



Taverham
High School
An 11-18 Academy

Newsletter

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I always believe that the final half of the summer term provides an excellent indication of the quality and success of a school. At Taverham we have been fully celebrating the tremendous achievements of all students throughout the school from years 7-13.

The sports award ceremony was an impressive start to the celebration events taking place at the Top of the Terrace, over looking the Norwich City Ground. Students received awards for all their sporting achievement, both inside and outside of school. It was a joy to have former students return to share their continued success and to congratulate current sports men and women that are aspiring to beat their records.

The year 11, 12 and 13's have worked extremely hard in the run up to their exams, and I would like to thank the staff on behalf of the students for the extra revision and coursework sessions that were received by all. Earlier in the year we were delighted to be commended by Ofsted. They praised the school's caring, nurturing ethos and culture of high achievement based firmly on the excellent relations promoted between pupils and staff. We are looking forward to the GCSE and A Level exam results in August where we know we will share in the success of many students

The elegance of the Year 11 & 13 students as they arrived at their proms at the Cathedral and Lenwade House was a glorious photo opportunity for parents, family and staff. It was delightful to talk to the students and remind ourselves of what fine, rounded individuals they have become. I am so looking forward to their contributions to the sixth form and continuing to observe their triumphs.

We saw the exceptional music talent at the summer concert, an accumulation of many hours of practice and hard work. The trips and visits to Paris, the Somme, Provence, Hautbois, the Peaks and Ecuador continue to form part of our students' rich experience at Taverham.

We hope that you will work with us by contributing to parents' forums; we would like to develop further our communication and learn to harness fully the support you can offer to you child's learning.

Could I thank the governors who have given so much to the school over the past year, particularly Margaret Garwood the Chair and the governors who have left this year: Keith Ratcliffe chair of staffing, Jonathan Foot, Tim Harrobin, Paul Seabrook and Steve Artis. We welcome our new governors, Nicola Samuels, Kerry Ellis and Daniel Taylor.

I wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing the students back on Monday 5 September 2016.

Ms C Dallas
Headteacher

Classical Civilisation at Taverham High

Some of you will be aware that we are one of the few state schools to be able to offer Classics; we are in the fortunate position of being able to deliver Classics to everyone in Year 8 as well as at GCSE and A' level. I like to use KS3 Classics lessons to build on knowledge which pupils already have from their learning at a much younger stage. Classics provides the perfect opportunity to engage pupils in literacy tasks as well as giving them the chance to be creative and think analytically. I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm the pupils have shown throughout the year and I have been full of admiration for the fantastic mazes which have been designed, constructed or even baked!

I also have a GCSE Classical Civilisation group this year as well as students in the Sixth Form. We have been very pleased with the AS and A2 results from the summer and I am looking forward to seeing an increase in the uptake at GCSE and A' Level as more pupils in the school are given the opportunity to learn about the subject.

As you know, we offered a Classics trip to Provence this year and hope to offer it again in the future. I hope that some of the pupils participating this year will write a brief outline of our trip for your information. Pupils in KS4 have been to Caistor St Edmunds, Colchester Castle and The British Museum in London in order to develop their understanding of the Classical world. There is also a huge amount on the TV at the moment to satisfy those with an interest in the Ancient world. If you have any questions or require more information about the work your son/daughter is doing at the moment, please feel free to contact me. An outline of the topics being studied is available on the school website.

Provence Trip

The Classical Studies department has also been delighted with the support shown for the trip to Provence earlier this month when 33 pupils and 4 members of staff travelled to the medieval city of Avignon by coach. We visited Roman sites in Orange, Nimes and Arles as well as the Pont du Gard. The pupils learnt a great deal and enjoyed themselves in the process; educational trips provide a learning opportunity in many different ways for pupils and visiting 5 sites in 2 days meant that this trip was a real challenge for the pupils. Thank you also to the staff who gave up their time to support the trip, Mr Derrick and Mr Prochera. Staff and pupils alike were delighted to be joined by Madame Menot who has only recently retired from her position as a French teacher at Taverham; her experience and help were invaluable.



