

# SCHOOL NEWS

ISSUE 32 – 06/06/2025



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## RESILIENCE

### DIARY DATES

**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  
**30/06/25** – School day returns to normal structure  
**30/06/25** – Year 10 Drama exam  
**30/06/25** – Social Sciences 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:

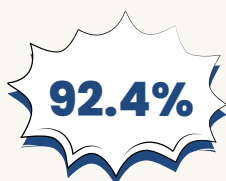
If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the 'students' page and can be accessed via this link:

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

### ATTENDANCE

#### House attendance:

Mars 91.8%  
Jupiter 93.6%  
Neptune: 92.6%  
Earth: 92.2%



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.

### VALUE OF THE WEEK RESILIENCE

**10T** – Qi K for always pushing himself and working consistently hard.

**10M** – Isla W for always contributing to multiple aspects of school life and going above and beyond.

### HOUSE VOICE

A fairly quiet week for all things student leadership, but a few key reminders below:

Prefect applications are due in Thursday 12th June (next week). Thank you to all those that have applied so far! H2H Year 7s are now in post and have started to put together plans for supporting Transition Events – well done for making a great start to Year 7s!

### LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD

At Taverham High School, we are committed to listening to, working with, and acting on feedback from our parents/carers and wider community. This term we have started an award to improve our communication with parents/carers.

#### We need you!

We are looking for parents/carers to join our working party to feedback to us on communication and parent/carer engagement.

If you are interested, please sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BVj8jWSTgd>.

### PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

We're proud to offer lessons in piano/keyboard, vocals, drums, guitar, flute, and saxophone, thanks to our dedicated peripatetic teaching team. If you're interested in starting lessons or need advice on purchasing instruments (we often arrange discounts!), please contact Mr. Timbers for more details: [D\\_Timbers@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:D_Timbers@taverhamhigh.org).

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in joining a music club or activity? Speak to Mr. Timbers, we'd love to have you involved! Music Practice rooms can also be booked by students.

The following clubs currently run at lunchtime:

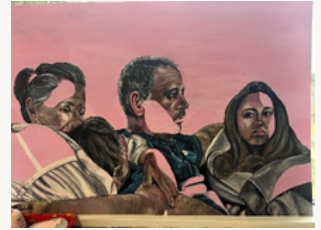
- Monday: Ukulele – all years welcome
- Tuesday: Year 8 rock band
- Wednesday: Singing group – all years welcome
- Thursday: Samba – all years welcome
- Friday: Guitar club – all years welcome



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

## Art

Year 11 and 13 Art and Photography students have been working hard during their final exam projects. Well done to all of you. It has been a privilege to work with these aspiring artists.



## Design and Technology

Key stage 3 pupils have just started their final project of the year, and we hope to see some nice projects to finish the year. There is a new radio-controlled car club, which started a few weeks ago with lots of students keen to race. The Greenpower team have been working on the electric race car and hope to recruit some new members soon, especially some new drivers. If there are any Year 7 or Year 8 pupils who are interested in being part of the team, please see Mr Housden (it's not just driving around, there is a lot of preparation and work involved).

## Drama

Students are busy rehearsing for their performance of The Spaceman later this term. We're looking forward to seeing the finished production. These are live shots of the cast and crew of The Spaceman which will be performed on 26th and 27th June at Taverham High School (further details to follow). With a special thank you to Sam, a Sixth Form photographer.



## Music

Year 7 students are exploring programme music, focusing on the theme of night time. They are composing music to a story using key features such as ostinatos, drones, and melodies. Earlier this year, they developed their understanding of the elements of music, performed from a graphic score, and studied 'The Carnival of the Animals'. Students in Year 8 have been introduced to impressionism in music, making links with impressionist art. They are learning how composers like Claude Debussy used music to create mood and emotion. Students are developing their performance skills through short pieces in the impressionist style. In Year 9, students have moved towards studying computer game music, learning about its development from early chiptunes (simple electronic sounds) to today's immersive soundtracks. They are listening to examples from iconic games, including the epic orchestral score of Halo, while developing their understanding of how music enhances the gaming experience.

Year 10 students have been working on the Conventions of Pop, studying its evolution from the 1950s to the present day. They are beginning an in-depth study of film music, including a detailed look at John Barry's 'Out of Africa' (Flight Scene), exploring how music supports visual storytelling. Congratulations to Year 11 who have successfully completed their coursework, comprising solo and ensemble performances and two compositions, including one to a set brief from OCR. Their work has been of a very good standard. Students are now revising for their listening and appraising examination, we wish them the best of luck!

