

SCHOOL NEWS



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DIARY DATES

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
18/12/24 - THS Christmas Fair
20/12/24 - Last Day of term - Students finish 1:10pm
21/12/24-06/01/25 - Christmas Holidays
07/01/25 - Term Begins (Week 2)

LIBRARY UPDATE

From bookshelves to bytes: Reading just got a digital upgrade! Announcing our BRAND NEW ePlatform library, coming soon!

Digital books are the biggest change in libraries since forever. Their purpose? - to complement your beloved print books - not to replace them. eBooks and audiobooks will enhance our library and will appeal to even the most reluctant reader.

The e-library catalogue is full of bestselling, popular fiction titles and will offer students 24/7 access to a digital library in addition to the print library in school. Students can have 2 books out on loan at any one time, and they will automatically return after 2 weeks, or students can return them early in order to loan a new book.

We have age rated the books which means students can only read books that are age appropriate. There are also settings that can be customised to enable students who suffer with reading difficulties to enjoy reading without specialised equipment or books - we will be working with those students affected to setup their preferences.

The eBooks can be read on a computer, laptop, or through the free app on your tablets or smartphones.

Watch this space...



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:

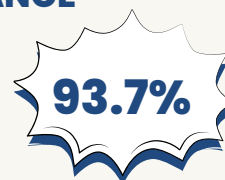
If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the 'students' page and can be accessed via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/jwPTkVYnYz>

ATTENDANCE

House attendance:

Mars 92.7%
Jupiter 94.4%
Neptune: 93.4%
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

The Couch to 5K section of Fitness Friday will be completing their 9 week C25K programme next week. In line with tradition, we will recognise this with a 'celebration' Park Run at Sloughbottom Park on Saturday 16th November at 9am. This is a public event open to all, it would be great to see some of our other students there too. If you would like to come, please could you let us know by completing the form on the link below so we know who to look out for.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hHZKxLABV>

For those who may have missed out this time, we start a new C25K programme every term.

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term break. This half term is set to be a busy one, particularly for Year 13 students who are applying for university. University courses are highly competitive, with offers often being received soon after applications have been sent. Therefore, we have set our internal deadline for UCAS applications to be completed by early December. Year 13 students have been emailed details about online personal statement workshops the Higher Aspirations Scheme are running on Tuesday 12th November to further support their application.

The PE department have also launched the Sixth Form Get Active club which will run every Thursday lunchtime in the Sports Hall. There is no need to change into sports kit, students just need to wear appropriate footwear. I look forward to joining them for a game or two of badminton! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



STUDENT VOICE

Hi all, well done for making it through this first week; the first week is always the hardest! After a successful first half term, from student panels to open evenings, the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team is eager to begin the events of the new half term. Excitingly, planning is in progress for the first Sixth Form social, which we hope will involve both year groups through the power of competition in a sporty themed social.

As Marketing and Transition Leader, my role on the Sixth Form Leadership Team is to help spread the word of Sixth Form events. With the introduction of the new monthly socials, I am looking forward to ensuring all Sixth Formers have access to participating in them, if current Sixth Form students have any ideas or inspiration for future socials please let us know.

Megan M
Committee Leader for Marketing and Student Voice
Sixth Form Leadership Team

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

Our Student Leadership Team have been working hard and kept busy this week with all sorts of exciting tasks and roles!

Senior Student Leaders have been working hard to visit all forms in school to sell poppies in preparation for our school Remembrance event on Monday 11th November. Students have worked together to put together a rota to visit forms and raise money for the poppy appeal.

Heads of Houses and Deputy Heads of Houses have been working with House Council Representatives across the school to gather information on student voice in relation to rewards and how we celebrate students in school - we have been really proud of our House leads approach to this with many putting together forms and taking feedback from students in an organised way. We can't wait for our next House Council meeting on Tuesday 12th to hear the feedback!

Finally, all of our prefects have been working hard to prepare for our upcoming community events including our Parent/Carer Community event next week which student leaders will be attending to share information on what life is like as a student at THS and speak about their role in supporting our school community.

Other upcoming events include a Community Coffee Morning on Tuesday 19th November, which is always well attended by residents of local care homes along with other members of our community, and a trip to Two Acres Residential Care Home on the 28th November for student leaders to spread Christmas cheer!

We are very proud of our student leaders and all they do for our school community.



PERIPATETIC (INSTRUMENT LESSONS)

We are delighted to announce that guitar and drum lessons are now available again! Mr. Dibb has joined us as our guitar teacher, and Mr. Winn will be teaching drums. Restarting these lessons has been a challenge, so we thank you all for your patience and support.

Our current music offerings include lessons in piano/keyboard, vocals, drums, and guitar, with availability for flute and saxophone as well. We're grateful to our dedicated peripatetic team for their commitment to enhancing our school's Music provision.

