

Taverham High School
Weekly Newsletter
17.09.21



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 20/09/21

Week 2: w/c 27/09/21

Message from Becky Ricketts, Deputy Headteacher

Please share my thanks and congratulations to your children for their brilliant return to school! This has been their first full week and they have listened to our expectations and have rapidly adapted to the changes that the start of this school year has brought.

Students are working hard at being on time, remembering their homework, speaking kindly and bringing the correct equipment to their lessons. These are life and employability skills and it is important that our students become equipped with these skills to ensure they have the best possible chances moving forward in life. I am also grateful for the fantastic support we are receiving from parents and carers in the follow up when a student has not met with expectations. Your involvement and being able to speak with your child about how they can improve makes an enormous difference to their behaviours and attitudes to learning in school. If you do have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or their Head of Year.

On Monday 20 September Year 7 will be involved in team building in the afternoon. All Year 7 students will need to bring in their PE kit. Parents of Year 7 students have the opportunity to meet with their child's form tutor on Thursday 23 September at our Year 7 Settling in Evening. This will be held through our online system, SchoolCloud. A letter from Mr Derrick has been sent to all Year 7 parents outlining how the system works. If you have not made an appointment it is not too late. If you are having issues making an appointment on the system, please contact the school and we will support you with the process. Alongside the Year 7 Settling in Evening will also be an opportunity for parents of Year 12 students to meet their child's new form tutor and gather key information about life in the Sixth Form and their expectations. Once again, this will also be held through SchoolCloud.

I wish you and your families a lovely and restful weekend and hope the sun shines for us!

News from the Social Sciences Faculty

Welcome back Taverham and welcome to your new school Year 7! I'm Miss Green, Head of Social Sciences at THS and I teach Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics and Sociology.

We have several new staff in the faculty this year: Miss Adams who teaches Personal Development and Child Development; Miss Crossley who teaches Psychology and Religious Studies and Mr Hemsley has joined our Business Studies team.

Congratulations to Mr Yates who has started this September as Head of Child Development and Health and Social Care. It has been a great start to the new year and fantastic to see everyone back into normal classrooms and enjoying moving around the school. I have been particularly impressed with the hard work of some of our sixth form students over the summer with their pre-course tasks. Honourable mentions to Emily B in Philosophy and Ethics for her amazing wider reading research task and in Health in Social Care Martha H and Rebecca M completed amazing 3D models of the circulatory system.

Our revision boosters have started again after school in Philosophy and Ethics for Year 11. These will be held weekly (week 1 Wednesday in G14, week 2 Tuesday in G13).

For year 13 studying Business Studies, there are weekly content boosters definitely worth signing up for in preparation for final exams. If you have not signed up yet, do make sure you see Mrs Robertson for the schedule as soon as you can.

Messages and reminders

- **School car park:** a polite reminder parents are not permitted to drive onto school site unless they have a car park pass or an arranged meeting with a member of staff. We would recommend that parents arrange to meet their children at Hinks Meadow rather than parking along Beech Avenue to reduce congestion and ensure there is good visibility for drivers and our students leaving the school site.
- **Maths message:** to support the setting process for Year 7, students will be sitting a test in their maths lesson on either Wednesday 29 September or Thursday 30 September. We do this every year; it is purely an exercise to find out what our Year 7s know.
- **Social Media:** if you use social media, please do follow our Twitter account [@TaverhamHigh](#) for regular updates and news.
- **Kooth:** please see attached with this newsletter information from Kooth. Kooth is designed to support the wellbeing and resilience of young people and is available for 11-25 year olds in Norfolk & Waveney, and 11-18 year olds in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.
- **Free workshops:** please see attached to this week's newsletter information from Tackle Learning: Norwich City Community Sports Foundation
- **Apology:** I would like to offer my most sincere apologies for any worry caused by the email you received this week regarding the Fast Track process. Each year Norfolk County Council send us information about changes to the process and the documentation needed to facilitate it. Part of this is a letter that all schools are required to send to parents at the start of each school year. This is all you should have received. Once again, I am sorry for and worry I may have caused you. Mr Derrick Attendance & Transition Lead

Celebrations

- Congratulations to Year 10 Angel E and the ELF team who have produced and recorded an assembly for the new Year 7 students introducing the ELF team. The ELF team have made an impressive start to the year and have already been involved in lots of positive activities.
- Sam M in 9M-tutee of the week for getting fully involved with tutor activities.
- Grace J in 10A has been amazing helping our new Year 10 student who recently joined us.
- Several Year 10s are using form time to complete extra maths work - a fantastic effort and great use of time.
- Luciana B in 8E is performing in a musical in Matilda
- Olivia J 8M for being involved in charity events and litter picking around school
- Congratulations to Evan B who has got into Kings Lynn Academy.

Useful Contacts and Websites

- Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk
- NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk
- Thinkuknow: www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- Children's society: www.childrensociety.co.uk
- Ownit: 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-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 Helpline for Victims of Sexual Abuse in Schools: 0800 136 663

Dates for the Diary

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Year 12 Welcome Evening• 27/9/21: School photographs Years 7-10• 27/9/21-01/10/21: Year 13 mock exams• 29/9/21-30/9/21: Year 11 art mock exam• 1/10/21-31/10/21: Black History month• 4/10/21-10/10/21: World Space Week• 6/10/21: Year 6 Open Evening | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15/10/21: Year 8 and Year 11 Tracking Data published• 20/10/21: Pastoral Open Surgery 4-5pm• 20/10/21: Parents' Forum 5:30-6:30pm• 21/10/21: Year 11 revision evening• 21/10/21: GCSE drama rehearsal• 22/10/21: GCSE component 1 exam• 22/10/21: Term ends• 01/11/21: Term begins (week 2) |
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