

SCHOOL NEWS

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OPPORTUNITY

DIARY DATES

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
12/06/25 – Year 7 Parents' Evening (online)
13/06/25–16/06/25 – Silver DofE Expedition
13/06/25 – Non Uniform Day

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:

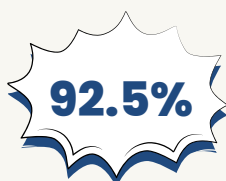
If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the 'students' page and can be accessed via this link:

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

ATTENDANCE

House attendance:

Mars 92.1%
Jupiter 93.7%
Neptune: 92.7%
Earth: 92.4%



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 OPPORTUNITY

Here are all the Year 10 students who championed the value of opportunity for the week commencing the 28th April:

10V Dominic B – For taking the time outside of school hours to work and increase his knowledge to better his future, showing commitment and dedications to all opportunities that come his way (always with a smile on his face).

10M Isla W – She is a prefect, on the school council and is always looking for extra ways to better herself across aspects of both school life and beyond.

HOUSE VOICE

This week marks a week of transition and celebration for some of our KS3 Student Leaders. On Friday this week, Miss Andrews and Mrs Gardiner said thank you and celebrated our Year 8 Here 2 Help Students along with our Year 9 leads for their work this year, and last year, with a number of amazing schemes!

We've had amazing support during Year 5 and Year 6 transition, poster competitions, litter picking schemes (that are still running!), crisp packet collection and visits to local residential care homes – these are just a few examples!

Many of our Year 8 H2Hs have applied to be Year 9 leads which is fantastic and shows the dedication and commitment they have to the wider school. Lastly, we hope that our Year 9 H2H leads will apply to be prefects in KS4; applications for these roles open next week but early applications can be made via the website: <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/students/leaders/>

WEST NORWICH & DEREHAM SSP

The West Norwich & Dereham School Sports Partnership (WNDSSP) has been instrumental in providing a diverse range of events and activities for students across the region. These initiatives not only promote physical activity but also foster a sense of community and teamwork among participants.

WNDSSP continues to plan and execute events that cater to a wide range of interests and age groups. Parents/carers are encouraged to stay informed about upcoming activities and support their children's involvement in these enriching experiences.

For more information on upcoming events and how to get involved, visit the **WNDSSP Events Page** – <https://www.wndssp.com/news/?pid=33&nid=2>

DUKE OF EDINBURGH UPDATE

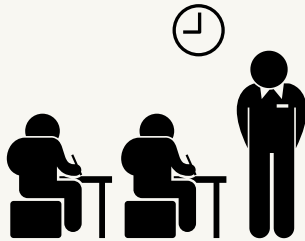
Our Bronze DofE Award students in Year 9 have been out completing navigation training over the past two weekends. This involved putting their knowledge about maps into practice and learning a variety of navigation skills from our staff and parent/carer volunteers. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, and we're confident the students will remember what they've learned and navigate their expeditions later this term with confidence and independence.



EXAMS REMINDER

To support our students going into large cohort exams, as we have in the past, we are inviting students into school from 8am for a breakfast session with specialist teachers. This will be an opportunity for them to grab something to eat to boost their energy levels going into the exam whilst hearing last minute revision tips and exam strategies from teachers. The sessions will be as shown to the right.

I sincerely hope that all students sitting these exams will attend these briefings. Previous students have found these hugely helpful.



Date	Subject	Where
Monday 12th May	English Lit	Atrium
Wednesday 14th May	Geography	Atrium
Thursday 15th May	Maths	Maths department
Friday 16th May	History	Atrium
Monday 19th May	Chemistry	Atrium
Tuesday 20th May	English Lit	Atrium
Thursday 22nd May	Physics	Atrium
Friday 23rd May	English Lang	Atrium
Wednesday 4th June	Maths	Maths department
Thursday 5th June	History	Atrium
Friday 6th June	English Lang	Atrium
Monday 9th June	Biology	Atrium
Wednesday 11th June	Maths	Maths department
Thursday 12th June	Geography	Atrium
Friday 13th June	Chemistry	Atrium
Monday 16th June	Physics	Atrium