Year 12 Music Technology students are developing their skills in live sound and recording techniques where they will take on the role of a producer, working with DAWs, editing audio and MIDI, and using sampling and synthesis. In Year 13, students are working collaboratively as a production team, creating original tracks that showcase their skills in sequencing, sampling, and music production developed over two years of study.

## Physical Education

Our school has once again been awarded the Gold School Games award. This is awarded to schools with a high engagement in physical activity levels, as well as promoting the school games values within their PE lesson, extra-curricular clubs, intra-school fixtures and inter-school fixtures. Well done to everyone who has been a part of securing this award once again this year!



Mr J Eastick  
Head of Faculty for Creative Arts and Technical Studies



Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely half term. This week we launched our UCAS application process for 2026 to our Year 12 students. There was an assembly on Monday to show students some of the new features on the UCAS hub such as subject spotlights and virtual work experience and to explain how to complete the initial registration process. This was then followed on Tuesday and Wednesday during form time with students registering on UCAS and signing up for the UCAS Discovery event we are attending next Tuesday. A parent guide to the UCAS application process will be sent home early next week.

Over the next few weeks, form time will focus around researching different opportunities for life after Sixth Form including university courses and apprenticeships as well as supporting students with getting their applications started. Students received information about key events the Higher Aspirations Scheme are running this half term to support with this. I strongly encourage students to sign up to these, particularly if they are early entry applicants.

Next week we are off to the Norfolk Showground for the UCAS Discovery event and interviews for the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team applicants will be running on Thursday and Friday. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs L Robertson  
Head of Sixth Form



## AND FINALLY...

I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing May half term break. It was lovely to welcome everyone back albeit to a much quieter and emptier school now that our Year 11 and 13s are on study leave. As always, we have started the new half term revisiting our classroom expectations; that gentle reminder to ensure that we all understand what is expected of our learning environment leads to a positive and productive start. Also, this week our Year 10 and 12 art students visited the Botanical Gardens to support with their A level and GCSE studies and a small group of Year 10 girls spent some time developing their football leadership skills with Ms Birkin; they will be putting these into practice next week with some of the junior and primary schools.

Year 7 Parents' Evening will be 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 know there has been some frustration that a few staff are fully booked due to them teaching multiple Year 7 classes. If you have been unable to make an appointment, please contact the school with any queries and we will do our best to answer them for you.

This weekend some of our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award students will be completing their expedition, and the following weekend will see our Silver DofE students complete their expedition. We wish them success with this and hope that they have a lot of fun making those memories. Once again, a big thank you to Ms Reding and her team for giving up more weekends to support the DofE students.

Next week we also see 40 Year 8 - 10 students setting off on a 4-day trip to Normandy, thank you to Ms Turner for organising this and to the colleagues supporting with the trip. We have been lucky enough to offer several trips abroad for our students this year: Germany, China, Austria and France and we already have several trips abroad planned for next year. These opportunities take a lot of planning, time and effort, but we know that they will become lasting memories for those students who are fortunate enough to go.

There has been a little confusion this week regarding uniform, specifically around the wearing of black school jumpers. Mr Yassin has asked me to pass on his apologies for this; it is a fine line we are trying to walk between maintaining high standards and expectations for all young people and supporting some of our more self-conscious students who feel more comfortable in their jumpers than in simply a shirt. As such, for the Summer half term only, students are allowed to wear their plain black school jumpers in class and in the corridors without their blazer. In September, this will revert to the normal expectation (blazers to be worn in corridors and on entering the classroom at all times). We hope this is a reasonable compromise while the weather is warmer in June and July.

And finally, Friday 13th June will be our final non uniform day raising funds for the school prom. As there is a cost involved in organising the prom we want to ensure that the cost is not prohibitive to any families and do this by offsetting some of the costs of the prom through a non-uniform day. Although this will initially only benefit our current Year 11, it happens every year allowing every student to benefit once they reach Year 11. 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 13th June. Please note if your child/ward has PE on this day they will be required to bring and change into their PE kit for the lesson.

Thank you for all your ongoing support with the school and please do keep sending in good news stories when your child/ward does something fantastic. Let us know by emailing: [celebrations@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:celebrations@taverhamhigh.org). I wish you all a relaxing 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](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://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](#)

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# Find your Apprenticeship at...



## Come along to Norfolk's biggest Apprenticeships event!



3:30PM-7:00PM



Weds 18th June 2025



The Forum, Norwich, NR2 1TF



Speak to 30 employers & training providers about apprenticeship opportunities.



Chat to real apprentices about their experiences



Find out what apprenticeships are and if they're right for you

[apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org](http://apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org)

# Develop positive relationships with parents

Supporting schools to deliver outstanding engagement with all groups of parents.

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