

SCHOOL NEWS



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DIARY DATES

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
10/12/24-11/12/24 – Christmas Lunches
12/12/24 – Year 11 Parents' Evening (Online)

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Parent/Carer Maths Workshop

The Maths Department were delighted to welcome parents, carers and their children to a Maths Workshop, looking at multiplication methods.

The sessions were developed in response to regular comments made by parents who feel unable to help their children with maths work, that methods used in the classroom are different to those they are familiar with, or simply feel rusty in their maths skills. We are running a session each half term to give year 7 and 8 parents a chance to come back to the classroom and participate in some learning.

During the session, family members made use of mini whiteboards as well as completing mini tasks to help them practice using three different written multiplication methods. A summary handout was provided with the key information and copies are available on request.

Our next Maths Workshop is Division Methods on the 21st November. The sessions are very relaxed and are intended for those who are not confident with Maths. Please do keep an eye out for an email with more details – we look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs H Crane
Head of Key Stage 3 Maths

BEYOND THE FRAME COMPETITION

Norwich University of the Arts has launched the 'Beyond the Frame' photography competition, open to students aged 11-19 in full-time Secondary or Further Education worldwide.

This is an enrichment opportunity for all Taverham High Students. It is not compulsory but an exciting opportunity for any budding photographers. You do not need to be studying a creative subject in order to enter.

This year's competition award categories are:

- 11-15 age category
- 16-19 age category
- 'Gender Equality' category
- 'Responsible Production & Consumption' category

Entrants can submit up to three photographs and one piece of moving image (up to one minute in length). They must all be your own work.

Last year, shortlisted entries were displayed in an awards exhibition at Norwich University of the Arts. Their work can be viewed online here

The deadline for submission is 4pm Wednesday 26 February 2025 via the Beyond the Frame website norwichbeyondtheframe.com

Successful entrants will be informed as to whether their work has been shortlisted by late March 2025. Competition winners will be announced at the awards event on Thursday 17 April 2025.

Have a question? Contact them directly at beyondtheframe@norwichuni.ac.uk

STUDENT VOICE – MARS HOUSE

Hello all! I'm Dominique and I am Head of Mars House. I'm writing about why resilience is important. Not only is resilience a life skill, it's a key tool to help with your studies. If you continue to revise and work towards something you will see the payoff! At times you may not feel like revising but the more you stay resilient, the more you get from your effort.



Hello! I'm Caitlyn and I am Deputy Head of Mars House. I am here to share with you the importance of our house value-resilience. This is a crucial skill within school. Any resilience that you hold will pay off not only in your school studies but in life. The more resilient you are, the more rewards you receive.

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 93.3%
Jupiter 95.9%
Neptune: 94.8%
Earth: 93.4%



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

SPORTS NEWS

A fantastic performance by our U13 girls on Thursday. They're through to the next round of the National Cup. Shout out to our goal scorers Sasha, Molly, Eliza, Willow and Isla... and well done to our player of the match Eliza! ⚽



SIXTH FORM

NEWS

It has been another busy week here in Sixth Form with Year 11 applications coming in via Help You Choose. Application interviews also began this week, and I have been impressed with how well students have articulated the reasons behind their course choices.

Meanwhile, our Sixth Form Student Subject Leaders welcomed Year 11 Form groups to the Study Centre to share advice and guidance on their subjects at A Level. It was a great opportunity for Year 11 students to ask questions following Open Evening and gain the perspective of current students. These sessions will continue next week with the remaining Year 11 Form groups.

Furthermore, on Wednesday this week, Year 12 students went to the UEA for an enrichment visit, where they attended talks on making the most of sixth form and student life at university. They also had a Q&A session with current students where we were particularly impressed with the quality of questions our students asked and the insight they gained. The day finished with lunch and a full tour of the campus before returning to Sixth Form.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



STUDENT VOICE

I hope everyone has had a great week. I'm Kaitlyn and a part of the Sixth Form leadership team. I am the community and whole school outreach lead. This role allows me to channel ideas of improving our school and local community, by spreading awareness of environmental issues and celebrating national days within the school.

This week the subject leads and leadership committee have done an amazing job in hosting information sessions for the year 11 Forms, giving students an opportunity to ask questions about certain subjects they may want to study. Next week should be just as informative for the rest of the year 11 Forms.

Additionally, we are excited to announce an upcoming Sixth Form Social this month, where both Year 12 and Year 13 students will have the chance to connect and enjoy a possibly spooky-themed event.

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

Please read below all the exciting news from the Faculty for Creative Arts and Technical Studies!

D&T

The Design & Technology department is pleased to welcome Mr Appleby to the team this year. He brings with him a wealth of experience of teaching D&T and construction. We also welcome back Miss Butler from maternity leave.