Personal Development

I would like to take the opportunity to inform parents and carers about some of the content of our Personal Development lessons this year especially as we have had several visitors into lessons to enhance the curriculum.

The Year 7s have had lessons about Road Safety delivered by Richard Wiseman from Norfolk County Council. Our Year 11s have had some lessons delivered by the Matthew Project on the topics of alcohol and drugs as well as some lessons aimed at young drivers, again delivered by Richard Wiseman. From past experience, I know that our pupils will have found the sessions interesting and thought provoking.

We are always aiming to provide our pupils with the information to make informed choices now and in the future. With this in mind, we were pleased to welcome the drama group from Norwich City College who put on a production for the Year 10s on the topic of drug driving. The production was thought provoking and emotionally challenging.

Our visitors always comment on the excellent behaviour of our students and on their willingness to contribute to the lessons.

Mrs S Barker

Head of Personal Development

German Exchange visit to Taverham – June 15-22

After our successful visit to Mechernich in March this year, we organised a return visit so that our exchange partners could experience life with us at THS. They stayed for seven days and went on trips around the local area, including Sandringham House and gardens, Norwich city centre and Cambridge. It was lovely also to have them with us to experience a day in school and we were impressed at how well they were able to join in with our lessons! At the weekend, the host families organised their own activities and we know that the exchange students enjoyed them very much and really appreciated all of the new experiences they had and how welcome they felt throughout the week. We are in the middle of organising our next visit to Germany and will let you know the dates as soon as they are finalised.



On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the parents and families who hosted an exchange pupil. Without your generosity, this trip would not be possible and I really appreciate the contribution that each and every one of you has made.

Mrs Gerrard

Oxford University Trip

"It was an early start for us, a group of Year 11 and Year 12 students accompanied by Mrs Painter and Mrs Richardson, on the 28th June as we had a long journey to make to Oxford University.

We arrived at our destination by midday and were welcomed by some of the existing students and teachers of Christ Church College.

Over the duration of our stay we participated in many workshops that aided our understanding of the application process to Oxford University. We watched some mock interviews, witnessing exemplar responses to difficult interview questions. It was fascinating for us to see that interviews are geared towards testing how candidates approach problems, rather than testing their own knowledge. In smaller groups, containing students who were interested in similar subjects to ourselves, the challenging subject-specific admissions tests were unraveled and explained.

The experience also gave us an insight into student life at Oxford University. We ate in the canteen of Christ Church College for every meal during our two day stay. The food was good and the surroundings impressive - the room genuinely looked like a scene from Harry Potter film! We stayed in student accommodation at Christ Church College overnight and toured the other accommodation and leisure facilities available in the College.

Our second day included a few hours of free time in which we chose to visit other Oxford Colleges. The University consists of 30 Colleges, each with it's own unique appeal and varying accommodation options and facilities.

Overall, the trip was a great success! We are all more informed about the application process and I'm sure that everyone on the visit wants to study at Oxford University even more than they did prior to our visit. A big thank you has to go to the teachers involved; Mrs Painter's persistence won us our places on the trip for which we are all very grateful."

Ellen Flower

A level Linguistics Talk

In June, students of Taverham Sixth Form's English Language department went to hear a talk by the well-known writer David Crystal, who has written many books on the English Language and how it is formed. It was a fascinating evening where the audience were treated to hearing David's humorous stories based on the uses of punctuation. He told stories of the rivalry between Oxford and Cambridge universities that all started with the use of a comma before and after the word "and", as well as telling of more recent events where One Direction's Harry Styles corrected a fans poster by adding an apostrophe, in the middle of a concert.

It was a very enjoyable evening and useful for all. Thank you to Mrs Barber and Mrs Zappala for organising the trip.

Callum Perry



Premiere for Students at Cinema City

On Wednesday 11th May Taverham's band of aspiring auteurs celebrated their cinematic creations with a premiere of their horror trailer and music videos at Cinema City.

