

SCHOOL NEWS

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MARS – 62679 EARTH – 63440 NEPTUNE – 60204 JUPITER – 62262

COMPASSION

DIARY DATES

02/05/25–07/05/25 GCSE MFL Oral Exams
03/05/25 – Navigation Training for D of E
05/05/25 – May Day School Closed
06/05/25–09/05/25 – Year 12 Work Experience
07/05/25–09/05/25 – Year 13 Photography Exam
08/05/25 – Change to the School day for external exams
09/05/25 – Non uniform Day
13/05/25–15/5/25 – A level Art Exam
14/05/25 – Parent and Community Event
15/05/25 – Colour Run
17/05/25–18/05/25 – Bronze D of E
23/05/25 – Early Lunch for Winning House
23/05/25 – Last Day of Term
24/05/25–01/06/25 – Half Term Holidays
02/06/25 – Term Begins (Week 1)
04/06/25 – Year 10 & Year 12 Art trip
07/06/25–08/06/25 – Bronze DofE expedition
09/06/25–12/06/25 – Normandy Trip

SAFEGUARDING AT TAVERHAM HIGH SCHOOL

The School's Designated Safeguarding Leads – Ms R Ricketts, Mrs G Killington, Mrs A Reynolds, Mr S Blowers.

Emergency contact number: 0344 800 8021

NSPCC– Run Helpline for Victims of Sexual Abuse in Schools: 0800 136 663

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:

<https://forms.office.com/r/jwPTkVYnYz>

ATTENDANCE

House attendance:

Mars 92.3%

Jupiter 93.3%

Neptune: 93.1%

Earth: 92.4%

92.5%

If your child has an appointment during school time, please call 01603 860505 or email office@taverhamhigh.org with the name of the student, date and time of the appointment. Students will make their own way to reception to sign out to be collected by parents/carers.

VALUE OF THE WEEK COMPASSION

Here are all the Year 9 students who championed the value of compassion for the week commencing the 21st April:

9A – Tobie W

9H – Imogen C

HOUSE VOICE

On Tuesday this week, we welcomed back Friend Indeed for our second Music and Movement event of the year! We were delighted to welcome 10 babies and toddlers along with their parents and carers. We also welcomed residents and staff from local care homes – as always, it was wonderful to see the interactions between people of all ages including our own amazing prefects. We were treated to music, dancing and even bubbles followed by tea and our now famous biscuits in the library. We can't wait to team up and work more closely with Friend Indeed in the future.



HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

At our school, keeping students safe is our top priority. During form time, students will be shown a presentation about their health and safety responsibilities and how they can help keep our school safe. This is an important part of making sure everyone has a safe place to learn and grow.

The presentation can be viewed anytime on our school website under the 'Students' tab – <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/students/health-and-safety/>. We encourage students to view it again whenever they need to, to remind themselves of how to stay safe.

We also invite parents and carers to view the presentation. It will help you talk to your child/ward about their safety at school and support them in understanding what is expected. Working together, we can all help make the school a safe place for everyone.

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

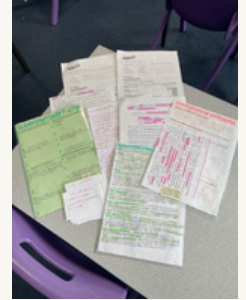
Year 12 have been working hard with their mock examinations this week. We have been really impressed with the conscientious attitude with which they have approached these exams. Next week is Year 12 Work Experience where students will be able to experience firsthand what life is like in their chosen industry as well as develop key transferable skills within the workplace. Good luck to all students who will be going out on placements, enjoy the experience! On Friday next week, our Year 13 students have their leavers assembly during lunch and form time. This will be an opportunity for the sixth form team to share one final form time together as well as celebrate the students time here with us before they start their phased study leave. From Monday 12 May to Friday 23 May, students are still required to attend all subject lessons, unless in an exam, but will otherwise have unlimited home study, including form time and character & culture. Full study leave begins on Monday 2 June. In other news, over the Easter holidays Ms Crossley and Ms Reding ran a Psychology Easter Revision Bingo competition. Students had nine tasks to complete to be entered into a draw to win a £20 voucher and 20 house points. Congratulations to Freja H who was the winner and well done to our psychologists for taking part. I hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form

