

**Taverham High School**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**1.10.21**



*To create a learning environment within which every individual can realise their full potential, develop self-respect, respect for others and to prepare themselves for life in a changing world.*

**Week 1: w/c 04/10/21**

**Week 2: w/c 11/10/21**

**Message from Becky Ricketts, Deputy Headteacher**

It has been another busy week at school with Year 13 mock exams, our Year 11 students taking their GCSE Art mock exam and the Year 7s completing some of their CAT tests; all our students sitting these assessments have applied themselves brilliantly and have recognized the importance of them. These assessments will enable staff to tailor support to help our students to continue to make progress throughout the year.

School photos occurred on Monday for Years 7-10 and your child should have come home with a proof form which will give you access to your child's photo. If you haven't seen it, please check your child's bag! We are aware that several students were absent on Monday and we have had calls about whether we will reschedule a catch-up opportunity for photographs. I have been in contact with Van Cols and we are looking at possible dates, but we will also have to wait until attendance stabilizes once again. If we are unable to book in another opportunity this term Van Cols have already agreed to create time to take photographs when they return in March for the Year 11 photographs and Year 11/Year 13 group photographs. I will keep you updated.

Unfortunately, due to the recent outbreak of Covid at school, we felt it necessary to postpone our Year 6 Open Evening scheduled for next week. This will now take place on 20 October. Having been unable to run a live event last year we cannot wait to welcome future students and parents into our school. Students are looking forward to providing tours of the school and showcasing the amazing facilities and opportunities the school has to offer.

Information on a proposed new school uniform was sent out to prospective Year 6 parents last week. We would like to reassure parents that any new school uniform would be phased in over several years and parents of current students at the school will not be expected to purchase the new uniform for September 2022.

Our Year 11 prefects have also been making a huge impression this week, supporting staff and students during the lunch hour. I am so proud of how seriously they have taken their role and how assured and confident they have been throughout.

The library lunch club is also a fantastic sight. It is thriving every lunch time full of enthusiastic book lovers, chess players and scrabble experts! In addition, Ms Bradshaw, our school librarian, has set up a book club, a creative writing club and in the near future an exciting author-led workshop.



Finally, as part of World Mental Health Day (Sunday 10 October 2021) we will be joining thousands of schools and workplaces by taking part in 'Hello Yellow' on Friday 8 October. To celebrate this, we are asking everyone in school to wear something yellow, in addition to their uniform. This could be anything from yellow socks, a scarf or hair bands or they may choose to wear a yellow shirt. By wearing something yellow we will be spreading the importance of supporting good mental health. There is not an expectation to donate any money on this day but there will be collection boxes when students enter school. Any donations will go to [Young Minds](#), a charity supporting children, young people and their families who are suffering with mental health difficulties. Assemblies and form times will also be focusing on mental health and wellbeing.

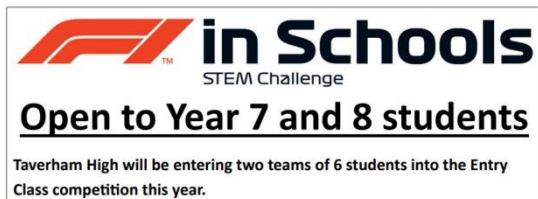


As a school we take wellbeing and mental health very seriously and we recognize that sometimes it is hard to ask for help. If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, we have created a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the [Student Support page](#) and can be accessed via this link: [Student and Parent Referral Form](#)

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

## News from the Creative and Technical Faculty

### Design Technology



[F1 in Schools](#): we've registered for this annual competition and hope to enter teams from Years 7 and 8. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved in an exciting event and learn lots about how science, technology, maths and engineering (STEM) are applied. F1 in Schools will be on a Thursday in F1.

[Design Ventura](#): this is run by the Design Museum and we are opening the competition to Years 9 and 10. The team that produces the best product designs will have their designs entered into the competition, with the overall national winners having their product developed and sold in the shop of the Design Museum in London.



**DT / Engineering Club**: this is a general weekly after-school club open on a Tuesday to anyone who wants to take part.

There is also a catch up / revision session for Year 11 every Tuesday after school.

### Art

There will be an exhibition of last year's work from Years 11, 12 and 13 showcased on the school's website. This is currently in the last stages of editing and should be available to view very soon.


Art support and catch up clubs:

- KS3: Monday lunch
- KS4 and KS5: Wednesday lunch and Thursday after school

## PE

We have a wide range of clubs and activities now taking place for different year groups on a regular basis. These include: netball, basketball, football, hockey, handball, badminton, girls active, and boys active. Check with the PE department or your form tutor for the full timetable.

### Messages and reminders

- **Social Media:** if you use social media, please do follow our Twitter account [@TaverhamHigh](https://twitter.com/TaverhamHigh) for regular updates and news. 
- **Parenting Group:** please see attached with this week's newsletter, a Parenting Group flyer and a Family Early Years Flyer.

### Celebrations

The Diana Award Ambassadors completed their training last week and were fantastic. Watch this space for future activities and projects to stamp out bullying. This is a course designed to create a culture in school where bullying is taken seriously and where students work together to create a more positive environment for the school.

The launch of the Youth STEMM awards for our Year 12 students sees several of our sixth form students sign up to work towards a recognised award to enhance their experiences above and beyond the curriculum. Mrs Kent and the science team are looking forward to supporting these students as they find opportunities within the streams of 'Developing their skills and knowledge', 'Shaping their future', 'Inspiring the next generation' and 'Engaging the Public'.

Mrs Barker was in awe of the amazing book covers that were produced for Classics homework- well done Year 8.

Congratulations to Jack L in Year 13 who has landed the part of Romeo in Hellesdon High School's production of Romeo & Juliet.

### Useful Contacts and Websites

- Young Minds: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)
- NSPCC: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- Thinkuknow: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- Children's society: [www.childrensociety.co.uk](http://www.childrensociety.co.uk)
- Ownit: [www.bbc.com/ownit](http://www.bbc.com/ownit)
- Just one number Chathealth: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/chathealth>
- Nelson's Journey: <https://nelsonsjourney.org.uk/>
- MAP: <https://www.map.uk.net/>
- Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/>
- Staying Safe: <https://stayingSAFE.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-childrens-self-harm-you-are-not-alone>

### Safeguarding at Taverham High School

**The School's Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Ms Ricketts, Mrs Killington, Ms Philpot, Mr Blowers.**

Emergency contact number: 0344 800 8020.

NSPCC- Run Helpline for Victims of Sexual Abuse in Schools: 0800 136 663

## Dates for the Diary

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