the various Science Microsoft Teams that students are part of, and their teachers are always an excellent point of contact for help. You can support your young people too by engaging with their learning, a simple way is to help test them using the "core question" sheets, which are available for each unit of study, to ensure they have the key facts secured. A special congratulations to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students who completed their final exams, we look forward to celebrating your successes on results day.

Mr M Hart
Head of Science Faculty



AND FINALLY...

It's been a bumper week of activities and I always forget just how busy this time of year gets. We welcomed next year's Year 12 for their Induction Days. It was an excellent couple of days of learning, information sharing and team building and we are excited to welcome them all to THS Sixth Form in September. Monday also saw over 40 year 12 students visit Banham Zoo to support with their studies in the social sciences and sciences.

Our Year 10 GCSE Drama students completed their component 1 and performed their work to our Year 9s who will be taking GCSE Drama in September. As part of the GCSE, they are required to perform to an audience but this also created a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate to our future drama students what they will be producing and achieving next year.

Mrs Warwick and Ms Rowe trialled a new careers drop-in for Year 10 parents on Wednesday to offer advice and guidance on pathways and careers now available to our students, it was great to see this so well attended. And on Thursday a small group of Year 6 students joined us in advance of next week's Induction Days. Each year we have around 30 students join us from other schools, sometimes being the only student from their school joining us. In order to make the transition a little less daunting we offer them an extra day before the two official transition days to meet some of the other students joining

us which will hopefully make them a little less anxious about the whole process. It was lovely to see them around school and spending time with each other.

Today was Sports Day which saw a record number of students getting active and participating in a wide range of events. Not only were the traditional track and field events on offer, students could also participate in football, table tennis, tennis and badminton. Thank you to the PE department for co-ordinating such a mammoth event.

Next week looks to be similarly as busy as this one with our Year 10s partaking in a post-16 taster day, two Year 6 Inductions days, the Harry Potter Studios trip and, next Friday, we welcome the Taverham Junior School and Drayton Junior School Year 5 students for a STEAM day.

Finally, a reminder that school will end at 1:10pm on the last day of term (22nd July), taxis and buses have been arranged to collect students at the new time. Please do read the letter that was recently sent about these arrangements and the start of the new academic year.

I wish you all a relaxing and 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
- **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](#)

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INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY EVENT 'STORY AND CRAFT CAFE' TAVERHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Babies and children of all ages welcome

Wednesday 16th July 2025

10.30am - 11.30am

(please arrive at 10.15am)

Taverham High School

Beech Ave, Taverham, Norwich
NR8 6HP

FREE TO ATTEND!

Book a session:

friendindeed.org.uk/book-a-session



UPCOMING

EVENTS



The **Benjamin** Foundation



Carers Matter Norfolk

SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS & FAMILIES

FREE YOUNG CARER EVENTS

Join us for a packed programme of exciting summer events just for Young Carers!

Take a break, meet new friends, and enjoy fun activities in a relaxed and supportive space. From outdoor adventures to creative workshops – there's something for everyone!

Don't miss out – sign up today!

Places are limited.



Lingwood Care Farm - Tuesday 29th July 10am to 12 noon (ALL AGES)



Sailing @ Hunter's Yard, Ludham - Wednesday 6th August 10am to 3pm (AGE 8 PLUS)



Carlton Marshes - Thursday 14th August 10:30am to 12:30pm (ALL AGES)



UEA Campus Trip - Thursday 28th August 10 am to 2.30pm (AGE 14 PLUS)

BOOKING



Scan the QR or go to:
<https://forms.office.com/e/9Xt7ymkNAt>



DON'T

MISS OUT!