

To: Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. Having been back for a term now I thought it would be good to send you a brief update. We've had a great start to the academic year and as usual, how quickly time has flown by. I thought I would share some of the highlights and notices moving forward.

1. Evidence suggests that behaviour in lessons is much improved, lessons are more settled. Teachers can teach with minimal disruption than they have had for some time. This is reflected in the numbers of negatives and positives awarded in lessons. At the time of writing this letter we had handed out more than 76 000 positive points compared to 54 000, this time last year; truly excellent!
2. Both Main School Open Evening and Sixth Form Open Evening were really well attended, Sixth Form applications appear to be the highest on record, but that's not surprising considering it's in the top 20% of Sixth Forms nationally. It's not too late for Year 11 students to apply after Christmas for next September, but please ensure your child/ward sees Mr Linnell as soon as possible to discuss their options.
3. Feedback from our Parents/Carers and Students is important and, like last year, there will be a Student and Parent questionnaire coming out next half term. We would really welcome your feedback on both the positives and the not so positives about the school, this will help us in planning for the future. Please keep an eye out for this.
4. In reference to uniform, students are typically coming to school appropriately dressed but just a reminder that we do not allow leggings. We expect students to be in shoes, and we are doing random checks on this. When parents/carers ask me what sort of shoes, I respond with something smart, that you might wear to a formal interview.
5. A reminder that students have to be in school by 8:30 am as this is the start of lessons. Please could you ensure your child/ward is aware of this and leaves home in plenty of time to ensure they are in school by 8:30 am.
6. We've been making good use of our Twitter account to show off lots of event/activities going on in the school, please be sure to have a look at it. The school can be found on twitter by searching for @TaverhamHigh (don't forget the capital letters), or by going onto our website and following the link at the bottom of the webpage.
7. Ms Davies (PE) and Mrs Kent (Science) will be leaving us at Christmas and we will be sorry to see them both go but we look forward to welcoming back Miss Greenway and Mrs Goldspink from maternity leave and Mr Cawdron and Miss Gleghorn who will be joining us in the Science and Business departments.

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And finally, on behalf of myself, Trustees and everyone at Taverham High School I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the students back on Wednesday 4 January 2023 at 8:30 am.

With best wishes

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Dr Harris
Headteacher