Students arrived with their invited guests in style; befitting of any red carpet event from Hollywood to Cannes. Over 60 guests were invited to view the productions created by eight production groups across years 12 and 13 of Taverham High School's Sixth Form.

Students started shooting their production in January but pre-production started in September with analysis of trailers, focus groups and questionnaires, all recorded using individual blogs. The work outside of the class has been phenomenal with students filming in their own time, travelling across the county to get just the right shot in the most inspiring of locations.

The school has fantastic success in the subject area, with the school in the top 10% of Media Studies grades at A2 across the country, a statistic we hope to maintain or even better with this year's productions. A number of students from the A2 cohort are pursuing a career in film and have been accepted on to film studies course at NCUA next year. They are proof that creative subjects such as media and film are exciting and viable options for further study and ultimately for a unique career. The students have worked incredibly hard and to see their work in a cinema, where they belong, was incredible and a fitting way to celebrate their achievements this year.

If anyone is interested in studying Media in the sixth form and taking part in next year's premiere please contact Mrs Hanson in E1 or Mr Taylor-Lawrence in E5.

Karate Success for THS Students

Well done to Shannon Marment (7V) and Max Threadwell (8R) who have just returned from Dublin after taking part at the World Traditional Karate Organisation Open Championships. They are part of the Eastern Shotokan Karate Association where eighteen members came home with a total of four gold, nine silver, and nine bronze medals.

Language News

For the last few months a group of THS students went to Norwich School for a language course (French, Mandarin, German, Spanish and Russian).

During the first lesson, we introduced ourselves to everyone (in French) and did an activity to learn a bit about everyone. Then we were split into two different classrooms and were given an objective to come up with an idea and plan for a French restaurant. My group was called 'La Table Dix-neuf'. We then had to present them to everyone in French.

In the second lesson, we were given a tour of Norwich Cathedral in French, where we learned new vocabulary and different ways to suggest improvements. We were also given a quiz and we had to find the answers in the Cathedral.

For the third session we went into two groups and listened to two really catchy French songs called 'Papaoutai' and 'Tombe Sous le Charme' by Stromae and Christophe Mae and translated the lyrics into English. We then answered a quiz and were given the lyrics to take home.

In the last session, we watched a French cooking programme while answering questions about what they were doing. Then we got to try a range of French foods to write an opinion for. Finally, we used what we had learnt, to write out a recipe for a French meal. At the end, we were all rewarded with certificates for completing the lessons.

It was great fun and we really enjoyed it, if given the chance we would definitely go again!

Leah & Zoe

Well Done Chloe

Congratulations to Chloe Miller (9E) who is a member of Traditional Karate & Fitness. She has taken part in two events and came 1st in one and 3rd in another.



My First Year at Taverham High School - A member of 7H

My first year at Taverham High has been amazing, I have made so many new friends and I have just loved the whole experience. I cannot wait for more fun times to come. There are so many different opportunities and choices to make and even if you don't hit the nail hard enough you can still try again and try something different, here is my story –

I can remember walking into Taverham High for the first time (not including all the looks around). My heart beat faster than a drum; the butterflies in my stomach flew so quickly I couldn't catch them. It was a strange feeling; I knew a few people but I was determined to make new friends. I waited for the bell to go with my friends and walked to form, taking in the new sights. My form tutors (Miss Gaylor) was lovely. We all asked her stupid questions (that we thought were important at the time) like "Where is the astro turf?" "How much is food?" "What time does the bell go?" and "What if I get lost?" "AGGGHHHHHH!!!" Miss was lovely and calmly answered our questions like she had done this a millions times before.

I expected to get a map or something but instead we got Elves! On the first two weeks we had our tests and learnt our way around. The Elves helped us around and helped us make friends by doing activities, like finding out each other favourite football team, or what pets we have.

The lessons were great and I loved them. I am so happy I went to Taverham High. I have made so many new friends

My First Year at Taverham High School - A member of 7A

I remember looking into the beautifully simple gates.

