

# SCHOOL NEWS



**MARS - 16503 EARTH - 16134 NEPTUNE - 16420 JUPITER - 16611**

ISSUE 7 - 24/10/2024

## DIARY DATES

**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)  
**16/12/24** - Tracking Point 1 Published to parents via MCAS

## 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>



## HOUSE VOICE



Congratulations to Jupiter House in achieving the most house points this half term!

Jupiter House students enjoyed their early lunch and free cake or cookie this afternoon. Great work all!

And a special mention and well done to Earth House for your amazing work handing in the most club loyalty cards last half term - you are amazing!

## ATTENDANCE

### House attendance:

Mars 92.9%  
Jupiter 94.5%  
Neptune: 95.2%  
Earth: 93.3%

94%

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

In year 7, students have been learning the basic elements of music. Focusing on keyboard performance, treble clef notation, and melody. They've worked in small ensembles, showing how different musical layers combine to form cohesive pieces.

For year 8, this term's focus has been on popular songs, exploring riffs, lyrics, structure, and melody. Students are performing riffs and improving their ensemble timing.

Year 9 students have been working on repeated patterns like hooks and riffs, performing pieces like "Uptown Funk" and preparing "Shape of You" for assessment.

Year 10 students have deepened their understanding of vocal and instrumental techniques in popular music. They've also started honing performance skills, becoming more confident in ensemble work, and using musical vocabulary.

For year 11, the focus has been on the development of the concerto (1650-1910) and preparing for solo and ensemble performances while refining their compositions in preparation for final assessments.

Year 12 Music Technology students have been mastering the use of digital audio workstations (DAWs), developing the skills needed for creative projects.

In year 13, students are now learning mixing and mastering techniques through remixing the multitrack of "Bohemian Rhapsody." In other news, there's buzz about the Music Technology students producing another Christmas track this year. Could Mr. Yassin be taking on a solo? Stay tuned for the big reveal!

Mr D Timbers  
Head of Music



## SIXTH FORM

### NEWS

This week our psychology students enjoyed exploring sampling techniques with jellybeans as part of their research methods unit, an engaging and interesting way to learn a new concept! Year 12 have now reached the end of their induction period, and most students will be able to add up to three blocks of home study to their timetable for after half term. We have been particularly impressed with how well Year 12 have settled into life at Sixth Form and the progress they are making. Can I please use this as an opportunity to remind you of the importance of regular attendance and that our aim is for students to have 95% attendance overall.

This week we were also excited to host a visit from UCL, London's Global University. Students from other local Sixth Forms joined some of our Year 12 students to gain an insight into Higher Education and super-curricular engagement. Thank you to Ms Reding, Ms Gillham and Mrs Norris for facilitating and supporting this event. Finally, well done to all our students on successfully completing the first half term and on behalf of all the Sixth Form team we wish you a safe and enjoyable half term break.

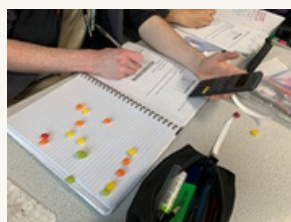
Mrs L Robertson  
Head of Sixth Form

### STUDENT VOICE

The first half-term is almost over, and it was a busy one! Over the last few weeks our Student Subject Leaders have been giving their perspective on the Sixth Form experience for Year 11's in an open student panel, which was hopefully valuable for everyone involved.

As Academic Student Support Committee Leader (which rolls right off the tongue), I am in charge of overseeing our brilliant Subject Leaders and ensuring that the transition into A-Level studies is as stress-free as possible. The Student Leadership Team will always be around for advice and support - and have exciting new projects for the next half-term on hand. We hope that everybody has a restful half-term break!

Emily C, Committee Leader for Academic Student Support  
Sixth Form Leadership Team



## EVENTS

### Parent/Carer Community Event

You are all invited to attend our first parent/carers community event of the year on Wednesday 13th November from 4:30pm until 6:00pm (light refreshments will be provided).

These events are an opportunity for us to open the school to our wider community including parents/carers of both current students, and parents/carers of our feeder schools.

More information to come on Monday 4th November.

