



**Taverham High School**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**17.12.21**



*Inspire, Empower, Achieve.*

**Week 1: w/c 3/1/22**

**Week 2: w/c 10/1/22**

**Message from Becky Ricketts, Deputy Headteacher**

Despite all the challenges that Covid has thrown at us we have made it to the end of term, and what a term it has been!

Firstly, I want to thank our parents and students for supporting and working with us during what remains a really challenging period in schools. It has been so lovely this term to be able to reintroduce the extra-curricular opportunities that we had to sacrifice last year, and even nicer to see the large numbers of students actively participating. We remain hopeful that we can continue to build on this into the new year but will remain vigilant towards any changes that are occurring and will of course keep parents informed.

Whilst sadly some Christmas events could not go ahead, we were able to still hold our Christmas Lunch. I would like to thank the canteen team who delivered over 450 high quality Christmas lunches on the day and to the staff who served the meals to our hungry students. It was also great that so many students joined in with the festive spirit and wore their Christmas jumpers.

Unfortunately, due to Covid our visiting storyteller, Dave Tonge, was unable to come in and work with some of our students this week but our amazing librarian, Miss Bradshaw, is in the process of rearranging this for the new year. Being able to create opportunities for professionals to come into school and deliver workshops has been a real highlight of this term for me and seeing the impact and influence it has had on the work of the students who have been involved has been even better.

Sadly, we say goodbye to some staff at the end of this term as they are moving onto new jobs and careers:

- Mrs Allen leaves the Science team and as Head of Year 10
- Mr Papp will be leaving us to become a Head of Music
- Ms Pearce leaves the Art team
- Mrs Pellican is retiring and leaving our reception team
- Miss Smith leaves the Science team

I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking them for all their hard work at Taverham and to wish them every success in the future.

From January, teachers will be marking work and providing feedback in red pen and students will be responding to feedback in green pen. This is to allow students and teachers to clearly and quickly identify where students have completed 'next steps' and made improvements to their work. If at all possible, please send your child to school in January with a green pen to use (another little stocking filler taken care of!).

Please can I remind parents that we are advising that all students should all be taking a lateral flow test on Tuesday 4 January prior to returning to school on Wednesday 5 January. If your child is showing symptoms of Covid they should remain at home. Letters have been sent out to families who requested a test in school on 4 January. Should you opt to complete the test at home please record the result with the school via this link: [School link to report lateral flow test results](#) and to the NHS via this link: [NHS link to report lateral flow test results](#)

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Taverham High School to wish all our families and the community a very merry Christmas and happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming you all back in January.



### **News from the Maths Faculty**

It has been a busy half term in the Maths department.

Congratulations to Mrs Grigg and her family on the birth of their baby boy. Caleb Grigg was born on 29 November weighing in at 10lb 3oz! We said goodbye to Ms Melville, who has started her retirement – we wish her all the very best. We have also welcomed two new teachers to the department – Ms Conneely and Mr Ruiz.

Year 11 completed their mock exams and are receiving their eagerly awaited results and feedback this week. It is crucial that they start to follow the 'next steps' feedback if they are to reach their potential in the summer.

Mrs Crane has kindly offered to run some Foundation revision sessions supporting those students trying to achieve a grade 4 or 5 in their exams. They will be on Wednesdays at 3pm in G5. Please check with your teacher to see if they are appropriate for your child; if they are, they just turn up!

Some of our Year 11s, who did incredibly well in their mocks, have been offered the opportunity to take an extra qualification in Maths – Level 2 Further Mathematics. Sessions will be after school on a Wednesday Week 1 & Thursday Week 2 in G2. Don't forget to let their teacher know if your child is interested.

We've had some positive feedback from some of our younger students who have been trying the 'Multiplication Grand Prix' app at home and are starting to see a real improvement in the recall of their times tables. If this is something you feel you could improve, please give it a go!

Have a wonderful Christmas and a well-deserved rest – from all in the Maths department.

## Messages and reminders

- 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.
- **Wellbeing and Mental Health Referral Form:** 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 'students' page and can be accessed via this link: [Student and parent referral form](#)
- **Social Media:** if you use social media, please do follow our Twitter account [@TaverhamHigh](#) for regular updates and news. Also, follow the THS art department on Instagram [@taverhamartdept](#)
- **Aerosols:** please remind your child that they can only use aerosol deodorant sprays in the school changing rooms or outside. Any aerosols seen or used in classrooms or other indoor areas will be confiscated. This is to protect those members of our community who suffer from asthma.
- **Sanitary wear:** should your child need any sanitary wear please remind them that they can pop along to student support or reception/first aid where we will be able to provide them with items.
- **Big Norfolk Holiday Run:** The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun [festive programme](#) will take place during the school holidays. Most of the activities will be held between 20 – 23 December with a few taking place in the week after this. There will be a range of activities available all over the county, aimed at various ages.
- **Safer Schools:** please see below the newsletter from Norfolk Police's Safer Schools team which details some of the work done in primary and secondary schools throughout the autumn term, along with some useful links.



