

To: all Parents/Carers

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Dear Parent/Carer

Well, we've finally arrived at the end of a busy year. So, I thought I'd send you a brief letter to give you an update.

1. You should have received a reminder about uniform, I wanted to reinforce this as we require parental support to ensure all our students come to school fully prepared to learn. We are trying to raise expectations in all aspects of school, and this includes how our young people present themselves.
2. We had a great Sports Day organised by Mr Taylor and the PE department. It was great to see students from all year groups get involved in a range of activities or simply cheering on their peers. I would like to congratulate Jessica Mills in Yr9, who won the *Victor Ludorum* (Winner of the Games) cup.
3. We celebrated Norfolk Pride Week, with different activities going on every day ranging from a cake sale to a band performance in the main quad. Celebrating diversity is becoming a real strength of the school and I want to thank those that helped with baking cakes at home.
4. Since Easter we restarted assemblies in the main hall and it's been great to bring year groups together and talk with them about a range of topics including aiming for excellence.
5. The consequence system, mentioned in my last communication, has been in use this term. It has meant that a number of students have had their expectation reset and as a result lessons are becoming calmer. As a school we need to develop a more consistent approach between lessons and this is something we will be working on next academic year. However, behaviour is moving in the right direction, allowing all students the opportunity to learn.
6. Conversely, we are also noticing a lot of young people wearing their reward stars. However, this isn't all of them, please encourage your child/ward to wear their reward stars and be proud of their achievements.
7. The new website is up and running, please have a look (www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk). In addition, we would like to remind you of our Twitter account, where we publish all sorts of information about what's going on in school, our twitter handle is @TaverhamHigh
8. For those of you who drive past the school you will notice scaffolding against the building. Over the summer we are having the roof of the main block refurbished. This is to address the leaks in MFL that have been ongoing for a number of years.

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9. For those of you with children in Years 11 or 13, a reminder that A-level results can be collected in our Atrium from 8:30 am on Thursday 18 August, and GCSE results from 9:30 am on Thursday 25 August.

10. On behalf of my senior leadership team I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work and support over the past year and look forward to working with them in the new academic year.

I think that is enough for now, so on behalf of myself, the staff and the trustees, we wish you all a great summer and can't wait to see the students ready for the start of a new year on **Tuesday 6 September for 7, 11 & 12** followed by the whole school on **Wednesday 7 September**, ready for the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dr Harris', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Harris
Headteacher