

# 10 reasons why you should choose Taverham High School

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Imaginative • Prepared •  
Ambitious • Inquisitive • Resilient •  
Collaborative • Respectful



Taverham  
High School  
An 11-18 Academy



**Carol Dallas**  
Headteacher



**Lauren Griffiths**  
Chair of Governors

**Taverham High School is a very successful 11-18 school that is focussed on ensuring all students reach high academic standards, have strong aspirations and ambitions, are happy and enjoy their education. We have an outstanding pastoral system that supports and nurtures the students enabling them to grow and develop as individuals. We value their success, however small, in all aspects of their school lives. We are fortunate to have excellent facilities and are set within the Taverham community, an ideal location and environment to teach children the important values of respect, honesty and resilience.**

The key to any good quality school is the relationships that are developed between staff, students and parents/carers. At Taverham High School these are built upon trust and a shared purpose to achieve the best possible outcomes for the young people in our care. Our Governors are ambitious and work with us providing the necessary challenge to ensure we achieve our goals.

I am very pleased to introduce you to our school and would encourage you to visit us in person to experience for yourselves the ethos and values that we foster. It will provide us with an opportunity to share some of the rich diversity we have within our curriculum, the cultural enrichment we offer and the wealth of activities in sport and the arts which make this school an exceptional place to learn.

**The Governing Body of Taverham High School is committed to working collaboratively with Carol Dallas, our Headteacher, the senior leadership team, parents/carers and students. We aim to provide a safe dynamic learning environment that is student centred, nurturing and of a high standard so students can academically and personally grow during their time at the school.**

We are committed to offering students every opportunity through a stimulating and rich curriculum to develop the skills and knowledge, alongside creative and social skills, to meet the demands of the challenging and progressive work environment of the 21st century. The staff at Taverham High School work hard to ensure students can achieve their full potential and actively contribute to wider society during and following their studies. Positive values are central to the curriculum and modelled by teachers and students. The school takes pride in the values displayed by students as they go about their studies. Many visitors comment on the happy atmosphere within the school, which makes it conducive to learning and that our students are polite and courteous.

As governors we are committed to the education of students so they may realise their ambition and rise to the challenges they will face during their academic journey and working life. We wish them well on this journey and their future endeavours.



# 2.

## Excellent Academic Standards

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**Taverham students consistently achieve high standards of progress both at GCSE and A level.**

The positive culture and celebrations of success are a very important and high profile element of our school. Award evenings and celebration assemblies congratulate students' efforts and application in all areas of school life, be it in the classroom, on the sports field, in drama, music, in leadership, or community service. The staff team at Taverham, also understand that the smaller acknowledgements of successes whether it be through feedback, the recognition of progress or thanks, is vital in building student confidence, self-esteem and a love of learning.

We have an excellent track record of students gaining places at their chosen University or future pathways, underpinned by a wealth of educational trips, links with Universities and a comprehensive programme of guidance. For the last few years our students have been offered places to read at Oxford and Cambridge. In 2020 66% of our students secured a place at either a Russell Group institution or at one of the top third universities. 20% of Year 13 were recognised and awarded as Norfolk Scholars 2019 for their exceptional performance at A-Level. Other students have secured employment and Higher Level Apprenticeships with prestige companies including Grant Thornton and Bentley Motors.

# 1.

## A Safe, Supportive and Nurturing Environment

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**We feel strongly that students will flourish and develop independence if they are encouraged and feel fully supported in all aspects of their school life.**

We have an effective team of Tutors, Heads of Year and Senior Leaders that work tirelessly to guide students both academically and pastorally.

Our dedicated ACE and SEND teams work closely with students requiring additional support and external agencies to ensure the best possible specialist advice and provision is available.

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# 3.

## High Quality Teaching from Specialists in their Field

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**We pride ourselves on the relationships we build between staff and students. These relationships enable our students to thrive academically.**

We offer inspiring teaching and learning which has led to some outstanding results at GCSE and A-level. The staff plan lessons that bring the subjects to life and provide a solid understanding of the fundamentals of each area and an opportunity for further enrichment and intervention for those needing further guidance.

