

SCHOOL NEWS



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ISSUE 4 - 04/10/2024

DIARY DATES

10/10/24 - Year 6 Open Evening 6:30-8:30pm
18/10/24 - Year 11 GCSE Drama Practical
22/10/24-12/11/24 - Year 11 Mock GCSE Exam Period
25/10/24 - Half term Commences. (last day for students 24/10/24)
04/11/24 - Term begins Week 1
05/11/24-11/11/24 - GCSE Maths and English Language Resit Exams
13/11/24 - Parent and Community Event
13/11/24-19/11/24 - Year 11 MFL Mock Oral Exams
15/11/24 - Non Uniform Day
27/11/24 - Year 8 Vaccinations
28/11/24 - Royal Air Force Visit Year 7 and 8
02/12/24-04/12/24 - Year 11 Art Mock Exam
04/12/24-06/12/24 - Year 13 Art Mock Exam
05/12/24 - Taverham Academy Awards Evening

GENERAL INFORMATION

Duke of Edinburgh

Y9, Y10 and Y11 students have now received launch assemblies and a parents' information evening was held this week on 2nd October. If you weren't able to attend and want to catch up with the information, the presentation has been uploaded to the school website under the Enrichment tab. Expression of interest forms from students will be reviewed w/c 7th October and students who are completing the award will be contacted with a welcome letter.

Year 11 Mock Exams

The timetable for Year 11 Mock Exams is being handed out to students during their form time. Parents and carers can view the timetable on the school website under Students > Examination Information.

PE Department Activities

The year 7 girls footballers had an amazing first 9 a side match together yesterday, great teamwork and tenacity! Well done to all, and a shout out to our goal scorers:

Molly ⚽
Jessica ⚽
Ella ⚽



Another mention goes to Emily who won play of the match! Great work girls!!

STUDENT VOICE

My name is Anna, one of the two deputy heads of school. My role in the school involves deputising for the heads of school, to work with the school leadership team, to be an internal and external ambassador for the school and act as a role model for all students at Taverham High school. Whilst in post as a Deputy Head student I hope to help with the school's development whether internally or externally, to act as a student voice, a representative, role model and to bring about a positive change towards the school, allowing students to confidently put forward input that will allow them to acquire a unique and enjoyable experience during their time at Taverham high school.

Hello, I am Archie, one of the deputy heads here at Taverham, and I'm proud to be part of the Community and Charity Legacy Group. Our focus is to improve how our school is viewed from the outside, engaging in activities like visits to local care homes to strengthen our connection with the community. While this role presents many challenges, I'm committed to further expanding our school's positive image fostering deeper relationships with the wider community in the future. I hope that this will help this school to be increasingly viewed as a positive image by the public eye.

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 93.7%
Jupiter 95.4%
Neptune: 94.6%
Earth: 93.8%

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Please remember to let us know if your child is going to be late due to a scheduled appointment, etc.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

European Day of Languages

Did you know that in the Taverham High School community, we speak over forty languages from five continents around the world?! Could you recognise Chichewa (from Malawi) or Mayalayam (from Southern India), or tell the difference between Arabic from Saudi Arabia and Arabic from Egypt?!

Last Thursday 26th September we celebrated European Day of Languages, with a focus on our fantastic multilingual students and staff, who collaborated to create a quiz that tested our linguistic knowledge. It was fiendish but IIM won by a landslide. Students were also encouraged to share aspects of their home culture and language throughout the day with items from home and by teaching their home language. Here you can see Ms Yaghil with a cricket ball adorned with the Zimbabwean flag, accompanied by a frame showcasing the outline of Zimbabwe. Within the outline, an array of various Zimbabwean coins are displayed – brought in by Dakotah in year 7.



We also held the Eurovision Door Contest – now in its fourth year. Form groups competed to represent a non-English speaking country on their Form room door. The results were incredible, and it was a tough field, but 7S and 7T were joint winners with their depictions of Greece (complete with pillars) and Japan (with handmade cherry blossom!) 10M were the senior winners, depicting Egypt with hand-drawn hieroglyphics and pyramids containing real sand! It was fantastic to see so many countries from around world represented in our corridors.

Ms C Gillham
Second in MFL Department

GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip

On 26th September GCSE Geography students undertook their final piece of fieldwork, trying to answer the question 'Are the Coastal Defences at West Runton Effective?' which will then be analysed and evaluated before drawing conclusions in our geography lessons.

We collected data on beach profiles looking at the length and gradient of the beach, information about the groynes to show if they are preventing longshore drift and then completed a radar diagram using our own opinions about the rip-rap or rock armour, groynes, sea walls and revetments, scoring them on things such as their state of repair, their attractiveness and how easy they make access to the beach. This information will be further used in GCSE Geography Paper 3 answering exam questions about the methods of data collection, the graphs used to display data and how reliable the conclusions might be, while allowing us to see if the defences are likely to stop the cliffs from being eroded further.



We were incredibly lucky with the weather, with only one short shower while we were having lunch which meant we could hide in the café for 20 minutes and refuel. But overall it was a very successful and enjoyable day and we even managed to spot a fossil or two.

Miss Gaylor
Head of Geography

SIXTH FORM

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This week representatives from Larking Gowen came in to run a session for Year 13 students on Apprenticeships in Accounting. This included a current apprentice speaking first-hand about their recent experiences as well as a past apprentice talking about how their career journey has developed since completing their AAT qualifications.