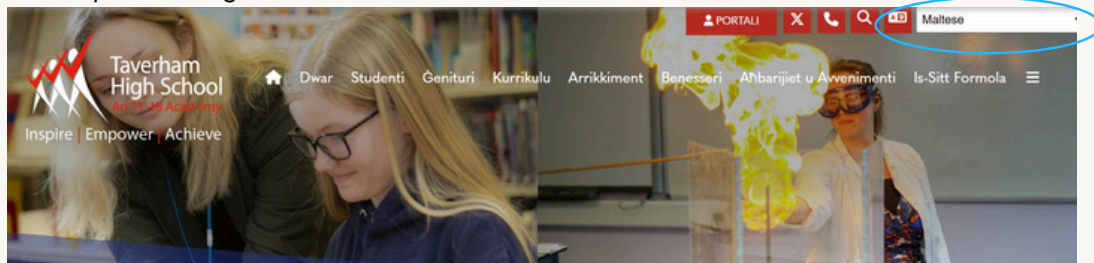
ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL) UPDATE

We're excited to share that our school website can now be translated into multiple languages, making it easier for families who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL) to stay informed and involved.

To use this feature, just click the language drop-down menu located in the top right-hand corner of the website and choose your preferred language.

This is a great tool to support EAL students and their families with learning at home and staying up to date with school information.

If you or your child need help accessing the translation tool, feel free to contact the school office.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apprenticeships Norfolk is hosting the All About Apprenticeships event at The Forum in Norwich on Wednesday, 18th June 2025, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. Whereby employers will be promoting live vacancies. See more information on the poster at the end of this newsletter.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

As we continue to support our school community, we kindly ask for your help in donating any outgrown uniforms your child/ward 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.

NEWS

SIXTH FORM

Year 12 students have been on work experience this week. Tutors have been in contact with placements, and it has been lovely to hear the positive feedback already being received about our students and the skills they have developed in the workplace. Well done to our Year 12s for making the most of this wonderful opportunity.

This week also marked the start of the formal examination period for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. As such we held the Year 13 leavers assembly today as they start their phased study leave from Monday. This was a lovely opportunity to get together as a year group to celebrate the last two years and spend a final tutor time together. As a reminder to all our students, the examinations you are about to embark on are an opportunity to showcase everything you have been working so hard on over the last two years. Whilst they may seem daunting, you are prepared and ready to tackle the next few weeks with determination, courage and commitment. As a Sixth Form team, we continue to be here for you so do reach out if you need to. Useful resources on coping with exam stress can also be found on the wellbeing section of our website here.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our final RAGFest activity which is the Colour Run. The Senior Race (THS students, friends, family and staff) takes place at 5pm at Langley Prep School on Thursday 15th May. I really look forward to seeing many of you there to join us in the fun run around the grounds. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



STUDENT NEWS

This half term has been a very busy (and somewhat stressful one) for those who are soon to be sitting their exams in Year 11 and 13. I wish the best of luck to everyone in these positions as I know how overwhelming it can be sometimes. As well as this we will be hosting our Colour Run at Langley Prep next Thursday for those who have already bought their tickets. It is a great experience and a great opportunity for us to raise even more money for our RAG charity Leeway. I hope to see lots of you down there. Good luck to everyone and have a great remainder of your half term!

Harry S Head of School
Sixth Form Student Leadership Team

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

May sees the arrival of exams and in the maths department we are supporting our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they prepare to complete their final exams. Support from home with simple preparations such as ensuring students have all the correct equipment, eat well and get to bed at a sensible time all make a huge difference. For a GCSE maths exam, students should have black pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, protractor, a pair of compasses and should have a scientific calculator. We recommend the Casio FX-85GTCW, but the students should have been working with their own calculator for the past two years and be confident with the calculator they are familiar with. If you are not sure please do not hesitate to communicate with your child/ward's teacher.

Communication is vital to support our students as they progress from Year 7 through to their GCSE and A-Level examinations. We were delighted to have the opportunity to meet in person with many Year 10 parents in school at parents evening last week. We also welcome parents/carers and students for parent/carer maths sessions – the next is coming up on Thursday 22nd May. If you ever feel that you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's journey in maths, we encourage you to get in touch with us as we are always happy to help. The best email address to use is provided on the bottom of each homework task set on SatchelOne.

