



TAVERHAM HALL

Preparatory School

Academic Year September 2011 – July 2012

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.

14 scholarships have been awarded by Senior Schools to Year 8 leavers over the past 4 years; All Rounders, Academic, Sport, Art and Music scholarships as well as 1 Academic Exhibition.

In their final exams:

89% of all grades were above 50%

70% of all grades were above 60%

44% of all grades were above 70%

20% of all grades were above 80%

75% of pupils achieved at least one mark over 80%

87% of pupils achieved at least one mark over 70%

63% of pupils scored over 50% for all their exams

87% of pupils scored over 50% in all but 1 of their exams

PRE PREP DEPARTMENT - In the KS1 SATS

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

94% 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

39% of pupils scored level 3 in writing

56% 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. In Maths the number of children gaining 2a and level 3 rose by 11% on last year.

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 20th 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/>



Healthy School Taverham Hall School has been awarded the National Healthy School Status which promotes the link between good health, behaviour and achievement. To qualify for National Healthy School status required Taverham Hall to meet criteria in four core themes. These criteria relate not only to the taught curriculum but also to the emotional, physical and learning environment that the school provides and include personal, social and health education, healthy eating, physical activity and emotional health and wellbeing.

The school now operates a School Council and Boarders Forum which both ensure pupils have a voice as well as enhancing ways in which they can communicate with staff and the school in general.

ENGLISH

21 Year 1 pupils were selected to have their poems published after entering the Young Writers' Sense Poetry competition. Their poems now appear in a special anthology called ***Sense Poetry – East Anglia***, which was published on 31 August 2012.

World Spelling Day – pupils take part in the World Spelling Day competition, in which they play online spelling games against children from other countries. Each pupil has 48 hours to play 100 games with each game lasting 60 seconds.

Taverham Hall School opened up their Art and Creative Writing Competition to all schools in Norfolk. The winners were announced on Tuesday 19th June, the whole school's 90th Jubilee Celebration Day. The panel of judges consisted of Stephen Fry, David Miller, Kirsty Riddiford, Brian Lewis, Lucy Loveheart and Peter Kavanagh. Stephen Fry donated the complete Harry Potter Audio CD Collection as a prize for the winner in the older age group, whilst the other judges all provided a signed copy of a selection of their books/artwork. In addition, the school donated an Art Pack for each Art age group and each winner in the creative writing section received £25 worth of book vouchers from Norfolk Children's Book Centre.

MATHS

Each year Taverham Hall School enters the **UKMT Maths Team Challenge** as well as the **UK Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematical Challenge**.

This academic year 13 pupils received the following medals for the Junior Maths Challenge:

3 Gold (top 6%) – one of these pupils also qualified for the Junior Mathematical Olympiad (top 1200 highest scores nationally)

3 Silver and 7 Bronze levels

The Junior Challenge 2012 thresholds were:

Bronze 59-70 Silver 71-85 Gold 86+ Olympiad Qualifier 110+

ICT

At Taverham Hall School 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

The school offers pupils the opportunity to take part in the Primary Science Olympiad held at the University of East Anglia, while others may also compete in 'Top Class' (an online 'University Challenge' style quiz). The Olympiad promotes problem solving, design concepts and practical skills while working as members of a small team.

Taverham Hall is fortunate in having established links with Norwich BioScience Institutes' Educational Outreach Department, who visits schools to undertake specialised work-shops with pupils. From time to time, other scientists from the John Innes Center may visit to offer curriculum enrichment and our pupils may also visit the JIC.

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).

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.

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/>

Fixtures take place each term with pupils travelling as far as Bishops Stortford, 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.

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 <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 8 years. In 2010 a pupil won a gold and in 2011 a silver medal for the Under 12 and Under 13 discus event respectively.

This year a further 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) in which 50

schools took part. At the finals in Birmingham a Year 8 pupil secured a silver medal for the Under 13 discus event.

Younger prep school pupils perform at the annual Junior UEA Athletics Championships.

