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To: Years 7-12

Dear Parent/Carer

Important information for September 2026

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is one of the most important factors in ensuring our young people are happy, successful and able to achieve their very best.

This year has been filled with many achievements, both in and beyond the classroom, and I am immensely proud of the commitment, resilience and enthusiasm shown by our students. I would also like to thank our staff, who work tirelessly every day to provide the very best education and opportunities for every child/ward.

As we look ahead to September 2026, I would like to make you aware of a number of important expectations that will help us maintain a calm, purposeful and ambitious learning environment for all.

Equipment for Learning

Alongside our existing mandatory equipment of a black or blue pen, pencil, ruler, green pen and scientific calculator, all students will now be expected to bring an A4 mini whiteboard and a dry-wipe marker pen to school every day.

These are items that can be purchased from Amazon or other online and high street retailers. Buying in groups with other families or friends can often reduce the cost further. An example can be found here:

Click: [Hisredsun 2 Pack Mini Dry Erase White Board, 8.2X11.8 Inch Double Sided Mini Whiteboard with 2 Pens and 2 Erasers,Durable Portable White Boards for Students, Classroom, Home and Office : Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies](#)

We recognise that some families may require additional support and students who are entitled to Free School Meals should contact Mr Day if financial assistance is needed in purchasing these items. We want to ensure that every student is fully equipped to learn.

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Creating the Best Learning Environment

From September 2026, we will be placing an even greater emphasis on ensuring that every lesson is calm, focused and free from disruption. Every student has the right to learn, and every teacher has the right to teach.

Students should therefore expect to be challenged if their behaviour disrupts the learning of others or distracts from the lesson. High expectations are not about punishing young people; they are about ensuring that every child/ward can achieve their full potential in an environment where learning comes first.

Similarly, rudeness or disrespect towards any member of staff will not be tolerated. Our staff come to school each day to educate, support and care for our students, and they deserve to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times. We know that the overwhelming majority of our students demonstrate these values every day, and we ask for your support in reinforcing these expectations at home.

School Uniform

We are also asking for your support in ensuring that students wear their school uniform correctly from the first day back in September.

Our uniform expectations are straightforward, and we already make reasonable concessions regarding jewellery and make-up. However, there is simply no excuse for shirts being left untucked or ties being worn incorrectly. These small details help promote pride in our school and create a positive learning culture and if students cannot follow these simple rules they should expect to lose their social time or receive detentions.

Uniform expectations can be found by clicking here: [Uniform - Taverham High School - An 11-18 Academy](#)

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child/ward leaves home each morning dressed correctly and ready to learn.

Mobile Phones (Years 7-11)

The Government has published guidance for schools on the use of mobile phones during the school day.

You can read the guidance here: [Mobile phones in schools guidance \(Department for Education\)](#)

In line with this guidance, from September any student who brings a mobile phone to school must ensure that it remains powered off and stored in their bag throughout the entire school day.

Phones must not be carried in pockets or concealed in clothing. Any phone found in a student's pocket or otherwise not stored appropriately will be confiscated in line with our behaviour policy. Similarly, we would appreciate your support in not contacting your child/ward on their phones while they are in school. If students need to contact home, or vice versa, this can and should be done through our school office.

Where students have used their phones in school to contact home, or similar, they should expect to have them confiscated in line with the school's behaviour policy.

In addition, if a student needs to leave a lesson to use the toilet, they will be expected to hand their phone to their class teacher before leaving the classroom and collect it on their return.

These arrangements are designed to minimise distraction, support positive behaviour and help students remain fully engaged in their learning.

As always, our expectations are high because we believe in our students and what they are capable of achieving. By working together, we can ensure that every young person returns in September ready to learn, ready to succeed and ready to contribute positively to our school community.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. I hope you and your family enjoy a safe, restful and well-deserved Summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another successful year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G Yassin', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Yassin
Headteacher