

# SCHOOL NEWS

ISSUE 31 – 23/05/2025



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## DIARY DATES

**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  
**25/06/25-26/06/25** – The Spaceman production 6pm  
**26/06/25** – Year 8 Theatre Trip  
**26/06/25** – Year 13 Prom

## 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 93.7%  
Neptune: 92.7%  
Earth: 92.1%

**92.5%**

If your child has an appointment during school time, please call 01603 860505 or email [office@taverhamhigh.org](mailto: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.

## HOUSE VOICE

An amazing week in Student Leadership for our final week of half term. We have named our new Year 8 H2H leads, after they wrote a series of amazing letters explaining what they had gained from the roles in Year 7 and 8 – we can't wait to see how they lead.

We have also had all our nominations for our new Year 7 H2H students – they were celebrated with certificates and their helper badges earlier this week. Finally, Earth House are the winners of Early Reward Lunch this half term – well done Earth House!



## SPRING WRITING COMPETITION

We were very pleased with the number of entries into our Spring Writing Competition. It was really difficult to select a winner as all were excellent and showed a fantastic amount of effort. Please see below the results:

**Winner:** Emma K 8T – £10 Amazon Voucher and 10 House Points

**Runner Up:** Charlotte M 7E – Small prize and 10 House Points

All other entries will receive 5 House Points.

Please look out for future competitions from the English Department.

## CAR PARK REMINDER

Please avoid leaving your vehicle's engine running while waiting to pick up your child/ward. Not only does this help reduce air pollution around our school, but it also creates a healthier environment for everyone. Thank you for helping us keep our community clean and safe.



## CANTEEN UPDATE

Check out our school website for the brand-new menus and updated tariff launching after half term – tasty choices and great options await!

<https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/students/canteen/>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

In Health and Social Care, the Year 12s this week had a talk with Catherine Barnard, Strategic Lead for Learning Disabilities and Neurodiversity for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board. Having industry professionals come in to talk to sixth formers is beneficial for improving positive attitudes and motivation and fosters confidence and ambition. The students all really enjoyed speaking with an expert and were fascinated by her role.

In Sociology, students will be receiving a letter this week regarding the trip to London to visit the Old Bailey and Royal Courts of Justice. Students from Philosophy and Ethics are also invited along, along with any students who may be interested in law. This is an exciting opportunity for both A Level classes to experience law in action and discover the history behind our legal system. Year 12 Sociologists have just started a unit on conjugal roles and decision making, whilst our lovely Year 13s have sat their first paper on Education.

Next half term, Sociology, Psychology, Biology, and Business students will also be offered a trip to Banham Zoo. A letter will be coming out next half term. It is an exciting opportunity for all students involved, with talks and research activities during the day.

In Religious Studies, Year 7 have now moved onto the topic of Islam and have created some lovely posters on the 5 Pillars of Islam.

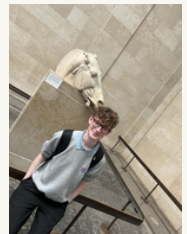
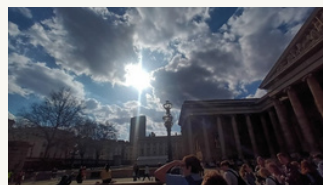


Our Year 11 students have been readying themselves for their Philosophy & Ethics exams. Having now completed their first exam, we are revising ahead of the Christianity exam on 21st May. In Year 9, we have been continuing with our Medical Ethics unit, with students discussing the morality and ethics of Fertility Treatments and Saviour Siblings. This has led to some really interesting and diverse views being discussed.

In Personal Development, Year 9 students have been exploring the Equalities Act of 2010, and we have looked at prejudice and discrimination against different groups. Students have enjoyed discussing, in particular, unconscious and covert bias. Year 8 have been learning about different types of addiction and the effects this can have, while Year 10 have been covering the important topic of Relationships and Sex Education. Personal Development is an important part of the school's curriculum and one which we are bound by law to deliver. It often involves studying some difficult topics, and we have been very pleased to see how students have been able to approach them in a mature and sensible way. Year 12 have been reflecting on their recent work experience as part of our Character and Culture programme and will be moving on after half term to explore the post-18 routes open to them, looking at the UCAS process, choosing a university or apprenticeship, and putting together an application. In Psychology, Year 12 have moved onto Psychopathology and have been exploring the definitions of abnormality. Year 13 have been having their final few lessons this week, acknowledging their hard work over the last two years.

In Child Development, our Year 10s and 11s have submitted and completed their RO58 coursework! This is a huge achievement for students as it is a sizeable piece of work that requires a lot of organisation and commitment. Well done to all students for their hard work on this. Students will now focus on exam content for the remainder of the academic year and will start their RO59 coursework in September.

In Classics, students attended a trip to the British Museum, and all students enjoyed seeing the objects they have been studying in lessons (photos below). Mr Derrick has been busy putting together an Inter-House Classics Quiz for Year 8, so we are hoping plenty of pupils will take part. We are also very impressed with the current standard of work on classical architecture. I hope that pupils have been able to tell you about some of the technical language they have been learning! Mr Derrick and Mrs Barker were also thrilled that the Debate Club, led by Year 12 student Jessica M, chose to debate Classics in the curriculum. We appreciate their interest and enthusiasm, and I hear that Mr Yassin was very impressed by their debating skills! Thank you, Debate Club, for shining a light on Classics.



In Business, our 72 Year 11 Business GCSE students have now finished their 2 papers, having worked hard and revised well in preparation for their exams. Well done! Year 13 Business and Economics students have all started their papers and are at least one down now, focusing more over half term on their revision for the final one or two papers left. Wishing all Year 13s lots of luck in their final push to the end. Year 10 are just finishing the People topic, which will conclude all Year 10 content for Paper 1. They too are now revising hard in preparation for their end-of-topic and mock exams, which will take place in June.