On Sunday 22nd September, Team Squeegie assembled at the Lotus test track in Hethel to race the Greenpower race car in the regional heat of the competition, for which teams had gathered from all over the country, as well as a couple of overseas teams from as far as Portugal and Norway! The standard of the cars on show was extremely high, with top speeds reaching nearly 40mph around the 2.2-mile circuit. Team Squeegie has spent many hours at lunchtimes and weekly after-school sessions building the car, and managed an impressive 16th in the first 90-minute race but experienced a slight mechanical set back in race 2 meaning they finished 18th out of 28 cars. Sadly, not enough to qualify for the National finals but the pupils had a great day and learnt lots ready for next year. Well done to all participants and thanks to the parents who came along to support through the day.

KS4 students wishing to pursue D&T or Engineering based studies at KS5, and are considering a career in related industries, are invited to apply for the Arkwright scholarship which, if an application is successful will see students awarded with financial support and links to mentors in industry. This year's round of applications has started, with several students applying for the scholarship. Good luck to them, and we hope they'll be as successful as previous THS applicants.

The staff in the department have been really impressed by the attitude, motivation and commitment of Year 11 students to their NEA work including packed out weekly after school Engineering sessions. With mock exams approaching very soon, we hope that students have started their revision.

Younger students in KS3 are more than half way through their first D&T rotation of the year. Students are working hard to complete their projects. We hope that the final projects will go home to be shared and enjoyed by students with their families.

Art

We wanted to showcase these amazing pieces by our year 12 and 13 Photography students. We encourage any budding photographers to enter their pieces into the 'Beyond the Frame' photography competition launched by Norwich University of the Arts. You can find the details on the first page of this week's newsletter.



PE

The PE department would like to welcome Mr Edmunds to the team as the new Head of Department.

It has been a great start to the term, with over 350 different pupils getting involved in the various clubs on offer at lunchtime and after school. Many of the sports teams have had successful starts to the season, particularly the girls' football teams who have already progressed through to the next round of the cup.

A particular club highlight so far this year has been the growth of the rugby club on a Wednesday after school and the table tennis club on a Wednesday lunchtime with over 30 new pupils attending these 2 clubs this year.

Keep up the good work and follow all the PE departments success stories on Instagram @Taverham_High_School_PE

Mr J Eastick
Head of Faculty for Creative Arts and Technical Studies



AND FINALLY...

Another week of term gone, and we creep deeper into Autumn – and doesn't the weather show it! We've seen a little spike in the number of students attending school in the wrong uniform as a result of wet shoes, blazers or trousers. Please could I ask for your support in checking that your children/wards have the right uniform clean and dried for the morning each evening, so we can continue to focus our conversations on their wellbeing and learning rather than the colour of their shoes!

Also, we're in the season of bugs and germs I'm afraid, so a reminder that we expect to see students in school with coughs and cold. This is perfectly normal for this time of year and some calpol and packet of tissues will usually get students through a day. But if you have sickness and/or diarrhoea you are more than welcome to keep that to yourselves and we would expect students to remain at home until 48hrs after their last 'bout'.

I need to start my piece this week by thanking all members of our community for a fantastic, positive and vibrant open evening. As ever, our community did what it does best and came together to fill the school with happy faces, engaging conversations and interesting activities. I would dearly love to name each student involved personally but there were so many keen volunteers that it's simply not possible. Instead I will simply say thank you to all of them, for their maturity, politeness, for volunteering and for representing our school, their families and themselves so well. Thank you also to you, the families, for supporting this event by playing taxi service and getting them a quick tea before returning them to school ready for the evening! To our prospective parents, who turned out in their hundreds as they do each year, we look forward to welcoming your children/wards for transition events through the year, should you decide that we are the school for you. Please be aware that we expect to be oversubscribed again in Year 7 in September. Finally, to my amazing (and now exhausted!) colleagues, thank you for filling your classrooms with energy and enthusiasm, as you do each lesson – how proud I am to work with you all.

It's been another great week at school with some of our Year 11 students visiting Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University as part of our link with them, this time studying MFL subjects. Our entire Year 12 cohort (and some Year 13s) have also visited the UEA to engage with higher education providers as well as apprenticeships and other post-18 opportunities. This trip is designed to help students to start considering their 'next steps' – an exciting and important part of their Sixth Form experience, and one we are keen to support as thoroughly and personally as possible.

Finally, you may remember in my first newsletter I wrote to ask for your support in two areas. One was to help us celebrate the incredible successes many of our students achieve outside of school by sending information to celebrations@taverhamhigh.org. After an initial flurry, this has been rather quiet over the last few weeks so I thought now would be a good time to refresh this in your minds. We think it's really important to acknowledge that our students, your children/wards, are more than simply ours for five teaching hours a day and that by celebrating their brilliance outside of the classroom we are respecting and applauding them for who they are when they are not with us – recognising that this is important to us as well. Please support us with this by letting us know the things we don't!

The second area that I would love some support on is to help us add 'sparkle' to our school by supporting things like our art show, our rewards, new trampolines for PE and our library provision. These are areas (among others) that are not essential to the running of our school but do make it a better place to learn and be part of. Currently, our budgets won't stretch to support all the areas we would like to cover so any community involvement would be hugely appreciated – no matter how big or small! If you are interested in working with us, please do get in touch by completing this very quick form and we will get back to you <https://forms.office.com/e/6RF2mREseM>.

Thank you as ever for your support this week.

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>