



# TAVERHAM HALL

## Preparatory School

**Academic Year September 2010 – July 2011**

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1921 Academic, Music, Art, Sport and All Rounder Scholarships have been consistently awarded by Senior Schools to Taverham Hall School pupils. Pupils have gained scholarships to Senior Schools such as Oundle, Rugby, Radley, Harrow, Uppingham, Winchester, The Leys, Oakham and St John's but also to local Senior Schools such as Norwich School, Gresham's, Framlingham, Culford and Langley.

### **Nine scholarships awarded by Senior Schools to Year 8 leavers over the last 3 years:**

1 All Rounder, 2 Academic, 2 Sport, 2 Art and 2 Music.

This academic year the remaining Year 8 leavers have all gained places at their first choice Senior School.

### **In CE:**

87% of pupils scored A to C grades across all subjects

64% of pupils scored A to B grades across all subjects

### **PRE PREP DEPARTMENT - In the KS1 SATS**

89% of pupils scored level 2b 2a and level 3 in reading

89% of pupils scored level 2b 2a and level 3 in writing

100% of pupils scored level 2b 2a and level 3 in maths

61% of pupils achieved level 3 in reading

33% of pupils scored level 3 in writing

61% of pupils scored level 3 in maths

The nationally expected level at Key Stage 1 is level 2 with level 3 proving to be increasingly hard to obtain.

### **Inspection Reports**



Ofsted Boarding inspection report May 2011 – **outstanding**

*'Pupils are provided with an excellent level of care and pastoral support. They are cared for by staff who know them well; their views are sought and they feel listened to. The school provides pupils with a safe and nurturing environment and an extensive programme of activities that contributes to their social and self-help skills.'*

- Independent Schools Inspectorate inspection report November 2010 (Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School inspection)

*'an excellent all-round education. The well-planned, wide-ranging and stimulating curriculum enables all pupils to reach high standards in relation to their age and ability.'* Additionally, *'There is an excellent success rate in Common Entrance examinations and Year 8 leavers consistently obtain places in their first choice of senior school, several with scholarships.'*

*'The overall effectiveness and quality of the Early Years provision is **outstanding**. Children make significant progress in their learning and development.'* Furthermore, *'Children's work and interests are valued and reflected well in the colourful and stimulating learning environment. **Outdoor provision is exceptionally good** for both nursery and reception children, who participate enthusiastically in the Forest School activities in all weather conditions.'*

***'Children are happy, self-motivated and enjoy learning.'***



Taverham Hall School's Nursery was inspected by **Ofsted** on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The overall effectiveness of the Early Years provision was rated as '**outstanding**'.

Early Years provision refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday – the early years group.

For full details of our inspections please visit <http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/inspection/>

## **ENGLISH**

Two Year 7 pupils had their **poems published** in the "All Aboard the Poetry Express" anthology after entering an East Anglia Poetry Competition.

**World Spelling Day** – a number of pupils took part in a world spelling competition, in which they played online spelling games against children from other countries. Each pupil had 48 hours to play 100 games with each game lasting 60 seconds.

Many pupils now appear on the **School Hall of Fame** whilst one pupil briefly appeared on the **World Hall of Fame for spelling**.

One Year 5 pupil was awarded a First Place Certificate of Merit in the Haileybury **Creative Writing Competition** whilst another Year 5 pupil was awarded a Second Runners-Up Certificate for his creative writing entry.

## **MATHS**

Taverham Hall School regularly enters the regional finals of the **UKMT Maths Team Challenge** as well as the Junior Maths Competition. At the **UK Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematical Challenge** Taverham Hall School pupils achieved

1 Gold (top 6%)  
5 Silver and  
6 Bronze levels

## **ICT**

At Taverham Hall School our Year 8 pupils undertake the task of gaining a **Certificate of Achievement in ICT**. This is a certificate offered by the Independent Schools Examinations Board to officially recognise the achievements of young people in ICT.

## **SCIENCE**

Our Year 8 pupils' wildlife documentary films made in conjunction with the John Innes Centre during the 2010 Summer Term, were entered into the **Young Darwin Prize competition**. Their entries regarding the fauna and flora at Taverham Hall School made it to the short list.

## **SPORT**

Health and fitness are promoted through a wide sporting programme at Taverham Hall School which is geared towards performance, participation and enjoyment.

The school offers excellent on-site facilities including a superb sports hall, an indoor swimming pool, tennis & netball courts, sports fields for rugby, cricket, rounders, football and athletics set within the school's 100 acres as well as the availability of an astro-turf pitch for hockey.

Where beneficial, partnerships have been formed with specialists from other organisations such as ESKA - Eastern Shotokan Karate Association (Karate), Community Sports Foundation (NCFE Soccer School), Let's Swim (Swimming), Red Mist Cricket (Cricket) and EA Tennis (Easton College Tennis

Academy) and IDTA/NDTA (international/national dance teachers association) and Weston Park Equestrian Centre.

