

# SCHOOL NEWS



**MARS - 14006 EARTH - 13726 NEPTUNE - 13917 JUPITER - 14051**

ISSUE 6 - 18/10/2024

## 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)

## 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>

## STUDENT VOICE - JUPITER HOUSE

My name is Shelby and I'm the Head of Jupiter House, my role is to work with the house council and come up with ideas to make the school a better place. I hope to make the school community a place where everyone feels like their voices are heard.



## ATTENDANCE

### House attendance:

Mars 93.3%  
Jupiter 95%  
Neptune: 94.7%  
Earth: 93.3%



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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

Over the last few weeks, students and teachers have been working hard in the Historical and Global Studies faculty. In History, Yr 7's have improved their understanding of key terms by completing a home learning task about anachronisms in History.

Computer Science has formally welcomed Mr Horrobin to the department as he gets to know students in his classes and helps the department to continue to grow and flourish.

In MFL, Mrs Gillham did a great job helping students to celebrate European Day of Languages, some of the door displays were fantastic this year.

Finally, in Geography, Yr 11 students successfully completed their final piece of geographical fieldwork when they visited West Runton for the day in September.

Overall, a fantastic start to the year and lots more to look forward to in the run up to Christmas.

Mr K Cromwell  
Head of Faculty for Global and Historical Studies



To show case our house system and Sixth Form study centre we have implemented some much needed colour into our Atrium. Keep your eye out for them the next time you visit our school.



# SIXTH FORM

## NEWS

I hope you have all had a good week. Our Year 13 students are busy working hard on their personal statements in preparation for sending off their UCAS applications this term. The Higher Aspirations Scheme are running several online personal statements workshops to compliment the great work tutors are doing during form time. Details of these have been sent directly to students via email for them to sign up to. Also on the topic of UCAS, congratulations to Harrison for being our first student to send off his application!

In other news, this week saw the remaining Year 11 tutor groups visiting the study centre to meet with our subject leaders. We will continue to work with Year 11 over the coming months to look at pathways into different careers.

Alongside this, Year 11 Sixth Form interviews have continued in full swing this week and we continue to be impressed with the students who have articulated so well the reasons behind their course choices.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson  
Head of Sixth Form

## STUDENT VOICE

Hi, my name is Evie and I am the Sixth Form mental health and well-being representative! Alongside the rest of the leadership team, I help to support students in sixth form as well as in lower school to create an environment where wellbeing can be talked about openly.

This week with the leadership team, we've been working on our Halloween/Christmas socials which will be taking place in November. We have lots of exciting activities planned for everybody to get involved in which we are looking forward to sharing with you. As we get closer to mock season, please remember to take time for yourselves, get enough sleep and take care of yourself!

Evie J, Committee Leader for Student Wellbeing.  
Sixth Form Leadership Team



## CANTEEN UPDATE

Starting after the October Half term we will be implementing a new menu for our school canteen. It has been carefully curated by the Enrich Learning Trust. Please view this and the new tariff on the school website under the Students tab then Canteen. Students will get a taste of the new, delicious options starting next week. Prices will remain the same up until the 24 of October 2024. The free school meal allowance, main meal and meal deal prices will be remain unaffected.

Miss J Turley  
Senior Operations Manager

## YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

We had an amazing turn out at last Thursday's Yr6 Open Evening. The school was packed with prospective students who got to visit all our subject areas and get a good idea of what life at Taverham would be like. We had a huge number of current students on hand who volunteered to help show off the school to its very best.

Mr S Derrick  
Transition lead



## AND FINALLY...

Education is so much more than just sitting in lessons and learning how to pass exams. School life enables our young people to develop life skills, work as a team and to be part of a community. A real strength of Taverham High students is their sense of community and how they will rally around each other to support the things that are important to them; events like RAG week and sports day always highlight this spirit at its very best. Last week, our ELFs planned and organised an event in the library for World Mental Health Day which was really well attended. They are now in the process of planning to deliver assemblies for Anti Bullying Week next month.

The Prefect team have been meeting regularly and will be going around the school for the next few weeks selling items for the Poppy Appeal. So if you are able to, please send your child in with some loose change so they can purchase something or donate to the appeal. The prefects are also in the process of choosing a charity for our first non uniform day in November. One of the visions of our school is to empower our young people, and by allowing them opportunities to lead and make decisions on key events such as these, it enables us to achieve this.

Next week our Year 11s start their mock exam period, I know many of our students have spent a lot of time revising and preparing for them and are taking them very seriously. I wish them every success with the exams but also want to reiterate that they should see this as an opportunity to identify where their gaps in knowledge and understanding are, and to use this process to help them to guide their future revision.

As a polite reminder, period 1 starts at 8:30 am and students are expected to be seated in their classroom by this time. I do appreciate the challenges of motivating a teenager to be up and out of the house on time and also the challenges with the seemingly constant road works in the area but please can I ask that you do encourage and support your child to be in school by 8:25 am so that they are in their classrooms ready to learn. If students are arriving 5 minutes late every morning, they are missing half a lesson every week, over the course of a term this equates to a day and half of missed lessons and, over a year, over four days' worth of missed lessons. Timekeeping is also a key life skill that our students need to develop as they enter the world of work too.

Congratulations this week go to Roisin and Ellie in Year 9 who completed the inflatable 5K course at the Norfolk Showground on Sunday- it sounded like a lot of fun was had at the event!



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 so that we can support in returning lost items to their rightful owners.

Wishing all our families and the Taverham community a lovely 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>