Behind it stood a grandiose building swarming with fresh faced year sevens, like me. Hundreds of parents were vigorously hugging and kissing their embarrassed children. My silver car careered into the magnificent entrance and suddenly became extremely comfortable as soon as I had to leave. The cold air blasted my worried face and I felt all eyes burning onto me. I tried to shuffle over to my closest friends, but it was too late. I was pulled back and fell into my mother's loving arms. A hug! All the air was forced out of me and I couldn't breathe. Finally, she let go of me and I gave her a kiss. Then, my dad gave me a bear hug.

Inside the ostentatious atrium, crowds of kids were buzzing around merrily and full of joy. This was not how I imagined it at all.

My friends and I were going to fit in just fine.

My advice for new students coming to Taverham is not to worry! Don't stress, you won't get lost... (If you do, it's fine as well!) Try to expand your group of friends. Most importantly, have fun!

Years 7, 8 & 10 trip to Paris

We chose to go on the school trip to Paris because we are interested in the French culture and to practise our French. We enjoyed looking round the shops, interacting with people and buying things. One of our favourite experiences was going up the Montparnasse Tower to the 56th floor, we could see everywhere. We later went to the 59th floor which was the top floor, it was very windy but an amazing view. Our most favourite thing was Disneyland as we very much enjoyed the rides.

When we went shopping we had the opportunity to communicate in French. During the coach tour, we experienced the life in Paris. Also, we were given lots of information about Paris culture and the place itself. We were lucky enough to go on a boat tour where we could see the unique monuments. We were given booklets with tasks to complete, which shows what we learnt on the tour around Paris. We drove around a massive roundabout that had many exits near the Champs Elysees and the Arc De Triomphe.

Sacha Chapman, Anya Winter, Vannah Mani-Jones, Maisie Easter, Ariana Stanton, Kim Larter

Graphics Trip

Each year the Design & Technology Department takes Year 10 and 12 students to visit the Science Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum during the summer term. The trip is designed to engage students with their project work and to “think outside the box” with the way they approach their GCSE or A Level projects. The trip provides a fantastic experience visiting multi-cultural exhibitions and being part of our cosmopolitan capital of London for the day.



Norwich University of the Arts

Y10, 12 and 13 students visited Norwich University of the Arts in November. This gave them an insight into different areas of Art and Design that they could aspire to and one of our students, Emily Butler, has since been offered a place to continue her design studies next year.



Engineering Club

A small group of dedicated & enthusiastic pupils from years 7, 8 & 9 have been regularly attending Engineering Club on a weekly basis. They have been learning some important practical skills such as using machinery in the workshop and then applying these skills to making small projects such as a pen, photo clip and more. They have also embarked on a larger project of designing and making a pedal car which was a true test of their problem solving abilities. They started by making a working scale model where they met and overcame many issues which sadly made making the real version unrealistic, given the time remaining this year. We hope to develop some more exciting projects next year as we prepare pupils for an ever changing world of technology and engineering.



Rotary Competition

Once again we competed in the annual Rotary Club’s Technology Tournament. Historically the school has done well in this event and in 2014 we scooped up every prize in each category. This year we took 3 teams from years 8, 9 & 10 to compete in the tournament. Pupils were faced with a challenge to build a bridge structure that could support a given weight with a slight twist, the bridge had to open and close. As part of the day, pupils had to assemble a design portfolio to present their ideas and plans. We were lucky enough to win this particular task with one of the teams this year but narrowly missed out on the overall prize.

Marine Engineering Course

In June two of our year 9 students, Elle Craig and Jordan Whitmore, were able to attend a three day residential course in marine engineering at the University of Portsmouth, paid for by The Smallpeice Trust. The Smallpeice Trust was founded in 1966 by Dr Cosby D P Smallpeice, who was a brilliant engineer. He used £1.6m of his personal fortune made through engineering to start up The Trust to give young people support in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

Elle and Jordan found the course, activities and associated visits informative, challenging and interesting. Placed in groups for design challenges, Elle’s group came first in a challenge to design and model a boat. We hope that this will inspire them to consider a future in engineering and also encourage other students to look more closely at STEM and engineering subjects.

Thanks for the hoodies!

