

SCHOOL NEWS

ISSUE 30 – 16/05/2025



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RESILIENCE

DIARY DATES

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
16/06/25-20/06/25 – Year 9 SLEs
17/06/25 – SEN Cafe 2pm-3:30pm
18/06/25 – Year 10 trip to Bletchley
23/06/25-27/06/25 – Year 10 Mock Exams
23/06/25 – A level trip to the Courts
24/06/25-25/06/25 – ELF Training
25/06/25 – Summer Celebration
25/06/25 – Norfolk Show 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%
Jupiter 93.8%
Neptune 92.7%
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 RESILIENCE

Here are all the Year 11 students who championed the value of opportunity for the week commencing the 5th May:

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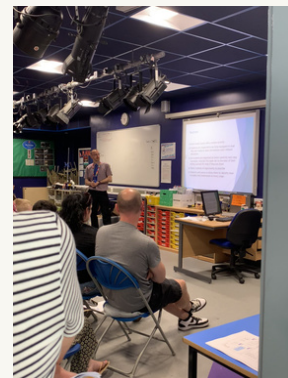
HOUSE VOICE

A packed week for our student leaders this week, with Year 10 prefects visiting all Year 9 and Year 10 forms to spread the word about prefect applications and to share their experiences of being prefects – thank you Year 10!

In other news, we held our final Parent/Carer Community event on Wednesday afternoon – this time aimed at supporting Year 6s and parents/carers with the academic side of starting secondary school.

Attendees were treated to three talks from leads in English, Maths and Science – there was even some exciting Science experiments on show! Parent/carers and students then spent time speaking with colleagues from Computer Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Art, SEN, The Library and Student Support – students also had the chance to meet their Head of Year: Miss Birkin!

Thank you to all those involved and to all those that attended.



YEAR 11 REVISION GUIDE DONATIONS

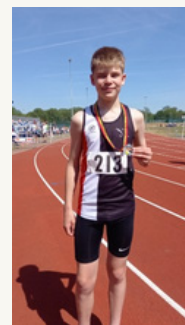
If you have any revision guides you no longer need, please consider donating them to the school library. Your donations will help support future students in their studies. Thank you for your generosity!



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Oliver B in Year 9 for his fantastic achievements over the past two weekends! On Sunday 4th May, Oliver competed in the Mini GEAR race at the King's Lynn GEAR 10k event, where he won the 1.9k junior race—an impressive accomplishment in a competitive field.

Not stopping there, on Sunday 11th May, Oliver represented himself brilliantly once again at the Athletics Norfolk County Track and Field Championships. Competing in the U15 Boys 3000m track event, he secured 2nd place under very warm and sunny conditions. Well done, Oliver! Your hard work and dedication are truly paying off. We're all incredibly proud of your achievements!



On Tuesday 8th April, Molly proudly represented the school at the Norfolk Schools Junior Golf Championship, held at Sprowston Manor.

The event saw 60 young golfers from schools across Norfolk take part, with a mixed field of both boys and girls (see attached photo).

In her first major competition, Molly performed exceptionally well, winning both the U14 Girls Net and the Overall Girls Net categories. An outstanding achievement—well done, Molly!

Over the past two weekends, Toby has competed in the East of England Regional Swimming Championships, taking part in the 50m, 100m, and 200m Backstroke events. He delivered an incredible performance, winning all three finals, and is now ranked 1st across Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, and Essex.



With over 130 swim clubs affiliated with the East of England region, this is an impressive and highly competitive achievement. Toby's times have also qualified him for the 2025 National Championships, taking place in August, and he is currently ranked 4th in England for the 100m Backstroke. We wanted to share this to recognise the remarkable level of commitment and training he puts into his swimming alongside his schoolwork. A huge well done to Toby!

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

We welcomed Year 12 back this week after their work experience placements with an assembly to launch the Sixth Form Student Leadership application process ready for next academic year. Many students have shown an interest in these roles and applications have already started to file in. It is great to see this level of commitment and enthusiasm from our students. The deadline for applications is Friday 23 May with interviews to follow after half term. Our Year 12 EPQ students also attended the UEA library this week to further their research for their projects. Thank you to Ms Reding for facilitating this visit.

Examination season is now in full swing and many of our Year 13 students have had their first (and for some, second and third!) exams this week. I am so impressed with how students have been coping with these, the work ethic in the sixth form centre has been unrivalled. Linked to this I would like to say a huge thank you to the Broadland Youth Advisory Board who kindly donated 'exam stress' tote bags to our Year 13 students. They were thrilled to receive these and it was a perfect mid-week 'pick me up'.