UEA 2012 Athletics Championships results:

8 pupils were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates in the following events:

U10 75m, U10 long jump, U10 hurdles, U11 cricket ball and U10 relay team

Sporting results 2011-2012

U11 girls' netball tournament – 3rd place at Thetford (October 2011)

Table Tennis

Taverham Hall School's U11 and U13 teams qualified for the January 2012 Zone Finals of the English Schools' Table Tennis Association (ESTTA) Butterfly National School Team Championships. Participants for this competition are drawn from county winners and runners up from 7 counties including Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire and Suffolk.

Both teams took part on 15th January and as a result the U11 team qualified for the Regional Finals representing Norfolk in Blackburn in February 2012 where they finished in 4th position.

Football

Taverham Hall School became the winners of 3 football tournaments (October 2011) -1st places for Taverham Hall School's boys' U9 (at Langley) and the boys' U11 teams at Langley & Thetford's Football tournaments.

Both one Year 4 and one Year 5 pupil were selected to train with **Norwich City FC Academy** for the 2011/2012 season. In addition, the same Year 4 pupil was graded an 'A' player and is now part of their Elite Player Performance Plan.

Swimming

IAPS National Swimming Competition

A Year 7 pupil qualified for the finals of the IAPS national swimming competition and finished in 7th place. This pupil was also selected for the County squad.

School Swimming Galas

Taverham Hall School were winners of the **swimming galas** held versus Riddlesworth Hall (November 2011), Hethersett Old Hall (November 2011), Hethersett Old Hall (March 2012), Beeston Hall and Glebe House (May 2012)

A number of the school's pupils compete at Club Swimming Championships, UEA mini meets, County and Eastern Region competitions and have won numerous medals throughout the school year.

Cross Country

Norwich School Cross Country Event

A Year 6 pupil won a bronze medal in his age group and a Year 4 pupil won a silver medal finishing second in his race.

Taverham Hall School's U8 and U9 boys' teams both finished second in the team races and won silver medals for their excellent performances.

Rugby

Three Year 6 pupils were selected for the **Under 11 Midlands Independent School's Rugby Club Squads** to play at the divisional finals at Rugby School in February 2012. They were selected out of a total of 100 who entered the selection procedure last weekend and are 3 out of the 17 pupils who made the final selection. In March 2012 two of these pupils went through to the final 16 selection and toured with the U11 squad in Dublin.

Indoor Free Flight World Championships - a Year 1 and Year 5 pupil were selected to represent Great Britain in the Junior 2012 Team.

Cricket

Unbeaten in regular season cricket, runners up at the Framlingham Festival and **National Finalists** in pairs cricket, Taverham Hall School's Colts team has been a credit to the school. The Under 11s were crowned winners of the East of England Hardball Finals at Chigwell School in Essex. They also represented the East of England in the English Schools' Cricket Association Finals at Oakham School in early July where they finished in 4th position.

Taverham Hall School pupils continue to be selected and are playing for the **Norfolk Cricket Board**: A Year 7 pupil is one of just ten children to be selected as captain for the U12 cricket team for the Norfolk Centre of Excellence (Sept 2011). Two Year 6 pupils have been selected for the U11's County Cricket Squad (October 2011) as well as one Year 5 and one Year 4 pupil for the U10's County Cricket Squad.

In March 2012, David Ripley, Northamptonshire's former wicket keeper and Academy and 2nd XI Coach, visited the school to lead a coaching session with a number of our pupils.

Hockey

Taverham Hall School's U9 Hockey Team finished in second position in Beeston Hall's Hockey Tournament (February 2012) on goal difference with one of Taverham Hall's players being awarded Player of the Tournament.

Taverham Hall School's U11 boys' Hockey Team finished in 3rd position after representing Norfolk in the East Regional Finals.

Taverham Hall School's U11 girls finished in second place in the County Hockey Championships (March 2012) and also represented Norfolk in the regional finals.