The work of young volunteers at Taverham Youth Centre has been recognised with a donation of hoodies from Taverham and District Lions.

The young volunteers' positions were created by the young people themselves who offered to help at the junior club once they were too old to be members.

Their roles include arriving early to set up the equipment and tuck shop, supervising outside activities, reminding members of ground rules, reporting anti social issues or accidents, helping to clear up and participating in the evaluation process.

Taverham Youth Centre is located behind Taverham Village Hall and is directly funded by Taverham Parish Council. It runs three sessions each week: Tuesday 7-9pm for Years 8,9,10 and 11; Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm for Years 5,6,7 and 8; and Fridays 7.30-9.30pm for those aged 13-17.



Young Norfolk Arts Festival

Callum Perry (Year12) is one of a team who will be reporting on all the news and events from this year's Young Norfolk Arts Festival.

The group of young people aged between 16-21 will become members of the communications and events team. Members of the team will work with the EDP, BBC Voices and other organisations recording festival events and gaining valuable work experience.



Visit From Author Bali Rai

Bali Rai, a founder of the Festival of Literature for Young People at the UEA, found time to visit THS before his appearance at FLY on 23rd June.

He came into school and gave a creative writing workshop to a Year 7 class. Bali said that growing up in Leicester he was very aware of people needing their own voice. Apparently Leicester is the most multi-cultural city in England, with no one ethnic group having dominance. Bali told us this makes it a really interesting city to grow up in, but it has made him aware that everyone, whatever their background or origins, has their own voice.



Students Create French Treats

In Languages this year, we made Tarte Aux Pommes. A few people were nominated by our teacher to do it. Before the cooking, we were given the recipe in French and had to translate it into English. We found it quite easy, but there were lots of words that we had to look up in the French dictionaries.

Later on, we went to the food tech room with the MFL leaders ready to cook. We worked in pairs and had to speak in French as much as possible. In our Tarte Aux Pommes, we used pastry, apples and spices. We used the leftover pastry to create shapes to go on top of our dish. We then put it in the oven and waited with anticipation.

After we took it out, we waited for it to cool before taking it home. It tasted really sweet with an element of spice. We shared it with our families and they really enjoyed it.



Carnegie Conference

On Monday 20th June at midday, Carnegie shadowers from Reepham High School and College, Thorpe St Andrew and Taverham High schools came together to discuss this year's nominated books. The students that represented THS were Maddie Lunchy, Emma Perry, Molly Holmes, Millie Bacon and Anastasia Killow.

We started off by chatting about the books whilst eating our lunch. Mrs Glasel had made sausage rolls, flapjacks and cakes for us. Students from each school mixed on each table and we discussed all the books in depth, so we got mixed opinions. After taking a vote our conference winner was *There Will Be Lies* by Nick Lake; however the judges decided the Carnegie Medal winner to be *One* by Sarah Crossan. Her book is about two girls who were conjoined twins and their sister, who wanted to be a ballet dancer. There were lots of opinions about the winner which sparked discussions on whether we felt it was a good decision or not.

Overall, the conference was a very worthwhile experience and it was wonderful to see so many people so passionate about this year's Carnegie books. I definitely recommend Carnegie Shadowing in upcoming years.

Emma Perry 8R

What the judges said: " Sarah's book, *One*, is poignant and thought-provoking, each chapter a poem that is a work of art in its own right, while collectively they create a highly emotive and engaging story. The judges found it deeply moving, beautifully observed, unusual but perfectly crafted – the sort of book that will stay with the reader long after the final page."



Year 7 KS3 German Song

In our class, during our German lessons we have been learning a song called 'Hallo Georg'.

We have enjoyed learning the song and being able to remember the words off by heart. The song has improved our German pronunciation; it has also helped us expand our vocabulary understanding and let us try a new language (to widen our horizons.) Next, we are planning to record ourselves singing the song so other people can hear us.