In addition, the school's sports hall is also used as the Centre of Excellence for Norfolk Youth Cricket as well as the home venue for the National Premier League Thoroughbreds Netball team's matches. At Taverham Hall School we are fortunate to have a top team of coaches who teach at the school with specific qualifications and experience which ranges from ex university, county and national league players in cricket, netball, hockey, rugby, swimming, golf and athletics. Some members of staff have also represented Great Britain and Scotland and several are also involved with coaching at local sports clubs at weekends.

### **Pre-Prep Department**

Each week children:

- work towards the national accredited ASA Scheme in their swimming lesson.
- undertake dance lessons and PE once per week
- from Year 1 onwards receive specialist games tuition in the school's sports hall
- can take part in football, tennis, karate and extra dance lessons through the Pre-Prep's After School Clubs

### **Prep School**

Sport is taught three afternoons a week coupled with additional PE and swimming lessons. In addition, competitive weekly fixtures take place across the academic year in hockey, rugby, netball, rounders and cricket with several teams catering for different levels of ability. Many other sports such as football, canoeing, table tennis, fishing and tennis are also available through our extra-curricular programme:

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/hobbies/>

72 fixtures took place in the Autumn 2010 term, 62 in the Spring 2011 term and 100 in the Summer 2011 term - **a total of 234 fixtures** within one academic year travelling as far as Orwell Park, Wisbech, Culford, Finborough and South Lee to name a few. **Pupils compete regularly at regional and national level and several have represented their county** – as can be seen from the details below.

Full details of match reports can be found on the school's website in <http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/girls-sport/> and [www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/boys-sport/](http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/boys-sport/) and <http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/more-sport/>

**Athletics** also plays an important part at Taverham Hall School with many pupils taking part in regional and national competitions. Pupils have qualified for the national finals at the Prep School's Athletics Tournament in Birmingham for the last 7 years. In 2010 a Year 6 pupil won a gold medal for the Under 12 discus event.

This year three pupils qualified for the finals (discus and hurdles) after competing at the East Area Prep Schools Athletics Championships (held at The International Stadium in Bedford Bedford) in which 50 schools took part. At the finals in Birmingham a Year 7 pupil secured a silver medal for the Under 13 discus event.

At the local 8 Schools Competition one Year 6 pupil won both the long jump and 200m.

In addition, at the annual UEA competition one year five pupil won the U12 girls High Jump and broke the school record by 15 cms.

### **UEA 2010 Athletics Championships results:**

#### **FINALS**

1<sup>st</sup> place 55m hurdles U10 boys

1<sup>st</sup> place high jump U11 girls

2<sup>nd</sup> place 200m U11 boys

2<sup>nd</sup> place long jump U11 boys

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place U10 girls rounders ball

4<sup>th</sup> place 75m U10 girls

4<sup>th</sup> place 4 x 100m relay U10 girls

**U11 girls' netball tournament** – 1<sup>st</sup> place shield winners at Thetford for second year running (Oct)

**U11 boys' table tennis team** – crowned winners at the E.S.T.T.A. Butterfly National Team Championship zone finals held in Grantham (January).

**Colts A cricket team** - County Cup winners after an assured and confident victory over Beeston Hall in the final. They continued on to represent Norfolk in the regional finals in Essex.

**Football** - 1<sup>st</sup> place for Taverham Hall School's boys' A-team and shared equal first place for our girls team in the Middle Schools **7-a-side Football Tournament** organised by West Norwich and Dereham SSP in October.

Taverham Hall School were winners of the **swimming galas** held versus Hethersett Old Hall in October and versus Beeston Hall in May.

A year 6 pupil was selected to **swim for Norfolk County** and competed in the 3-Counties Gala in December in Ipswich where their team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

A Year 6 pupil was selected for the **Prep School Barbarians Midlands Rugby Team** to play at the divisional finals at Rugby School in February.

Both one Year 3 and one Year 5 pupil have been selected to train with **Norwich City FC Academy** for the 2011/2012 season. It is a fantastic achievement for these two pupils to be closely monitored by a Premiership Football Club.

#### **Rugby Club End of Season Awards:**

Two Under 7 pupils were awarded Player of the Season at Holt and North Walsham Rugby club respectively.

One Under 8 pupil was awarded Player of the Season at Holt Rugby Club.

One Under 11 pupil was awarded Player of the Season at Wymondham Rugby Club.

**Indoor Free Flight World Championships** - a Year 1 and Year 5 pupil competed in the team selection trials for the World Championships to be held in 2012 in Belgrade. Following a successful series of flights they have both been chosen to represent Great Britain in the Junior Team.

**Cricket** - four Taverham Hall School pupils have been selected and are playing for the **Norfolk Cricket Board:**

U10 – Year 5 pupil

U11 – two Year 6 pupils

U11 – two Year 6 pupils selected for the South Norfolk District cricket

U13 & U14 – Year 8 pupil

Over the past years pupils have been selected to play for the county as well as the England Development Squad. Current BBC sports commentator and past England cricketer, Jonathan Agnew, started his career at Taverham Hall School. To facilitate the progress of our young cricketers we have a top team of coaches who work full time at the school led by Steve Goldsmith, the former Kent and Derbyshire all rounder and level three coach, who has experience of coaching up to England Age 17 Level Squads and is the current Norfolk Under 15's and 17's County Squad Manager. He is assisted by the school's Deputy Head, Joel Worrall who was one of the youngest coaches to qualify through the New Zealand Cricket system. In addition, our Head of History's son and former pupil Rob Newton, currently opens the batting at Northants and has two first class centuries to his name. Last year he was the winner

of 2011 Dennis Compton Award. The school's Sports Hall has some of the best cricket nets and lighting available, including a video facility. In addition, the school has superb cricket squares and outdoor nets all within its 100 acres of enclosed grounds.