Final assessments are also ahead for all students and information relating to these will be published on SatchelOne. Students have been working hard over the year and it will be great to see the progress they have made reflected in their outcomes. It has also been very positive to see students engaging with their starter tasks, where they are gaining a high level of confidence with key skills through regular practice and repetition. If you would like to have a mathematical conversation with your child at home – perhaps they could tell you about the skills they are working on in their starters at the moment, which they complete in the back of their exercise book?

Mrs H Crane
Deputy Lead for Maths, responsible for Key Stage 3



SPORTS NEWS

Year 8 boys Football – County Plate winners

The boys were entered into the County Plate competition early in the season. On their way to the final we had some close games with both Flegg High School and Downham High eventually playing Sprowston in the final at the Nest. We took the lead early in the first half with a super strike from Aaron H but were pushed back by Sprowston. As the game went on our boys worked extremely hard taking a lead of 4-2 in the last few minutes with another goal from Aaron, a goal from Alfie P and an own goal. Sprowston scored with 3 minutes to go giving us a nervous ending to the game. The team held on to win 4-3 finishing as County Plate winners! Well done!

National Champion in Artistic Dance

A huge Congratulations to Lucie A who was crowned as National Champion in Artistic Dance at the United Twirl England Championships over the bank holiday weekend!

Lucie has worked so hard over recent years, which has finally been rewarded with her becoming National Champion.

AND FINALLY...

As expected, the bank holiday weekend wasn't quite as glorious as the week that preceded it, but it appears my colleagues and our families appreciated the longer weekend and shorter week regardless, even those that spent the majority of it revising for the exams which start this week!

We've had lots of things to celebrate in school this week. The Year 8 boys football team beat local rivals Sprowston High 4-3 in the county plate final, so they are officially county champions!!! Well done boys, great teamwork and spirit. Similarly, one of our Year 11 girls, Lucie, has become National Champion for baton twirling – an incredible achievement which has taken huge amounts of work and practice – well done Lucie! It's lovely to be able to celebrate the amazing achievements of our youngsters, so please keep letting us know what your child/ward is brilliant at, or working hard at, by emailing celebrations@taverhamhigh.org.

Over the next week or so we will be putting the final touches to the student and parent surveys in order to gain valuable feedback on how well we're doing and where we still need to improve. I know we don't always get everything right, very few organisations with so many human beings involved do, but we are keen to consistently improve and offer a better service to our students and their families, within the constraints that we face, so when the questionnaires come out next week, please do try to find some time to complete them and help us to improve and recognise what you think is successful at our school.

With the weather warming up we've made a few adjustments to our uniform expectations, so I thought it would be sensible to make families aware of these. Between now and the May half term break, student in Years 7 to 9 are expected to wear their blazers between lessons in the corridors but may take them off when they get to their seats in classrooms if they are warm. After the half term break, students can choose if they have their blazer with them. However, if they are bringing a layer to wear over their shirts, it should be their blazer not their jumper please. We're also reminding students this week of the expectation that they will have their shirts tucked in when in lessons and between lessons and that any hoop earrings (including huggie earrings) are not acceptable in school for safety reasons. Please support us by reinforcing this at home. As it gets warmer students are welcome to wear shorts to school but these must be tailored black shorts and not sports shorts or similar.

I've been hearing great things from the MFL department this week regarding the language oral exams that have been taken place – well done to all students involved in those, and thank you to other students moving around the site who have been calm and quiet around the areas that the exams have taken place in, it makes an enormous difference.

Year 12s have been out on their work experience week, learning new skills and building their CVs ready for post-18 applications for university and apprenticeships – we look forward to hearing how these placements have gone next week. And we said a formal goodbye to our wonderful Year 13s this afternoon, who begin their phased study leave today, only attending lessons and exams and spending the rest of their time at home studying. We wish them all the luck in the world over the exam season but remember, you make your own luck to some extent, so stay focused, work hard and look after yourselves!

Next week sees our next parent and community event, on Wednesday afternoon and the annual charity colour run at Langley Prep School is on Thursday at 5pm. Please do attend these events if you can.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr G Yassin
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://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>
- **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](#)

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!

All About Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships & Opportunities Fair



3:30PM-7:00PM



Weds 18th June 2025



The Forum, Norwich, NR2 1TF

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