Ellie Taylor & Holly Carolan

Year 9 History visit to the Somme battlefields – 100 years on

In the early hours of Friday 24th June, 44 year 9 students left THS to visit the World War One battlefields in France. Despite the early start everyone was looking forward to a day spent walking in the footsteps of the soldiers and visiting the cemeteries and memorials to those who had lost their lives in that conflict. Our visit this year was especially poignant as it is the centenary of the battle of the Somme in 2016.

Our first stop once in France was the area known as 'Sunken Lane', a former British trench where the guides explained and asked the students questions about the origins of the war and the reasons why men went off to fight. We learnt about the first day of the battle of the Somme and the advances and losses on both sides. Close by is one of the many small cemeteries for those who lost their lives in that area and the guides told us about the symbolism of the cemetery design. Then we walked to the site of a mine crater at Hawthorne Wood. This gave us a view of the battlefield. We continued to walk across the battlefield with the guides helping us to visualise what the scene would have been like on the first morning of the battle – 1st July 1916. Our tour continued on to Newfoundland Park, the memorial to the Newfoundlanders who fought on that first day. Of the 800 men who left their trenches that morning only 64 reported for duty the next day. Also as part of our visit we went to the Ulster Tower, the Lochnagar crater and finished at Delville Wood.

All of these places saw ferocious fighting and action during the battle of the Somme; we were told by our guides that the British, French and Empire (Commonwealth) troops learnt from the tragedy and events of the first day and developed different ways of fighting as the battle continued.



It was here at Delville Wood that we held our own act of remembrance beside the one tree that had survived the battle back in 1916. The poem 'My Boy Jack' by Rudyard Kipling was read beautifully by Georgina Samuels and students laid a wreath beside the tree. The wood has now been replanted and is a lovely and serene place, so different to how it must have been one hundred years ago.

Thank you to Miss Buffini, Miss Porter and Mr Williams and all of the students who took part in a memorable and thought provoking visit. I am sure that it will stay with us all

for many years to come.

Sports Awards Evening

This year's Sports Awards evening was another fantastic event on Friday 10th June. With a change of venue to Carrow Road and a larger number of students invited the atmosphere on the evening was amazing. Students and staff dressed up for the event with a total of 230 guests attending the evening. We had students invited who had been nominated for our extensive award list and a number of students invited who have given lots of time back to the PE department through extra curricular activities. Performances this year included 2 dance routines; 1 was a duet by Ellie Douglass and Jodie Stimpson modified from their choreography at their dance school dance direct. The second performance was a solo danced by Eleanor Savage a GCSE student who choreographed the lyrical piece herself. Our final performance was a Karate display by Tiegan Forster and one of our Liz Vaughan nominee's Shannon Marment. All 3 performances were a marvellous demonstration of the exceptional talent of students in sport at THS.

We had a great group of students nominated this year and as always it is difficult to choose winners as there are so many students who deserve to win. After the awards ceremony, students danced the night away with the after party disco and, from speaking to many students, parents and staff, fun was had by all. It was a great chance to celebrate the many successes that have occurred across PE and Sport this year. I hope that the event will continue to grow to reward the wealth of talent we have amongst our students at Taverham High School.

Sports Day 2016

2016 Sport day, on the 1st of July was a massive success. The sun was shining behind the clouds and the day on the whole was a most enjoyable day, with staff, sixth form and students supporting and competing in numerous events. Multiple records were broken and new activities introduced such as the obstacle race activity and welly wanging. Face painting was an event run for the second year and was hugely popular with big queues all day, thanks to the art department's great contribution to the day and their fantastic creations. The running of the day went smoothly due to the organisation of the PE department and the help from other staff, ex students and the A-level PE group. Students across all years 7-12 enjoyed the whole day in a friendly, competitive and mature way.

As always people's favourite event of the year was the relays with some amazing performances seen from students, sixth formers and staff. The last relay of the day was the staff vs. sixth form relay which built up lots of excitement in the crowd. The winner much to the various staff teams' disappointment was the sixth form team with a team of Jack Stubbs, Beth Barker, Chloe McVeigh and Ali Husband!

Big shout out to Mr Gerrard, competitive as always, doing his usual attempt to beat all students in all events and being as successful as normal and holding many of the staff records. Year group winners will be announced in our final year assemblies at the end of term.

