

**Taverham High School**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**15.10.21**



*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 18/10/21**

**Week 2: 1/11/21**

**Message from Becky Ricketts, Deputy Headteacher**

It is hard to believe that the half term break is not too far away. The term has flown by and I remain impressed by the adaptability and resilience our students continue to demonstrate.

Autumn has arrived and mornings and nights are become darker. Please can I encourage you to check that your child's bikes are road safe and have a full set of working lights. I would also encourage you to ensure your child is visible on their bikes as well as walking to and from school by having something that is reflective. As a polite reminder can I request that parents do not drive onto the school site unless they have a permit or a prearranged meeting; we encourage parents not to park on Beech Avenue at the start and end of the school day out of respect for our local residents.

As a school, being able to offer opportunities beyond the classroom is so important and something we really missed last year. I am really pleased that we are now offering a wide array of extra curricular opportunities at both lunchtime and after school for all year groups, and we have already seen clubs filling up and full of engagement and fun. I would encourage you to check with your child if they are currently attending any after school clubs so that you are aware of their whereabouts. Alongside many sport groups like Boys and Girls Active, hockey, football, badminton and basketball we also have clubs and societies such as Coding Club, Financial Trading Workshop, Design Ventura, Young People's Science Book Review, Debate Club, Drama Club, Creative Writing, Beginners Latin and Classics and Film Studies; there should be a club for everyone! If you have not yet had the chance to do so, please take a look at our [extra curricular offering](#) which can be found in the enrichment section of the school website. The additional benefits of taking part in clubs and societies are amazing, not just for developing a new interest but also crucial life skills like teamwork and communication.

Next week we will be holding our Open Evening on Wednesday 20 October for prospective Year 7 students, and we are so excited to be opening our doors to families once more. We also have calendared for next week our Revision Evening on Thursday 21 October for Year 11 in preparation for their forthcoming mock examinations. Students and parents will be able to access an online series of recorded clips available through our YouTube channel looking at preparing for English, Maths and Science as well as general revision and well-being advice. More information will follow from Mr Yassin.

We currently have a lot of unclaimed uniform items at reception. If your child is missing anything, please direct them to come to reception to check. Can we also request that school items are clearly labelled and named. We also have some second hand uniform available to purchase.

I am hopeful that the blue skies we have today roll into the weekend.

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

### News from the Global and Historical Faculty


In the History department we have had a great start to the academic year and are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 to the open evening next week.

This half term our Year 7 classes have settled well and have been enjoying learning about the Battle of Hastings. In Year 8 the students have been getting to grips with the English Civil war and the reasons why England executed the king! Our Year 9 students have just finished learning about the Suffragettes and they have completed some excellent written work analysing their actions and motives. With all of our KS3 students, we have introduced homework that has focused on history and historical events happening in other parts of the world at the same time period that we have been studying in class. Year 7 have been researching medieval Baghdad, Year 8 the rule of Indian princess Nur Jahan in 17<sup>th</sup> century India and Year 9 have looked at how women got the vote in New Zealand and completed some local history as well about Edith Cavell.

Our Year 10 classes have all made an excellent start to their GCSE course; we have been very impressed with their engagement and hard work. Our Year 11s have been working hard to finish the Superpower Relations and the Cold War work for their period study part of the GCSE.

Our Year 12 students have made a fantastic beginning with their A-level studies and Year 13 have survived mocks and will be working hard over the next half term completing their NEA.

### 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. 
- **The READY trial:** please see attached with this week's newsletter, the READY trial information
- **Wellbeing and mental health referral:** If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete 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 also be accessed via the following link: [Student and Parent referral form](#)

### Celebrations

- Mr Chapman in English has been running an after-school club and some Year 7, 8 and 9 students have created their very first edition of a school magazine. Click on the link to see their first edition: [Taverham High Weekly](#). The school magazine club runs every Thursday after school in E9.
- Our Diana Award Ambassadors were presented with their Diana Ambassador Award Badges by Dr Harris this week and are now working on creating posters and displays in preparation for Anti-Bullying Week which starts on 15 November.
- Ben W in Year 9 received his Bronze Navigation Award certificate and badge at Cadets last weekend – congratulations Ben!

## 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.childrenssociety.co.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.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://staying-safe.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-childs-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 help line for victims of sexual abuse in schools: 0800 136 663

## Dates for the Diary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/10/21-31/10/21: Black History Month</li> <li>• 15/10/21: Year 11 Tracking Data Published</li> <li>• 20/10/21: Year 6 Open Evening</li> <li>• 21/10/21: Year 11 Revision Evening (online)</li> <li>• 22/10/21: Year 8 tracking published</li> <li>• 22/10/21: Term ends</li> <li>• 1/11/21: Term begins (week 2)</li> <li>• 3/11/21: Pastoral Open Surgery 4-5pm</li> <li>• 3/11/21: Parents' Forum 5:30-6:30pm</li> <li>• 5/11/21: Year 9, 10 and 13 tracking data published</li> <li>• 5/11/21: Flu vaccination Years 7-11</li> <li>• 8/11/21-12/11/21: Tomorrow's Engineer's Week</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11/11/21: Year 12 Open Evening</li> <li>• 11/11/21: Act of Remembrance</li> <li>• 11/11/21: GCSE drama rehearsal</li> <li>• 12/11/21: GCSE component 1 exam</li> <li>• 15/11/21-21/11/21: Anti Bullying Week</li> <li>• 19/11/21: Year 7 and 12 tracking published</li> <li>• 19/11/21: Non-Uniform Day</li> <li>• 22/11/21-3/12/21: Year 11 mock exams</li> <li>• 8/12/21: Parents' Forum 5:30-6:30pm</li> <li>• 9/12/21: Year 13 Parents' Evening</li> <li>• 10/12/21: Flu vaccinations Years 7-11</li> <li>• 15/12/21: Christmas lunch</li> <li>• 16/12/21: Christmas Fair</li> </ul> |
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