Welcome to Taverham High School

Your Pocket Guide to starting High School

Taverham High School
An 11-18 Academy

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Taverham High School Uniform

Navy blazer with school logo

Black plain **v-neck jumper**

Tie with stripes in your house colours

White shirt or blouse with long or short sleeves and a collar

Full-length tailored **black trousers or shorts** (no cargo shorts or leggings)

Black school skirt with logo

Black polishable shoes with no logos

Your **outdoor coat** should be **black or navy**, warm and waterproof

PE Kit - see school website for uniform guidelines.

Buy school uniform from **stevensons.co.uk** or **yourschooluniform.com**

TOP TIP

What will I need for my first day?

- A refillable **water bottle**.
- A **suitable bag** for your books and other equipment.
- **Snack / lunch** from home if you are not purchasing from the canteen.
- **Basic stationary** - black and green pens, pencil, ruler, eraser, calculator in a pencil case.

If you are using the canteen, you will need to set up your **cashless account on the WisePay App** where your parents / carers can **pay money in**. Once your account has credit in it, you **'pay' for your food using your fingerprint**. It is so easy!

PE Kit

- **Sweatshirt** - Navy with school logo (optional).
- **Polo shirt** - Navy with royal blue panel and school logo.
- **Shorts/Skort** - Navy with royal blue panel, optional school logo.
- **Tracksuit bottoms** - Navy with school logo or plain navy.
- **Socks** - Royal blue.
- **Leggings** - Navy with school logo or plain navy thick material sports style type.
- **Trainers** - Ensure they offer suitable grip and support. Converse are not PE trainers.

TOP TIP

Please make sure your name is on every item of clothing.

What happens in a school day?

You will follow a **two-week timetable**, which means your timetable will **alternate each week**.

Movement time	8.25 - 8.30
Period 1	**8.35 - 9.35**
Period 2	**9.35 - 10.35**
Break	*10.35 - 10.55*
Period 3	**10.55 - 11.55**
Period 4	**11.55 - 12.55**
Lunch	*12.55 - 13.35*
Movement time	13.35 - 13.40
Assembly / Form Time	**13.40 - 14.00**
Period 5	**14.00 - 15.00**

On your first day you will **meet your form tutor** who will be able to answer your questions and explain how our rewards system works. You will have your **fingerprint taken** so that you can use the canteen and your **photo will be taken too**.

We will show you around the school during your **orienteering session** and you will receive your **planner and timetable**, keep these safe.

We have a wonderful group of older students called **ELFs (Everybody's Listening Friend)** and our student **Here to Help (H2H)** team who will look after new students and help answer any questions. Our dedicated **Student Support Team** are on hand to provide emotional support and the **Head of Year** is there for students if they are upset, worried or have fallen out with friends, for example.

4 You will receive a paper copy of your timetable - **stick it in your planner.**

TOP TIP

What subjects will I study?

In Years 7, 8 and 9 you will study: English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, a Modern Foreign Language, Music, PE, Drama, Art, DT, Computing, Religious Studies, Personal Development and Classics.

In Years 10 and 11 you will study: Maths, Science, English Language and Literature at GCSE alongside your GCSE options plus Personal Development, PE and Religious Studies. If you decide to stay on to Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13) you will choose from a range of subjects for your A-Levels.

Facilities

Our fantastic facilities include:

- Astro Pitches
- Grass Pitches
- Rugby Pitch
- Multi-use Games Area
- Sixth Form Study Centre
- Sports Halls
- Gymnasium
- Drama Studio
- Library
- Canteen

TOP TIP

Don’t worry about getting lost. Just ask an older student for directions.

The Library and After School Clubs

Our Library

The Library has designated general fiction, teen fiction (including some adult titles), non-fiction, wellbeing, manga, graphic novel and Pride sections. The library area offers a **supportive and relaxed environment** and also hosts **clubs and timetabled library lessons**. Whilst focussed on reading for pleasure the library also operates numerous reading interventions.

What Extra-Curricular Activities can I take part in?

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Couch to 5K
- Cricket
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Padel Tennis
- Yoga
- 5K Runners
- Cooking Club
- Radio Controlled Cars
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Greenforcer Challenge
- Music Clubs
- Page Turners Book Club
- Trading Cards Game Club
- Let's Get Active
- Homework Club
- SEN Club
- Table Tennis
- Drama
- Karate
- Pride Group
- Art Club
- Rugby
- Rounders
- Tennis
- Dance

(subject to availability)

6 **Try a new club** - great way to make friends. Visit our well stocked Library.

TOP TIP

School Houses and House Points

Compassion – We expect all members of our school community to show kindness, consideration and understanding towards each other.

Opportunity – We want our community to appreciate the transformative power of education and seize their chances to improve their learning.

Resilience – We expect all members of our community to work together to develop the skills needed to learn from mistakes to increase their chances of success.

Discovery – We want all members of our school community to nurture a keen sense of curiosity, encouraging them to want to do and learn more, independently as well as with peers and teachers in lessons.

House Points

You will have opportunities to earn house points every day at school; some earned in lessons, others can be earned by taking in extracurricular activities. House points can be awarded for demonstrating our four values, you can earn house points for being compassionate, taking up opportunities, being resilient and seeking to discover new ideas. Each house point brings your house one step closer to exciting awards such as early rewards lunches! The more house points you earn the more star badges you get – starting at bronze and working your way through to platinum.

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More house points = more rewards for you and your house!

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