Overall a big thanks to the PE department, teachers, ex students and the sixth formers that assisted to make the day a success and for the exceptional behaviour and support from the students.

School Games Athletics

On Thursday 9th June, the athletics teams of years 7, 8, 9 and 10 competed in the School Games West Norwich and Dereham partnership competition against Hellesdon, Northgate, Neatherd, Reepham and Ormiston Victory Academy. The talent from our students was outstanding, with lots of our athletes gaining 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing's. The highlight of the day was Taverham students winning Years 7&8 relay races, an absolutely phenomenal performances from all and a real buzz amongst the crowd. This fantastic result meant that both the boys and girls came 1st against many other schools, meaning Taverham ranked 1st overall. Many of our students will be chosen to represent the partnership in the finals against the other surrounding partnerships. Well done to all who competed, super proud moment.

School Games Athletics Finals

On Tuesday 21st June, our students, who qualified for the athletics finals from the previous event, competed at the UEA against the other partnerships, to include schools from all over Norfolk. With Taverham competing alongside Reepham, Hellesdon and Northgate, all three schools put on some fantastic performances. The competitive spirit and support from all three schools was inspiring. Overall our partnership, west Norwich and Dereham, ranked 3rd out of 8, so a great effort from all. Well done to all the athletes who competed and represented the school with pride.

Year 8, 9 & 10 District Athletics

On Monday 16th May, the year 8, 9 and 10 boys and girls athletics team competed down at the UEA for the annual district athletics. This event saw our students compete against Hellesdon, Ormiston Victory, Thorpe St Andrews and Sprowston High Schools. It was a very successful day, with our athletes winning lots of medals, smashing some PB's with some fantastic performances. Overall Taverham came a fantastic 2nd place, but a special mention to the Year 10 Girls who came 1st in their age group. All students represented the school extremely well; it was great to see our students cheering on other schools, and demonstrating a high level of talent. Well done to all!

Lily Smith Briggs

Congratulations to Lily on achieving her 'First Steps into Coaching' certificate from Sports Coaching UK. Lily was spotted at an event that she went to help lead, at the beginning of the year, and was then selected to become part of the Sports Coaching UK Young Leaders programme. Lily has attended several further coaching sessions with Sports Coaching UK to learn how to become a talented young Leader. Lily uses her role effectively in school as a Girls Activator and is a committed member of the team.



Norfolk Netball County Trials

On Saturday 21st May the Norfolk Satellite Netball County trials were held at the UEA for year 7, 8, 9 and 10 girls. 2 girls from each year group were selected to attend the trials with hope of making the squad for Norfolk. Daisy Howard-McCue, Isabel White, Macy Guyton, Pippa Lamb, Laura Flower, Zoe Barber, Chloe Newman and Hannah Bush all attended the event after having been noticed for their excellent netball performance this year. The girls underwent a 3 hour selection process comprising playing modified invasion games and lots of match play. There were lots of students who had been selected from many different schools, particularly local private schools. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and felt honoured to have been put forward to trial. Pippa Lamb, Zoe Barber, Laura Flower and Chloe Newman, made it to the next stage of trials for Norfolk. Thoroughly deserved, well done. After being selected the girls undertook various 2 hour training sessions in which more selections were made. Massive congratulations to Laura Flower and Pippa Lamb for successfully being selected to play county level netball for Norfolk after numerous trial selections. Well deserved girls!

Rounders

Congratulations to the year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Rounders teams who had a very successful season and all qualified for the district Norwich league finals. The finals saw Year 7 play against Norwich High School in round 1 who won their game, but then lost to Framingham Earl in round 2, but put in an outstanding performance coming 2nd overall. Year 8 played Thorpe St Andrews in the semi finals and won, which meant they then went to play Norwich High School in the finals, but unfortunately lost, securing 2nd place. Year 9 lost to Norwich High School in round 1, but won against Ormiston Victory securing them 3rd position overall and Year 10's played Norwich High School in the semi finals and just missed out on a win by half a rounder. Very unlucky, but still a fantastic performance. Well done!