Tennis

A Year 3 pupil was selected as only one of 6 boys to represent Norfolk in the Mini Red Eight Counties East Area Event 2012 over the February half term. His team finished in third position overall.

A Year 5 pupil represented Norfolk in the annual inter-county Lionel Cox Tournament held in May 2012.

Ballet

A Year 5 pupil was awarded a place at the London Children's Ballet Company for a role in their production of 'A Little Princess' in the West End in April. He was invited to train, along with just 9 other boys, with the Principal Male Dancer of the Royal Ballet School in London early 2012. Whilst he was auditioning this pupil was invited to audition for the Royal Ballet School Junior class in May 2012.

Karate - ESKA

A Year 5, Year 4 and Year 3 pupil were selected to represent ESKA at the TSK UK Junior National Karate Championships on 25 March 2012.

Horse Riding

Taverham Hall School entered a show jumping team into a local competition for Summer 2012.

ART & DRAMA

Each year pupils are given the opportunity to perform in a play. In the Nursery and Pre-Prep Department pupils perform in the annual Christmas play as well as a Dance Display. In the Prep School pupils performed in Romeo & Juliet this year with music composed and played by the school's pupils.

Pupils are entered into a variety of art competitions each year and this year pupils entered a number of Christmas art design competitions as well as Face Britain. The school's annual Easter Hat Parade is another hugely popular creative event as well as the Headmaster's Photography competition.

In addition, the school offers Art Club for pupils as an After School Hobby where they examine the work and life of a variety of artists as well as a Photography Club. Certain Design and Technology projects also cross-link with Art as well as the school's Aero-modeling After School Club hobby.

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.

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 each term, on a Thursday, Musical School Assemblies take place, with music ranging from original pupil compositions to rock music, class and year group ensembles as well as classical items, duets, vocal and instrument solos.

100% pass rate in the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music's Practical. Examinations take place in December, March and June.

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 Chapel Choir sang at the Fishmonger's Hall in London in November 2011 (where a total of 100 singers were directed by Tom Appleton, Director of the National Youth Choir), attended Evensong at Norwich Cathedral in January 2012 and performed in a public concert at St Mary's Church, Wroxham, in March 2012 which included a programme of both choral and instrumental music.

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, each year pupils perform at the Norwich Music Festival. In May fourteen pupils took part in a Windband Day in Ely, joining a total of 160 pupils for a day of working and performing together.

Another popular event is the annual Bullard House Music Competition in which all pupils take part. This year the adjudicator was, Patrick Bailey, from the London Philharmonic Orchestra, who provided all musicians with expert advice.

A whole school CD has been recorded this May, covering a wide range of music from across the whole school including choirs, rock bands and classical music. In addition, the school's popular Summer 2012 Concert event took place in May.

A Year 8 pupil was selected for the **National Youth Choir** in 2011. This pupil is now enjoying the opportunity to rehearse with singers from the region, attend residential courses for singers and performing in some famous venues. Taverham Hall's Senior Chapel Choir was selected and took part in the **finals of the Barnardos Choir Competition held at the Barbican, London, in 2009 and 2011.**

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. This year the Onatti Theatre Company performed at Taverham Hall School, providing pupils with an opportunity to further enhance their French language skills.

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 organised by Eurotalk and is open to all children aged up to 11 years old in the UK which the school has entered for the past five years. Each year pupils have qualified and entered the regional semi-finals with one pupil reaching the national finals in London in 2010. Examples of some of the languages pupils have had to learn are Greek, Korean, Japanese, Chichewa, Italian, Vietnamese and Dutch.

After learning Portuguese, in July 2011, a further two pupils qualified for the September 2011 regional finals in Cambridge. One pupil was able to attend this semi-final and competed "live" against the other 24 regional finalists, working against the clock to complete interactive activities on the basics of the Kazhak language, finishing in 7th place out of 25.

Linguatrivia

In March 2012 Year 7 pupils took part in the new National French Competition, "*Linguatrivia*" organised by Linguascope in which nationally, over 5,000 pupils took part.

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