

SCHOOL NEWS

ISSUE 33 – 13/06/2025



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OPPORTUNITY

DIARY DATES

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 13 Prom
27/06/25 – Year 8 Theatre Trip
30/06/25 – School day returns to normal structure
30/06/25 – Year 10 Drama exam
30/06/25 – Social Sciences trip
01/07/25–02/07/25 – Year 12 Induction Days
02/07/25 – Year 10 Parent Careers drop in
03/07/25 – Year 11 Prom
04/07/25 – Sports Day
07/07/25 – Year 10 Taster 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 – National Helpline for Victims of Sexual Abuse in Schools: 0800 136 663

Wellbeing and Mental Health Referral Form:

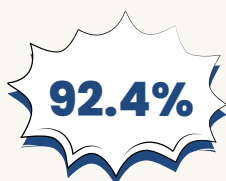
If you are worried about the wellbeing of one of our students, please complete a referral form; this can be used as a self-referral form or as a referral for someone else. It can be found on our school website on the 'students' page and can be accessed via this link:

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

ATTENDANCE

House attendance:

Mars 91.8%
Jupiter 93.6%
Neptune: 92.5%
Earth: 92.1%



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

Lyla R
Olivia G
Alex G

All for helping with non-uniform donations.

Maia B
Jess H
Harry B

All for being a brilliant H2H students.

HOUSE VOICE

An amazing week in student leadership with over 25 applications from Year 9 and Year 10 to become prefects next academic year. Interviews begin next week! Good luck to everyone who has applied.

Thank you to all current prefects who have helped with the process.

In other news, our first visits to Junior Schools have been assisted by new Year 7 H2Hs who did a great job answering questions – well done guys!

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>

WARM WEATHER

As the weather continues to warm up, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that their child/ward brings a refillable drinks bottle to school each day. Staying hydrated is essential for concentration, well-being, and overall health—especially during the hotter months.

We have plenty of water stations available throughout the school, so students can easily refill their bottles and keep cool throughout the day.

YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS

Please see below the Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable. All mocks will be held in the hall. Some subjects may do an additional paper in class, the details of which can be found on SatchelOne.

Students will receive their individual timetables on Monday.

Year 10 Mock Exams w/c 23.06.25

Week	Date	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3 (all exams 45 mins)	Form/Period 4	Period 5
2	Monday 23 rd	Maths Non-Calculator (1hr 30)		Hospitality & Catering, Engineering	English Language (1hr 45)	
2	Tuesday 24 th	Geography (1hr 30)		Drama, PE, Classics	English Literature (1hr 45)	
2	Wednesday 25 th	Maths Calculator (1hr 30)		Child Development, Design Technology	Physics Combined (1hr 15) / Triple (1hr 45)	
2	Thursday 26 th	History (1hr 30)		Computer Science, Dance, Creative iMedia, (Philosophy 30mins)	Biology Combined (1hr 15) / Triple (1hr 45)	
2	Friday 27 th	Business (1hr 30)		French, German, Spanish, Media Studies	Chemistry Combined (1hr 15) / Triple (1hr 45)	

The Music 'Listening and Appraising' mock examination will take place during the Year 10 Music lesson on Friday 20th June, Period 3.

SIXTH FORM

NEWS

This week our Year 12 students visited the Norfolk Showground to attend the UCAS Discovery event. Over 90 higher education providers were in attendance so this was a great opportunity for students to find information on universities and courses they might be interested in, as well as apprenticeship opportunities. It was great to see our students engaging so proactively with the higher education representatives and I hope that they found this opportunity useful. Form times continue to focus on post sixth form destinations with students researching different opportunities and working on their UCAS applications.



Sixth form student leadership interviews have also taken place this week. In total we had 25 applications for the 8 positions, it is great that we have such an engaged student body. Everyone did themselves proud during the interviews and spoke so passionately about the sixth form and their ideas. We had an exceptionally strong field of applicants, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone that applied and put themselves forward for one of the roles. Thank you to Mr Yassin and Lottie Coventry from Nelsonspirit for joining me on the interview panel. In the newsletter next week, I will be able to announce our new Sixth Form Student Leadership Team so watch this space! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Robertson
Head of Sixth Form



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

Over recent weeks, Year 11 and 13 students have been revising hard for their A level and GCSE examinations, everyone in the Global and Historical Studies faculty wishes them luck.