Thank you to Ms Leary and Ms Reding for organising this valuable experience for our students. Next week our Year 12 students are going to the UEA to enrich, inspire and motivate them and think about Higher Education. Congratulations to Isaac and Daniel who received certificates from Gonville & Caius this week in recognition of their successful completion of the Gonville & Caius College Cambridge Higher Aspirations Scheme. Lastly, thank you to everyone who has followed us on Instagram since our launch last week.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form

STUDENT VOICE

We had another successful week in the sixth form! Last Thursday the leadership team helped with the year 11 Open Evening, with our two heads of school giving a speech to the prospective parents/carers and students.

As a Deputy Head of School, I help to support our Heads so on Thursday I was helping and advising people throughout the evening. Something that I am passionate about is social justice, and I am planning to implement this by creating a survey to understand students' opinions on our school Black History Month curriculum, to see how we could accommodate for our students better. We also have an exciting month coming up, with our first Sixth Form social on the horizon, so stay tuned to find out more!

Josie S, Deputy Head of Sixth Form
Sixth Form Leadership Team



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

It has been a wonderful start to the academic year for social sciences. As Head of Faculty, it has been lovely to drop into classes and see our students enjoying their learning. In Psychology, year 12 students have been focusing on different approaches and research methods whilst year 13 have completed their practical projects using content analysis relating to mental health representation in the media, a very fascinating topic and well done to students for completing this thought-provoking work!

Mrs Barker and Mr Derrick have been impressed by the year 8s who have started learning Classics this year, hopefully they have been able to tell you all about it at home! They have been learning about what Classics is, Olympian Gods and the team highly recommend the Rick Riordan books, which are all available in the school library. In Sociology, students have been looking at the different theories in year 12 gauging a real understanding of the differing perspectives around society whilst year 13 have been delving into why people commit crime and whether crime can be good thing!

Health and Social Care students have been getting really stuck into looking at the cardiovascular system and some absolutely amazing life-sized models of bodies were created by students as part of their summer tasks! In Politics, Mr Linnell has been really impressed at how well the year 12 students have engaged in their first topic on democracy and participation in the UK. With a new government there is a lot of change in the news that students have been able to link to their studies!

Further, in Economics the year 12s have been looking at the different measures of economic performance and Mr Mayet in particular has really noted the wonderful atmosphere and high levels of engagement from the class in year 12, a very well done for a fantastic start to the A Level course! Year 13 have been looking at the Bank of England and enjoying relating their studies to real life examples.

Business as well has been covering some really interesting topics around leadership in year 12 and in year 13, financial ratios. In Philosophy students have been working hard at GCSE starting well on the topic of relationships and at A Level the classes have been delving into the debate of morality and whether the intention or consequence of an action is more important. In Religious Studies, year 7 have started the Island and are learning each week how to build their community and are discovering different practices along the way. Recently they discussed what makes a good leader and is it important to mark special events and how should this be done.

Finally, as a faculty we are not only getting stuck into our curriculum, but Larking Gowen visited the faculty this week to deliver a talk about apprenticeship applications in finance and business! A really exciting start to the academic year and I wish our year 11s the best of luck in their upcoming mock examinations.

Miss R Green
Faculty Lead for Social Sciences



AND FINALLY...

Autumn feels like it has most definitely arrived and mornings and nights are becoming darker. Please can I encourage you to check that your child's bikes are road safe, have a full set of working lights and that you remind them about cycling in a safe manner on the roads. I would also encourage you to ensure your child is visible on their bikes and when walking to and from school and have something that is reflective on them. As a polite reminder can I request that parents do not drive onto the school site after school unless they have a permit or a prearranged meeting; we encourage parents/carers not to park on Beech Avenue at the start and end of the school day out of respect for our local residents.

It has been noticeable the large number of students actively engaging with our wide range of extra-curricular offers both in and after school. Being able to offer opportunities beyond the classroom is so important and something that we encourage our students to do. The additional benefits of taking part in clubs and societies are amazing not just for developing a new interest but also to develop crucial life skills like teamwork and communication. We would encourage you to check with your child if they are currently attending any afterschool clubs so that you are aware of their whereabouts. A full list of our extra-curricular activities can be found on the school website under the Enrichment tab.

Last week our Sports Leaders supported with the School Sports Partnerships (SSP) Years 2-4 Active Kids Festival working with 17 Infant, Junior and Primary Schools. The SSP reported that the Sports Leaders were excellent at encouraging the students to get involved and do their personal best.



Next week we will be holding our Open Evening, (10/10/24) and we are so excited to be opening our doors to current families and prospective new families to showcase what makes us Taverham High School.

Parents/carers of Year 7 and 9 should have received the proof card for your child's school photograph- if you have not received it please check their bag. If by chance you have not received your proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is 15th October 2024.

We currently have a lot of unclaimed uniform items at reception. If your child is missing anything, please direct them to come to reception to check. Can we also request that school items are clearly labelled and named.

Finally, as part of World Mental Health Day (Thursday 10th October) we will be holding assemblies and using form time to reflect on this year's theme which is looking at mental health in the workplace for all. We take wellbeing and mental health very seriously and we recognise that sometimes it is hard to ask for help. If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, we have created 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>.

Wishing all our families and the Taverham community a lovely weekend.

Ms 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-childs-self-harm-you-are-not-alone>