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# 4.

## A Wide Range of Provision and Subject Choice

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**We offer a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum. Our wide choice of subjects and class sizes allows each student to be ambitious in their studies.**

The school has worked hard to maintain the rich curriculum incorporating the arts, sports, personal and social education, classics and a range of languages. This will allow students to experience all areas before they narrow their choices and embrace a depth of learning in their favourite areas.

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# 5.

## Inclusive Culture

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**Every learner is treated as a unique individual with a breadth of skills and attributes that are nurtured and developed.**

We work hard to provide a personalised approach to all aspects of school life. We have a strong SEND team who ensure that every student receives the intervention and support to access the curriculum and wider extra curriculum provision but also achieve their potential and beyond.



# 6.

## Outstanding Facilities & Study Spaces

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**Our single site allows all students to have access to a diverse range of excellent facilities including:**

- The Library has a range of subject specific resources, including an online archive of journals and reviews.
- Several ICT suites and clusters.
- A wide range of sporting facilities.
- Recording studio.
- Dedicated Sixth Form Centre.



# 7.

## Opportunities to Lead & Contribute

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**Every student has the chance to contribute to the wider school community, with an abundance of leadership roles on offer.**

We have a diverse range of leadership opportunities at Taverham High School including: an active school council, the Year 10 ELFs, Prefects, Sports Leaders, Subject Leads, Library Monitors and the Sixth Form Leadership Team. At Taverham High School we actively encourage our students to look for opportunities and we work collaboratively to achieve their goals.

# 8.

## Enrichment & Extra Curricular Opportunities

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**Taverham High School students are renowned for their spirit, energy and enthusiasm.**

With a wide range of opportunities for fun, challenge and experiences beyond the curriculum, our committed and enthusiastic staff help to enhance our students' learning. We are proud of our sense of community and students are encouraged to take responsibility, to consider others and work together as a team.

Opportunities include: sport, music, clubs and societies, Gold, Silver & Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, trips & visits, charity fundraising opportunities, links with Universities including Oxford & Cambridge, Nelson's Spirit, The Norwich School, guest speakers, Young Enterprise, as well as links with the business community.



# 9.

## Community

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**We believe it is essential that learning extends beyond the classroom.**

Taverham High School wants our students to take a lead role in the school community and to be seen as role models to other students and within the wider community. The sense of community is epitomised by RAGFEST; an annual fundraising week led by Sixth Form students. Each year students select a charitable cause and plan a programme of activities to raise money for that cause. Since starting RAGFEST we have raised in total over £25,000 for charitable causes.

# 10.

## A Passion To Build Your Future

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**What lies beyond Taverham High School and Sixth Form is really important to us. We want our students to be equipped both academically but also with leadership skills.**

For the past two years we were pleased to have been asked to participate in the Norfolk Crew Future Leaders Initiative led by Nelson's Spirit. This offers students the chance to develop their leadership skills through collaborating with other aspiring leaders across Norfolk along with a range of Adult Leaders from Business, Charities and Schools. The students can benefit from meetings and master classes led by CEOs of businesses, charities and Headteachers which will help them develop the skills necessary to become Future Leaders.

# How to apply

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Taverham High School follows the Norfolk County Council Admissions Policy. Admission arrangements to the school do not discriminate against students for any reason.

Whilst most of our students come from our traditional catchment area of Taverham, Drayton, Thorpe Marriott and Ringland, we welcome applications from motivated students who live beyond these areas, who aspire to achieve in a successful school that has a caring and supportive ethos.

Due to increasing demand from other areas, we provide transport to bring students from the Queen's Hills area of Costessey and Longwater Lane. This is subject to a small charge.

If you have any particular questions relating to admissions to Taverham High School, please phone our school office on **01603 860505**.

A copy of our Prospectus can be found on our website [www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)



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