For any enquiries about Music lessons, please see me, I can provide the necessary forms and further details. I am also happy to advise on instrument purchases and can often arrange discounts through local shops or suppliers.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities: If you're interested in joining any extra-curricular music activities, please contact me.

| Day | Activity | Where | When | Open to | With |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday | GCSE Coursework Clinic (Drop in) | PA2 | 1-1:30pm | Year 10 & 11 | Miss Norman |
| Monday | Ukulele Club | PA1 | 1-1:30pm | All Years | Mr Timbers |
| Tuesday | Year 11 Band | PA1 | 1-1:30pm | Invitation | Mr Timbers |
| Wednesday | Singing Club / Musical Theatre | PA1 | 1-1:30pm | Staff & All Students | Mrs Sayer |
| Thursday | Keyboard Club | PA2 | 1-1:30pm | All Years | Miss Norman |
| Thursday | Samba Group / Band TBC | PA1 | 1-1:30pm | All Years | Mr Timbers |
| Thursday | Jazz Band | PA1 | 3-4pm | All Instrumentalists | Mr Timbers / Miss Norman |
| Friday | Guitar Club | PA1 | 1-1:30pm | All Years | Mr Timbers |
| Friday | Coursework Clinic | PA1 | 3-4pm | Year 11 (Invitation) | Mr Timbers |

For further information about the Music Department, please feel free to contact me directly.

Mr D Timbers
Head of Music



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.

If you plan on attending, please use the following link to indicate the sessions you would like to attend, and to give an indication of numbers. <https://forms.office.com/e/UKL5fUXF8m>.

Bedrock Parent/Carer Event

Bedrock are hosting an online event for parent/carers on Tuesday 12th of November from 7:00pm – 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...

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term break. Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students who have been sitting their mock exams over the last few weeks, they have approached these exams with maturity and resilience. In addition to this, lots of our Year 11s have been attending their Taverham Sixth Form interviews. The team interviewing them have been impressed by their organisation, time keeping and the effort and thought that they have put into their applications.

On Monday we will hold the Act of Remembrance, every year I am proud of the respect our students display on this day. If your child is a cadet and would like to wear their uniform and stand at the front as part of the Act of Remembrance they are welcome to do so.

Over the half term break 5 students attended the Swire visit to China. Dr Richards, Principal at East Norfolk Sixth Form College, has written to us to express how impressed she was by the attitudes of our students. In particular, how compassionate and caring they were towards each other and the other children on the trip. Sophie, Amelia, Emily, Aston and Ollie we are incredibly proud of how you presented yourselves on the trip, how you embraced the opportunity and you are undoubtedly an asset to the school.

We received more praise last week from Mr Udell of the Sports Partnership. He wrote to us praising our Sports Leaders who supported the Years 3-6 cross country competition at Langley Prep School before half term. Mr Udell wrote, 'THS leaders supported the event and were excellent and really encouraged the pupils to get involved and do their personal best!' To receive two letters in a week praising our students makes us all very proud of the students we have at Taverham High School.

I met with PC Peyton this week, the local Beat Manager. Over the years we have developed a positive working partnership with the police and PC Peyton will often visit us to check in and offer any support. At a recent community meeting held by the police some local residents complained that parents/carers waiting to collect their child/ward from school are sitting in their cars with their engines idling leading to fumes entering their homes. Please could we ask that if you do need to collect your child/ward in your car you are considerate of where you park.

The Benjamin Foundation are launching a new library group designed for Young Carers and will be based at Hellesdon Library. Please see the flyer below for further information.

Mrs Gardiner will be holding our first Parent and Community event on Wednesday 13th November 4:30pm-6:00pm. There are a range of sessions that you can attend. If you are able to make our event please use the forms link to identify which session/s you would like to attend <https://forms.office.com/e/UKL5fUXF8m>. We look forward to opening our doors to the community and hope to see you there.

And finally Friday 15th November will be our first non uniform day of the year. The student leadership body have chosen to raise funds for the local charity Little Lifts, who support people starting treatment for cancer. This charity was picked as it is one that has supported some of our own Taverham families. We are asking students for a £1.00 donation for the privilege of wearing their own clothes for the day and ask that this be brought in on Friday 15th November 2024 or paid via Wisepay.

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

Ms R Ricketts
Deputy Headteacher





The **Benjamin** Foundation
Positive outcomes
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Carers Matter Norfolk
SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS & FAMILIES

Young Carers Literacy Wellbeing Group



Monday 2nd December



3:15pm to 4:15pm



Hellesdon Library, NR6 5QB



- For all young carers ages 8 upwards (under 8s will need to be supervised by an adult over 18)
- Working in partnership with Norfolk Libraries, we are offering the opportunity to explore what your local library has to offer and a chance to become a member.
- Computers will be available to use.
- Wellbeing and support literature available along with a young carers reading list and books available to borrow.
- Support available from Rowena Cove (Young Carers Education and Community Worker)

No need to book but if you would like further information please contact
rowena.cove@benjaminfoundation.co.uk



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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>