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Smaller class sizes, wide range of provision & large choice of subjects

Our wide choice of A-level subjects and smaller class sizes allow each student to be ambitious in their studies while receiving outstanding support and gaining the confidence to excel.

Our A-levels include subjects such as Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Media and Politics. We build our curriculum each year around our applications to create a bespoke package and offer the subjects which students in that cohort are most interested in studying. We also offer equivalent specialist qualifications such as BTEC Sound Engineering. Students can choose to add to their studies with an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification.) All students have a form tutor and, alongside their academic studies, have a choice of enrichment classes and study Character & Culture to prepare them for adulthood at and beyond Sixth Form.

Supportive Teaching & Intervention

We pride ourselves on the relationships we build between staff and students.

These relationships enable our students to thrive academically. We offer high quality teaching and learning which has led to some outstanding results. Typically our results have been in the top 20% of the country, with a number of A-Level subjects having been in the top 10% of the country. Taverham Sixth Form recognises that the transition from GCSE to A-level is challenging and so we have developed a range of interventions that are there to support each and every student in achieving their best grades and reaching their true potential.

Gaining Places at Top Universities & High Quality Apprenticeships

We have an excellent track record of students gaining places at their chosen university or future pathways, underpinned by a wealth of educational trips, links with universities and a comprehensive programme of guidance.

In 2024 76% of our Year 13 students applied to university including Oxford and Cambridge. Other students have secured employment and higher-level apprenticeships with prestige companies including Grant Thornton, Bentley Motors and Larkin Gowen. Students have the opportunity to be part of Zero Gravity, a free digital mentoring platform that identifies high potential talent across the UK and propels students into world-class universities and careers. Students also progress into the armed forces and professions such as the police force.



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The Sixth Form Leadership Team & Pastoral Support

Taverham Sixth Form is part of a wider school community and part of this includes us ensuring that all our students feel fully supported in all aspects of their school life.

Wellbeing, developing cultural capital and a positive learning mindset are embedded in our tutor programme. The Sixth Form Team are there to support, guide and advise on both academic and the wider aspects of school life. Alongside the Head of Sixth Form there is an Enrichment Coordinator and full time Administrator to support all aspects of students' time at Sixth Form. For our students who need a little support our dedicated student support team work closely with the Sixth Form Team and have forged links with the Matthew Project and other outside agencies.

Outstanding Facilities & Study Space

A dedicated Sixth Form Study Centre incorporating study and social areas, computer facilities and the Sixth Form offices. Our single site allows all students to have access to excellent facilities including:

- Wi-Fi access so students may bring their own devices to aid their learning.
- Designated computer clusters to allow students to research and complete their assignments.
- Sixth Formers have their own social space in the Common Room where they are able to make themselves food or purchase refreshments from the vending machines.
- The Study Centre includes a Sixth Form Library, which has a range of Sixth Form specific resources, including an online archive of journals and reviews.
- The school dining area and atrium area are open to Sixth Formers throughout the school day if they want to work collaboratively and discuss work.
- A wide range of sporting facilities.
- An outside seating and work area for students.
- Recording studio.

Opportunities to Lead & Contribute

Every student has the chance to contribute to the wider school community, with an abundance of leadership roles on offer.

We have a diverse range of leadership opportunities within Taverham Sixth Form. This includes an active Sixth Form Committee comprised of our school leaders: Heads of School and Deputies, Heads of Committees such as student voice and fundraising plus Subject Leads. Within Year 12 we have leaders in STEM, sport and music. Our STEM and Medic Societies were established and are led by students for students.

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Enrichment, Open Minds & Academic Lectures

We offer a varied carousel programme of enrichment at Taverham Sixth Form led by our Sixth Form Enrichment Coordinator.

Enrichment lessons are timetabled and activities include participating and leading sporting activities, cooking, film club and student support. During enrichment lessons students may also seek voluntary experience in the community and there are a plethora of trips and visits which bring 'learning to life'. Previous trips include visits to Berlin, New York, the Old Bailey, Warner Bros. Studio and the Guardian. Students are also offered the opportunity to attend conferences, visit the theatre, and visit universities for seminars, application preparation days and open days.

Open Minds is a discussion forum for staff and students. It is part of the form tutor programme and takes place during lunchtime and form time. This is an informal setting in which a variety of topics are discussed. We host visiting academics from top institutions as well as employers from the business community. In addition to this we embrace outreach opportunities such as seminars, summer schools and conferences at our local universities.

We are passionate about developing skills that enable students to communicate confidently. We are proud of the impact these sessions can have on students.



Community

We believe it is essential that learning within Sixth Form extends beyond the classroom.

The Sixth Form take a leading role in the school community and students are seen as role models to younger students. The sense of community within the Sixth Form is epitomised by RAGFEST, an annual fundraising week led by Sixth Form students. Each year students select a charitable cause and plan a programme of activities to raise money for that cause. Since starting RAGFEST we have raised in total over £40,000 for charitable causes. Ofsted described our RAGFEST led by our Sixth Form as 'most impressive' as we succeeded in raising an 'astonishing amount of money.' Even when our students move on to their next pathway we maintain contact and involvement via our Alumni events.



Financial Support

Taverham Sixth Form offers bursaries to eligible students to support them with their studies and participation in school and events.

Students have the flexibility to use this fund for transport, ICT provision, study materials, trips and visits and supporting applications to university and apprenticeships.

A Passion To Build Your Future

We are very proud of our caring, small Sixth Form community that provides students with the resources, expertise and opportunity to make the most of their futures.

At Taverham Sixth Form we really get to know our students and their interests, to support them in achieving their best so they can discover and access their chosen destinations. Our community feel is reinforced, not just by our charity work but also by our listening approach and our constant adaptations to the changing needs of students. We are just the right size to offer the range of courses we do, whilst retaining a sense of community. We hope to welcome you to our Sixth Form in the future.