STUDENT NEWS

After Easter break, we have all been working hard towards exams, whether mocks for Year 12 or the real thing for Year 13. However, in addition to this, as a leadership team, we have been planning our final fundraiser for RAGFest – the Colour Run! We are so excited to see many of you there as we hope for lots of fun and lots of sun! We also have the Year 13 prom coming up and so if you haven't bought your ticket yet, please do so as the deadline is fast approaching. On behalf of all of us, I hope that everyone has been settling into this last summer term and thank you for all your support to us as a leadership team this year so far.

Chloe C, Head of School
Sixth Form Student Leadership Team



RECYCLING UPDATE

We'd like to remind all students to make use of the green food waste caddies placed around the school. These bins are part of our ongoing efforts to reduce food waste and support sustainability at our school.

By using the food waste bins, you're helping to:

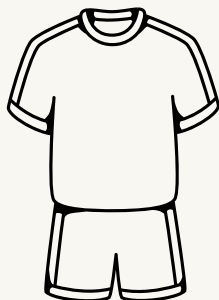
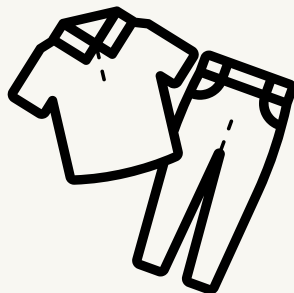
- Reduce landfill waste and cut down on harmful greenhouse gases.
- Recycle food scraps into valuable resources, like compost and energy.
- Create a cleaner, more eco-friendly environment for everyone.



Let's all do our part to keep the school green and sustainable! Remember, when you're finished with your food, make sure to use the green caddies for your waste.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

As we continue to support our school community, we kindly ask for your help in donating any outgrown uniform your child no longer needs. These donations will be passed on to other families who need it. If you have any gently used items to contribute, please drop them off at our Main Reception. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



AND FINALLY...

It was lovely to welcome everyone back last week and it was a positive start to the term, with a focus on reinforcing routines and classroom expectation. As a school we have made a conscious effort to revisit our classroom expectations at the start of every half term, it is so easy for routines to fall away as we get bogged down with all the other things at school and in our lives. We find a gentle reminder at the start of the term just helps all of us reset and leads to the positive starts we want and have.

Following the slightly gentle 3-day week last week we are now back in full swing and it has been another week of events and activities. Thank you to the Year 10 parents who attended the Parents' evening on Thursday. I hope you were able to have productive conversations that have helped you and your child identify what they are excelling at and areas that they now need to target. If you were unable to attend but have a query, please contact the school and we will do our best to provide you with or signpost you to an answer.

On Tuesday we hosted our second Music and Movement event that was led by the local charity, Friend in Deed; being able to welcome the community into our school is a privilege and something that we really enjoy as a school. This weekend and last weekend our DofE students have been completing their navigation training in preparation for their forthcoming expeditions. Thank you to Ms Reding and her team for giving up their weekends to support these events.

Year 12s had their mock exams all this week and have conducted themselves with maturity and resilience. Next week they will embark on their work experience and we wish them an enjoyable and productive experience. Our Year 11 Art students sat their GCSE Art exams this week and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, producing some outstanding pieces. As did our linguists who have started to complete their MFL oral examinations; these will continue into next week.

Thursday 8th May is the official start for external examinations and this means we will have to amend the structure of the school day to support the official exam timings. The school day will be using the following format during the exam season:

Period 1: 8:30-9:35

Period 2: 9:35- 10:35

Break: 10:35-10:55

Period 3: 10:55-11:55

Lunch: 11:55-12:40

Form time: 12:40-1pm

Period 4: 1-2pm

Period 5: 2-3 pm

We recognise that changes to routines for some students can be very challenging, so we have tried to give our students lots of notice to allow them time to prepare themselves for it. If you have any concerns about your child struggling with the change to the day, please contact their Head of Year or the SEN team to discuss how we can support with this.