In Politics, Year 12 have had an excellent few weeks sitting their mock exams and reviewing their progress. We have really focused on their successes integrating their essay style into their assessments. Now back in lessons, we continue studying the European Union and its continued influence in our Government post-Brexit, which is timely with the UK and European Union having reached a deal this week on food, fishing access, defence, and UK travellers' access to eGates.

It goes without saying, from the entire team, we wish the Year 11s and 13s the best of luck in their upcoming examinations after half term. They have all worked incredibly hard this half term, with many having multiple exams a day. Their resilience, positive attitude, and fervour have been noted by all, and this week we have had some celebrations in lessons to mark not only that we are coming to the end of the term but to recognise and acknowledge their incredible hard work over the last couple of years. Although students will be on study leave, please do encourage your child/ward to get in touch with their teacher if they need any support or help. We are all still here!

Miss R Green  
Head of Social Sciences Faculty



## SIXTH FORM

### NEWS

Applications for the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team closed today and it is great to see so many of our students apply for these roles. The quality of the application letters has been exceptional, and I look forward to hearing more about what these candidates can offer. Interviews will take place shortly after half term with myself and Lottie Coventry, Business Manager from Nelsonspirit.

During enrichment this week, Year 12 had a talk by representatives from the sexual health clinic. This was an informative session to signpost students to services available to them.

Our Year 13 students start their full study leave after half term. Many students are already halfway through their exams and have approached these with true determination. As they enter the final stretch, the sixth form team wish them all the best for the remaining exams and look forward to seeing them at the Year 13 Prom in June. Just a reminder that subject teachers are still available during the timetabled lessons until the final exam has finished for that subject.

On a final note, this edition of the newsletter will be the final one with a section from our current Sixth Form Student Leadership Team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students who have contributed for their commitment to updating you on the events and activities at Sixth Form. I hope you all have a lovely and restful half term.

Mrs L Robertson  
Head of Sixth Form



### STUDENT NEWS

This week has been our final week before full study leave starts after half term. We would like to say a huge thank you for reading our newsletter entries this year. We have really enjoyed updating you on what has been happening at Sixth Form and sharing our news with you.

Thank you for your support during RAGFest, it was definitely the highlight of our year! Year 12 students are now in the application process for the new Sixth Form Student Leadership Team. Good luck to everyone that has applied, it is a great opportunity to lead and shape our Sixth Form and we wish you all the best.

Have a lovely half term and rest of the academic year.

The Sixth Form Student Leadership Team 2024- 2025.

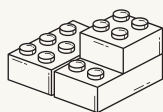


## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Norwich Brick Festival – Fun for LEGO Fans!

A family-friendly LEGO event with displays, building activities, and more. Perfect to enjoy with your child/ward!

Taking place on Saturday 23rd August - Find out more and book tickets at: <https://brickfestivalevents.com/event/norwich-brick-festival-3/>



## 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!



## LANGUAGE AND LEARNING RESOURCE LEAD VACANCY

We are seeking to appoint a dynamic and dedicated Language and Learning Resource Lead to oversee the strategic development of our school library while also coordinating our provision for students with English as an Additional Language (EAL). This is a unique and rewarding opportunity to make a whole-school impact on literacy, inclusion, and learning.

For more information please visit our website - <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/about/vacancies/>

## AND FINALLY...

Another half term done – and I can't honestly remember a shorter one in history! While it's lovely to have another break so quickly after Easter (particularly if the weather stays nice!), it does rather squish a lot into not a lot of time.

As ever, my colleagues and your children/wards have worked so hard this half term and achieved so much. Classrooms remain calm and productive, and those students embarking on their exams continue to impress us all with their maturity and resilience – I certainly wouldn't swap places with them. I know they will continue to work hard over the half term break, and it's important they do, but just as important is scheduling in some downtime with family and friends. They might need you to force their hands on this (we're going to have a family trip to the cinema one evening in the Yassin family), but they'll benefit no end from feeling the love and support of those around them and knowing that you're investing in them.

On Monday, Mrs Norris and Mrs Summerson-Gray took a group of students to Jesus College, Cambridge as part of an ongoing project that the group have been working on this year. This was the final culmination of lots of hard work and a chance to celebrate their achievements with other groups from around the country.

On Friday, Earth house were treated to an early lunch – and given the structure of the day at the moment, to allow for exams, it was a really early lunch! This was to recognise them as the house with the highest house point total. Very well done to all who contributed to this total, whether through supporting community projects, going over and above in their studies, participating in extracurricular activities or simply being well mannered and excellent advocates for the school and themselves. We are delighted to be able to recognise the role you play in our school community and to celebrate your successes with an early lunch break and a free biscuit.

Last week, I sent home links to questionnaires for parents/carers and, separately, to students to complete. So far, we've had an excellent take up from students, giving us really good information to help us plan for next year. We've had around 200 responses from parents/carers, and I'm grateful to those who have already contributed their feedback, but I'll leave the form open until Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May for anyone who still wants to complete it. It would be great to hear from as many families as possible, even those who are really happy with how things are going as often they are the quietest families! The parent survey can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/sTwNyJUdTq>

Finally, just a quick thank you to all our families, my colleagues and our students for their fantastic work and support this half term. Wishing everyone a happy half term break, whatever you're doing.

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](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)
- **NSPCC:** Support and tips to help you keep children safe: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- **Thinkuknow:** Helping you to better protect your children online: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- **Children's society:** Advice pages offer help on a range of topics for young people. [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)
- **Ownit:** Help, support and advice on how to be safe online.: [www.bbc.com/ownit](http://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://stayingSAFE.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](#)