## Celebrations

- Congratulations to the Sixth Form leaders who coordinated for the whole school the food bank appeal for Norwich FoodHub. The collected food will go into food parcels and meals via the local foodbanks and community groups. It is always so fantastic to see the school community working together to help others and to receive such lovely feedback:

*'I am sure Norwich FoodHub will be sending a message of thanks for the very generous collection of food that I picked up this afternoon. I'd like to add my thanks to the friendly pupils who loaded the van for me (especially the three in the photo!)*



- Maddison C (7R) played the saxophone in her first concert last week. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to Peter W (8S) who took part in the 'get caught reading' raffle and won a free book and box of chocolates.

**Norwich FoodHub** 16 mins · 📍

An enormous thank you to the amazing students at Taverham High School who donated this huge collection for people in need of food this christmas. The food will soon find its way into food parcels and meals via the local foodbanks and community groups we work with.



## 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>• 5/1/22: Students return to school (week 1)</li><li>• 13/1/22: Year 9 Parents' Evening</li><li>• 17/1/22-21/1/22: Year 13 Mocks</li><li>• 21/1/22: Year 11 Tracking Data published</li><li>• 26/1/22: Parents' Forum</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3/2/22: Year 9 Options Evening</li><li>• 7/2/22-11/2/22: National Apprenticeship Week</li><li>• 10/2/22: Year 11 Parents' Evening</li><li>• 11/2/22: Year 8 and Year 13 Tracking Data published</li><li>• 11/2/22: Last day of term.</li></ul> |
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## How we've worked with primary schools this term...

**Hate Crime Awareness Week** – It was Hate Crime Awareness between 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We delivered 15 online sessions for year 6 pupils intended to raise awareness of what hate crime is, the consequences for victims and offenders and where to go for help. We reached 2400 students and had some very positive feedback. One teacher stated the session was “*very topical to Black History Month and racism which we have been covering in RSHE*”.

**Anti-Bullying Week:** During anti-bullying week, we delivered 8 online sessions, attended by schools in the Great Yarmouth and Broadland areas about online bullying. Children learned about the kinds of behaviour that are considered online bullying and were reminded to always be kind online. Again, we had some lovely feedback with one teacher saying the session was “*age-appropriate, telling [children about] the dangers but without being too frightening*”.

After the success of these sessions, we will continue to adapt and use these resources in schools to complement the PSHE curriculum.



## How we've worked with secondary schools this term...

**Key Messages** – We're pleased to have been able to come back into schools to deliver our key message presentations in person. We're still offering these online where schools are unable to accommodate us in person, however. We have delivered the following topics to over 4950 students between September and December 2021 and we will continue to deliver these sessions over the rest of the academic year:

- Internet Safety – Year 7
- County Lines and Knife Crime – Year 8
- Grooming – Year 9
- Relationship Abuse – Year 10.

**College Presentation:** We attended Paston College and piloted a new presentation which covers a number of issues pertinent to young people after they have left school and started college and university. Feedback was really positive and we are looking to extend the offer of this presentation to other colleges in Norfolk.

**Online Work Experience** – We also piloted an online work experience package which 25 young people attended over the half-term holiday. Students in year 12 were asked to apply for this opportunity and after its successful delivery as a pilot, we will be offering this opportunity again later in the academic year, so watch this space for details of when it is available again.

# Safer Schools Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2021

Merry Christmas, everyone! Here's an update on what we've been up to in the Safer Schools and Youth Engagement Teams this Autumn term 2021.

If you have any comments or questions about the newsletter, please email [sspteam@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sspteam@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)  
Norfolk Constabulary Safer Schools Team



*Remember, safeguarding young people is everyone's responsibility #SaferSchools*

**Norfolk Police**  
Non-emergency 101 / Emergency 999

## A word about Christmas presents...

If you're thinking of purchasing an **e-scooter** for your child for Christmas, please be aware of the law regarding these. Please click on this [link](#) to see Safer Schools Support Worker, Tory, explaining this.

**Mobile phones, tablets and laptops** are also popular choices for Christmas presents. We're running webinars for parents, carers and professionals about how we can keep our children safe when they're using the internet. These will be running in January 2022 and we will be sending out information about how to join these in the New Year. We also recommend downloading the 'National Online Safety' app, or visiting the website [www.natonalonlineafety.com](http://www.natonalonlineafety.com) for information about games, apps and keeping young people safe online.

## Other Useful Information.

**Kooth** – We're continuing to promote Kooth as a brilliant way of young people getting help and support for mental health issues in a safe and regulated way.

**Police Officer Recruitment** – If you're interested in a new challenge in a rewarding and exciting role, take a look at Norfolk Constabulary's recruitment [website](#) for opportunities for aspiring Police Officers.

**Learning in the Community** – Norfolk County Council are offering free courses for adults wishing to learn new skills. Whether you want to brush up your skills for employment, your cookery skills or update your knowledge of healthy lifestyles, there's something for everyone. Click this [link](#) to see what's available.

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