Year 7 District Athletics



Congratulations to the year 7 Athletics team who competed in the district athletics on Monday 27th June at Thorpe St Andrew. As a team the put on a fantastic performance, again seeing Taverham dominate the track events. Both the boys and girls teams worked hard, were organised and encouraging of each other. The boys managed to secure a fantastic 2nd place, and the girls 3rd place, meaning overall we ranked 3rd. Well done to all students who competed and represented the school well.

Year 11 Prom 2016



THS Art Exhibition 2016



FAREWELLS

This summer we say farewell to a number of teaching and associate staff.

Mrs Shirley Naisby is retiring after many years at Taverham High. Mrs Naisby joined the school in 1992, nearly 25 years ago. She had moved down from the North East with her young family to set up home in Norfolk. We are delighted that her Geordie accent has never really left her! Mrs Naisby started teaching PE on a part time basis and soon moved into full time PE teaching, regularly taking teams on fixtures and to weekend competitions, often in gymnastics. Students in recent years will remember Mrs Naisby for her work as head of year 7; for many THS students, Mrs Naisby's was the first face they recognised when she made her early visits to our feeder Junior Schools. Her pastoral work with students throughout the school has been phenomenal. So many students are grateful to Mrs Naisby for her kindness, understanding, wisdom and advice. Mrs Naisby has been a key member of the Senior Leadership Team and we are immensely grateful to her for her leadership of the Pastoral system. In three Ofsted inspections, Mrs Naisby has been crucial in securing our Outstanding judgement on Safety and Behaviour; this outcome is a true reflection of all she has achieved in ensuring that every member of the school community is safe, cared for, respectful and 'ready for learning'. We wish her every good wish as she embarks upon the next chapter of her life.

Mr Peter Orr leaves us after 18 years at THS. Mr Orr taught languages in the school for many years before moving to be Head of ICT. Many generations of students are grateful to Mr Orr for his stimulating lessons, his quiet authority and his concern that all should achieve their very best. He has been an excellent Form Tutor and we all wish him well for the future.

Mrs Longhurst came to Taverham as a part time A Level psychology teacher – her roles within the school have expanded considerably! As well as now being a full time teacher she has taken the lead in guiding our School Council and Leadership scheme and, this year, has been Head of year 12. Her kindness and selfless concern for all in her care has inspired many both in the classroom and beyond. She leaves us to be SENCO at City Academy, Norwich.

Mrs Julie Smith has taught both Maths and ICT at THS for three years. She is an excellent classroom practitioner and has also been instrumental in setting up the Coding Club. She moves to Northgate High School in Dereham as Second in the Maths Department.

Mrs Jackson and Mrs Hands have helped us out in the English department and Mr Davis in Science; our thanks to them. Thanks also go to Mrs Flaherty who has taught Business Studies and Economics while Mrs Robertson has been on maternity leave and to Miss Lee for her work in the Art Department. We would like to say goodbye and thank you to our 'Teacher training' colleges: Mr Kendrick Eriksen, (Science), Miss Adams (Music) and Mrs McGuire (MFL) have all successfully completed training and have been appointed to teaching jobs in Norfolk and beyond. In our LSA team, Miss Drane and Miss Kemp are leaving to start teacher training. Miss Thompson is moving to be an LSA at Fakenham Academy. Mrs Buckingham, one of our Cover Supervisors, is taking up a teaching post in Norwich.

Some members of the support staff will be leaving – Mr Parkinson is retiring, Mrs Ould Zaouche is leaving the Library, Mrs Wallace has been a huge help to many through her First Aid work and Mrs Pummell has worked with the office team in clerical support. Our thanks go to them all.

Congratulations go to Mrs Lawrence on the birth of her baby son, William. Our good wishes are extended to Miss Gaylor and Mrs Savage who are both expecting babies in the next few weeks. Finally, Miss Spinks, Mr Blowers and Mr Patterson are getting married over the summer: congratulations!

Mrs Plater