This week Key Stage 3 linguists have participated in a fantastic field trip to Normandy, a big thank you to Mrs Turner and other colleagues for organising the trip and supporting students to create a memory that will last a lifetime.

There's exciting news for Year 9 History and Geography students too, 40 of which were fortunate enough to be selected to go on the residential study tour of the Bay of Naples next summer. Mr Cromwell and his team are looking forward to the trip and are hoping to inspire students to have a lifelong passion for the Humanities.

The numbers are in for GCSE and A level options for next year, it's great to see lots of students choosing to study a language, History, Geography, iMedia and Computer Science. Everyone in the faculty will be doing everything they can to ensure all students find their learning enjoyable and fulfill their academic potential'



AND FINALLY...

I'll start this week's newsletter with a special mention and thanks to the students and colleagues who weathered the storm – literally and metaphorically – last weekend on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition to Trimingham. Normally a weekend in June is a safe bet but last weekend brought torrential rain and marble-sized hailstones amongst flashes of sunshine and warmth. It was clearly a real test for our intrepid explorers so well done to all who braved the inclement conditions. We have another silver award group going away this weekend so fingers-crossed for a more typical June experience (or maybe last weekend was typical!).

This week has also seen students in Years 9 and 10 travel to Normandy and surrounding areas to visit a snail farm, see the tomb of William the Conqueror, buy unnecessary quantities of chocolate at a French chocolaterie, see the Bayeux tapestry and learn about the beach landings at Arromanches. To fit all of that into three days is quite a feat and students looked ready for the weekend on Friday having arrived back in Taverham on Thursday evening. My thanks to all families who supported the trip, both in terms of paying for your children/wards to go, but also for sending them into school (potentially against their wishes!) on Friday morning. You may have noted that we have increased the volume of trips, local and further afield, this year as this was something that schools nationally struggled with post-Covid. We are delighted with the range of enriching trips we are currently able to offer, but it can't come at the cost of attendance to school on the days around the trips, so thank you for fighting the good fight and ignoring any pleas of tiredness! My thanks of course to colleagues who made this trip happen – Mrs Turner, Mr Timbers, Mrs Harries and Miss Heydon. It takes a huge amount of time and effort to arrange these trips – especially overseas and residential – and they can cause an awful lot of stress and drag teachers away from their families. It was lovely, therefore, to hear that an ex-teacher member of public stopped Mrs Turner to comment on how incredible our students were being and how well behaved and mature they were – these things make an enormous difference and make the trips much easier to take.

On Tuesday this week, Year 12 students visited the Showground for an introduction to UCAS, the university application portal. We acknowledge that university isn't the right post-18 destination for all students and there are many other worthwhile and interesting options to explore, but university is undoubtedly one of them and therefore this trip was aimed to ensure that all students attending gained an understanding of the process and can make informed decisions about their next steps. Mrs Robertson is working really hard to ensure that students in our sixth form are well informed on all of the options available to them when they leave our sixth form, so look out for more information over the next few months about apprenticeships, degree level apprenticeships and employment opportunities as well as university information.

It's been a busy week for Miss Birkin this week as well, with visits to feeder schools to meet our new Year 7s for September in their current schools and start those important transition conversations with teachers. I know she took ex-students from our current Year 7 back to their old schools to visit and answer student questions. As our best ambassadors it's always important that they offer first hand experience in their answers to questions from their peers as they are best placed to settle any nerves and drum up excitement! Miss Birkin also took a group of our female footballers to lead a community football event on Friday – something they have planned and delivered themselves. We're really proud of how well this group of students have worked together to put on this event and I look forward to hearing how successful it was on Monday.

Thursday evening saw our last parents' evening event of the academic year with Year 7 parents/carers joining online. As ever, a fantastic turn out and great engagement from this cohort. It's little wonder the Year 7s are such a brilliant year group with such engaged and interested parents/carers.

Next Tuesday we're offering another SEND café in school between 2pm and 3:30pm. If this is of interest to you or you would like to find out some more, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Finally, along with the end of external exams, the next few weeks are busy with Year 9 students undertaking English spoken language endorsement presentations from next week then Year 10s undertaking their mock exams the week after. Please do encourage your child/ward to work hard for these and seek help from their teachers sooner rather than later if they need any support.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives, and everyone cross everything please and wish for better expedition weather this weekend than last!

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-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

Develop positive relationships with parents

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

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