### Poetry Live! 2025

We have currently have 30 unsold tickets for the Year 11 Poetry Live! event in January on Wednesday 22 January 2025. This is a live event at the Regent Theatre, Ipswich where students will be able to watch a selection of GCSE poetry performed and discussed by their GCSE poets. There will also be a keynote speaker from AQA who will be talking about the poetry question in the Summer exams, and how to approach the unseen poetry section. Book your place now and pay on WisePay

### Macbeth 2025

Information regarding a trip to the Norwich Playhouse on Thursday 23rd January 2025 were sent out to Year 10 students this week and selected Year 11 students. Tickets for Year 10 are on a first served basis. There will also be a waiting list in the event that Year 11 students cannot attend. Year 10 students can now pay on WisePay for secure their place by Sunday November 3rd.

### Macbeth Norwich Playhouse January 2025

If you would like to take your son/daughter to see this production, tickets are still available on their website <https://norwichtheatre.org/whats-on/macbeth/>

### An Inspector Calls January 2025

There are still tickets available (limited availability) for this production at the Theatre Royal in Norwich. This is a GCSE set text. It would be a fantastic opportunity for Year 10 or Year 11 students to watch their text live. Please visit the website <https://norwichtheatre.org/whats-on/an-inspector-calls/>

### Bedrock Parents Event

Bedrock are hosting an online event for parents on Tuesday 12th of November from 7:00 - 8:00pm to find out:

- An introduction to Bedrock learning
- The connection between language and progress
- Being able to see what their child is learning on the Bedrock platform
- Being able to support their child's academic language at home

Register for this here: <https://app.getcontrast.io/videos/bedrock-learning-parents-evening-2024-25/signup>

## AND FINALLY...

We made it, the first half term complete, and what a half term it's been! Students have been largely fantastic this half term, engaging enthusiastically with their lessons and behaving as we (and you, I'm sure) would expect. We are so fortunate to be well supported by families with high expectations for the way their children/wards conduct themselves – it's impossible to overestimate how important that is to the way we are able to manage our classrooms and school as a whole. Another example of the impact of your support is the way in which our attendance is improving. This half term, students across the school and Sixth Form have attended almost 94% of their sessions, an improvement from this time last year. We can best educate young people when they are in classrooms and learning, so this is enormously important – thank you for your support.

We've seen brilliant engagement from our students through sporting fixtures and clubs, aspirational visits to Cambridge University and the UEA, student leadership opportunities, the Year 12 and whole school open evenings and, of course, through their work in our classrooms. Our Year 11's started their mocks this week and did so with maturity and enthusiasm (from most!). Our Year 13s are busy writing their personal statements for university applications, visiting universities and post-18 opportunities around the country to get themselves organised for life after Taverham. When I look through all that has been offered or achieved already since we returned to school in September, I can see why the time has flown!

Over the half term break a number of our Year 7 students will be visiting China as part of a collaborative trip with other Norfolk schools who offer Mandarin within their curriculum – I can't wait to hear all about it, and we wish them a safe trip and a wonderful time. Looking forward, on the 13th of November, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm we have the first of four 'Parent/Carer Community Events' that we intend to put on this school year. We would love to see as many people as possible at these events, so please do attend if you can.

Next half term is another long one, but with the excitement of family and festivities to look forward to at the end of it. As a school, we will be pushing students in classrooms even more to participate actively in their learning, using each other as resources to aid understanding and to challenge each other's learning. We will also be continuing our search for ways to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students outside of school. This week I want to congratulate Oscar in Year 8 who had the great privilege of performing with the Taverham Band at their 50th anniversary concert last weekend, at The Norwich Playhouse. He has been a trainee drummer with them for 6 months now, and performed Waterloo in front of their sellout audience. What an achievement – well done Oscar!



I want to thank all members of our school community who have been in touch over the last 8 weeks, either to offer constructive criticism or praise – both of which are useful. As Headteacher, I've received lots of lovely emails praising how the school is changing and improving, and those emails are worth more than I can express on a Friday afternoon at the end of a long week. Our staff are committed to making Taverham High a place where students can feel safe, supported and challenged. Your ongoing support is vital in this journey! So, thank you.

I wish all our students a lovely, restful half term break. I know Year 11 students will be studying hard for their mock exams (or should be!) but please help them plan some downtime too – a family meal out, film night, a trip round the shops, whatever's affordable and not looking at exam papers – it will help to break up the studying.

I look forward to writing to you again in November!

Kind regards  
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](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>