Finally this week, we held the RAGFest 2025 Colour Run. It was great to see so many people there and a special thank you to our sixth form volunteers who managed to aim so brilliantly at me to ensure I was covered in paint! Thank you to everyone who ran, volunteered or who came to support! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



STUDENT NEWS

This week has been an incredibly busy one for the sixth form, with Year 13s starting their A-Level exams. Everyone has been working really hard over the last few weeks, and I'm sure our efforts will pay off. I wish both Year 11 and Year 13 the best of luck for the rest of the exam season! We also celebrated our final RAG Week event this week with the Colour Run at Langley, in aid of Leeway. It was amazing to see so many people running (and covered in paint, thanks to our sixth form volunteers!) and we hope that those who took part had a brilliant time too. A big thank you to everyone who got involved – your donation will make a real difference to the charity. Not long to go until half-term – I hope you have a restful (and sunny) break when it arrives.

Lily G,
Deputy Head of School Sixth Form Leadership Team



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

In science, all year groups are very busy preparing for their upcoming tracking assessments. This will be the third time we've written home about progress, and we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to discuss these with your child/ward. Parental engagement is key to academic success.

There is a wealth of support available on the various science Microsoft Teams that students are part of, and their teachers are always an excellent point of contact for any assistance. You can also help your child/ward by engaging with their learning. A simple way to do this is by testing them using the "core question" sheets available for each unit of study, ensuring they have mastered the key facts.

I'm sure you'll join me in wishing good luck to all our students who will be taking their final exams in the coming weeks. If we can do anything to support them, they are always welcome to come to us, whether in person or via email. This support extends even when they are on study leave. Their teachers are ready to help with their preparation, so they can excel and seize the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in their next chapter.

Mr M Hart
Head of Science Faculty



AND FINALLY...

It has been a week which genuinely reflects the four values we have at Taverham High School; Compassion, Opportunity, Resilience and Discovery.

The Year 11s and 13s have had a busy and tough week with their GCSE exams and have demonstrated resilience and determination throughout. These exams are a frightening time for students, (and parents,) with so much pressure and expectancy to perform placed on their young shoulders. I am in awe and impressed at how they have risen to the challenge and are managing these emotions. The next few weeks will be exhausting for our students sitting exams and I would encourage you to support them with maintaining good routines, especially with sleep and nutrition over the next month or so.

Ms Reding took some sixth form students to the UEA on Monday for their EPQs (Extended Project Qualification) which created a fantastic opportunity for them to look further into the EPQ programme and on Wednesday we opened our doors to our 4th Parent and Community event. As always it is lovely to hold these events to showcase what we offer as a school and we would welcome feedback on other topics or themes you would like from these events. Thursday was our annual colour run at Langley and the final chance for the sixth form to add to their RAG week total for the charity Leeway. It was a fun and 'colourful' event with all age ranges taking part. What was particularly lovely was the support and compassion shown by the runners towards each other and by those throwing the paint and cheering the runners on.

And this weekend we have our first Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition taking place, where our students will discover new areas and demonstrate the skills that they have been working on all year- we wish them good luck with their expedition and thank the staff and volunteers for giving up their weekend to support this.

Just a reminder that it is Year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday 12th June, and this will be held online. Appointments can now be booked via Schoolcloud using the link that was sent out on the 8th May. If you are having any issues making appointments via Schoolcloud or have not received the link please contact the school and we will endeavour to help.

I wish you all a relaxing and hopefully sunny 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://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-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](#)

FREE PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG CARERS

**YOUNG CARERS MATTER NORFOLK AND THE BENJAMIN FOUNDATION WARMLY
INVITE YOUNG CARERS TO JOIN THEM FOR A FUN AND ENGAGING
PERFORMING ARTS AND DRAMA SESSION.**

**LED BY EXPERIENCED TUTORS, THESE WORKSHOPS ARE ALL ABOUT
CREATIVITY, CONFIDENCE, AND SELF-EXPRESSION — A CHANCE TO STEP
INTO THE SPOTLIGHT, TRY SOMETHING NEW, AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS
WHO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A YOUNG CARER.**



THE WORKSHOP
38 NEW CONDUIT STREET
VANCOUVER QUARTER
KING'S LYNN
PE30 1DL



THE GARAGE
14 CHAPEL FIELD NORTH
NORWICH
NORFOLK
NR2 1NY

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2025

🕒 10AM – 11AM: AGES 5–9
🕒 11.30AM – 12.30PM: AGES 10–16

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!
SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO DON'T MISS OUT!
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:**

👉 [**SIGN UP FORM**](#)

PLEASE NOTE - TRANSPORT NOT INCLUDED



YOUNG CARERS – STEP INTO THE WORLD OF WONKA AND MORE!



FREE DAY OUT
FOR YOUNG
CARERS



The Benjamin Foundation

Join Young Carers Matter Norfolk and The Benjamin Foundation for a fun afternoon of film, popcorn, and local history!

Watch Wonka, walk the quay, and step aboard the Lydia Eva – the last surviving steam drifter – for hands-on activities and a chance to see a real film location.


Wednesday 28 May 2025

Start Point (100pm): The King's Centre, 30 Queen Anne's Road, Great Yarmouth, NR31 0LE



Pick-up (5:30pm): from Lydia Eva Steam Drifter, South Quay, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2Q



 **Book Your Place Now!**

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!
Scan the QR code or visit the link below to
reserve your spot:

[Sign Up Form](#)

Please note: Transport not included