**Tennis** - one Year 2 pupil has been selected for the Norfolk Tennis County Squad and has also been selected by the LTA for Regional Training in Welwyn Garden City.

## **ART**

Pupils consistently achieve high standards in art by offering a wide variety of opportunities such as workshops with visiting artists exploring a variety of media and techniques; trips to galleries and other places of artistic interest; entry into regional and national art competitions; the opportunity to develop an art portfolio in preparation for scholarships to Senior Schools; numerous school art competitions and additional art sessions through our extracurricular programme.

Our Year 3 and Year 7 pupils entered into the Haileybury Prep and Primary Schools 'Art & Creative Writing' competition having chosen the title 'Africa, Africa a festival of colours.' Two pupils in each of these years were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize and runner up.

For further details please go to <http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/art/>

## **MUSIC**

The school has an established tradition of musical excellence. The Music Department, led by an experienced Director of Music, is enhanced by highly qualified and experienced visiting instrumental specialists who provide tuition on a very wide range of instruments.

**Pre-Prep** – the Pre-Prep Choir practices once per week and all pupils are welcome to join. Private tuition with one of the school's visiting tutors is available to all who wish to start a new instrument. Recorder Club is available through the After School Club.

**Prep School** - music is taught to all pupils at the school in our well equipped and purpose built music block. Pupils use ICT to enhance their study of music and notate their compositions using Sibelius software.

**Over 100 pupils** receive extra-curricular music tuition per week and there have been 33 Musical School Assemblies this year, with music ranging from original pupil compositions to rock music, class and year group ensembles as well as classical items.

100% pass rate in the Associated Board of the Royal school of Music's Practical. Examinations take place in December, March and June. Many pupils gain Distinction and Merit awards.

Junior and Senior Choir practice sessions take place each week and everyone is invited to audition. Three of the school's Choirs sang items in the Norwich Young Musicians' Concert this year.

The Choirs are one of **eleven** ensembles that rehearse each week. There is a balance of practical and theoretical musicianship and many of our pupils also perform in County ensembles. In addition, pupils are entered into national and regional music festivals, such as the Norwich Music Festival, each academic year to extend their performing experience at a high level. The Music Department also provides a full extra-curricular music programme to cater for all needs, including extra help with music theory and aural skills.

A Year 8 pupil and Head Girl of our school's Chapel Choir, has been selected for the **National Youth Choir** after applying for a place in October and auditioning in Cambridge. This pupil will now have the opportunity to rehearse with singers from the region, attend residential courses for singers and perform in some famous venues.

Our Senior Chapel Choir was selected and took part in the **finals of the Barnardos Choir Competition held at the Barbican, London, on 7 February.**

The Senior Chapel Choir also performed live with the 2008 Brit Award winning vocal group **BLAKE at the Theatre Royal in Norwich** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. One of the members of BLAKE used to attend Taverham Hall School as a pupil. It was a great honour and an opportunity for our singers to gain very valuable performing experience.

One of the school's visiting guitar tutors, gained the qualifications of LLCM and FLCM from the London College of Music. These are the highest diplomas awarded by the College and our visiting tutor is the first, in the world, to pass.

For further details please go to <http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/music/>

## **LANGUAGES**

We focus on developing pupils' confidence and ability to use language independently and spontaneously.

Multiculturalism is a key feature of our modern world and we celebrate the European Day of Languages every year in September whilst other languages such as Spanish, and Japanese have been offered through hobbies in our extra-curricular programme. Annual trips abroad (e.g. France, Italy, ski trip to Switzerland) offer opportunities for pupils to practise their linguistic skills in real life situations.

**French** is a core subject at Taverham Hall School. It is introduced in Year 2 before becoming fully included in the Prep School curriculum all the way to Year 8.

**Latin** is offered to all pupils from Year 6 onwards and helps develop a deeper understanding of grammar and raises attainment in other subjects. Pupils develop transferable skills in reasoning and application of logic.

### **National Junior Language Challenge Competition results**

This is a national competition and is open to all children aged up to 11 years old in the UK.

Four pupils competed in the semi-finals in September 2010 having learned Japanese over the summer holiday period. All 4 pupils finished in the top 20 out of 39 regional semi-finalists with one of our pupils finishing in second place. This one pupil competed in the grand final which took place in London in October 2010 and finished 15<sup>th</sup> out of the 40 finalists having had to learn Chichewa in less than a month.

After learning Portuguese, in July a further 2 pupils qualified for the September 2011 regional finals in Cambridge where they will be tested on their knowledge of Kazhak.

For further details about '**Taverham Hall School in the News**' please visit <http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/news-pages/>

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