Just a reminder that Monday 5th May is May Day Bank Holiday which means school is closed.

And finally, Friday 9th May is a non-uniform day. The student leadership body have chosen to raise funds for Help for Heroes, a British charity which supports members of the British Armed Forces community with their physical and mental health. We are asking students for a £1.00 donation for the privilege of wearing their own clothes for the day and ask that this be brought in on Friday 9th May 2025 or paid via Wisepay. Year 11 students with an exam that day will, unfortunately, need to be in full school uniform as normal to meet JCQ regulations.


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

Miss R Ricketts
Deputy Headteacher



Useful Contacts and Websites

- **Young Minds:** Resources to help young people care for their mental health, empowers parents to support them: www.youngminds.org.uk
- **NSPCC:** Support and tips to help you keep children safe: www.nspcc.org.uk
- **Thinkuknow:** Helping you to better protect your children online: www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- **Children's society:** Advice pages offer help on a range of topics for young people. www.childrenssociety.org.uk
- **Ownit:** Help, support and advice on how to be safe online.: www.bbc.com/ownit
- **Just one number Chathealth:** Secure NHS approved text messaging service.: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/chathealth>
- **Nelson's Journey:** Support children and young people following a bereavement.: <https://nelsonsjourney.org.uk/>
- **MAP:** Ensure young people have the access to information, advice, counselling and support they need.: <https://www.map.uk.net/>
- **Kooth:** Access support from other young people and professionals.: <https://www.kooth.com/>
- **Staying Safe:** Help keep people safer from thoughts of harm and suicide: <https://stayingssafe.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-childrens-self-harm-you-are-not-alone>
- **The SEND and inclusion team:** Information about how to support children and young people with SEND. Call the SEND and inclusion support line on 0333 313 7165 [The SEND and inclusion team - Norfolk Schools and Learning Providers - Norfolk County Council](#)



What will learning
look like at High
School? How can I
help my child
prepare?

PARENT/CARER COMMUNITY EVENT

WHEN: 14th May 16:30–18:00

WHERE: Taverham High School

WHO: Parents/Carers of Year 6 students

ACADEMIC BRIDGING EVENING

An opportunity to hear short presentations from English, Maths and Science leads about what to expect at high school and how you can support your child/ward to be prepared.

Languages, Art and Computing will also be available to discuss and show case their subjects.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE EVENING:

- Head of Year – Miss Birkin
- Student Support Team
- SEN Team
- Librarian along with Library Leaders
- Student Leaders
- Mrs Gardiner – Assistant Headteacher



PARENT/CARER FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS EVENTS:

I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT
GRATITUDE TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR
ORGANISING SUCH A WONDERFUL EVENT.
IT HAS ALREADY HAD A PROFOUNDLY
POSITIVE IMPACT ON MY FAMILY.
PARENT OF YEAR 6 STUDENT

THANK YOU FOR THIS.
TONIGHT WAS REALLY HELPFUL!
PARENT OF YEAR 8 STUDENT

WE FOUND IT VERY HELPFUL.
PARENT OF YEAR 10 STUDENT

Art Department

Spring Exhibition

Call for Entries !

Twentieth Century Composer Igor Stravinsky described his well known ballet and piece of music 'Rite of Spring' (La Sacre des Printemps) about the mystery and great surge of the creative power of Spring..

"The Choreography of Nature..."

What inspires you about the season? Allow yourself to be energised and get creating!

>>Open to all staff and students

Fun prize commendations to be awarded!

*** PLUS 50 HOUSE POINTS !!**

Drawing / painting / printmaking / photography / mixed-media / digital art - you choose !

As before, all entries to be A4 approximate size and able to hang on a wall surface with name and title on reverse. Hand in to Art Dept.

~~Deadline Friday 2nd May.~~

EXTENDED! FRIDAY 16TH MAY

Good Luck!