



TAVERHAM HALL

Preparatory School

Academic Year September 2012 – July 2013

Scholarships to Senior Schools:

- Over 50% of Year 8 pupils have been offered a range of scholarships to their choice of Senior School for a September 2013 start. A number of pupils have been offered more than 1 Senior School scholarship option.
- 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 and also to local Senior Schools such as Norwich School, Gresham's, Framlingham, Culford and Langley.
- Taverham Hall School offer their own scholarships to children of outstanding ability. These are awarded for music, sport, academia and in exceptional circumstances, an all-rounder, which encompasses all of the aforementioned. Applications can be submitted from Year 3 and at 11+.

Exam and SATS results Summer 2013:

Common Entrance Exam results 2013 Year 8 Leavers

In their final exams:

98% of all grades were above 50%

86% of all grades were above 60%

52% of all grades were above 70%

20% of all grades were above 80%

86% of pupils got over 50% for all their exams

100% of pupils got over 50% in all but 1 of their exams

90% of pupils achieved at least one mark over 70%

67% of pupils achieved at least one mark over 80%

PRE-PREP DEPARTMENT - In the Key Stage 1 SATS - 2013

In the 2013 KS1 SATS undertaken at the end of Year 2

72% pupils scored level 2a and level 3 in Reading

64% pupils scored level 2a and level 3 in Writing

88% pupils scored level 2a and 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. This year's Year 2 had 88% of pupils achieving level 3 in their Maths SATs test which was particularly impressive. Small classes ensure pupils are heard to read every day in Taverham Hall's Pre-Prep department.

Awards/Accolades for the school:

Since 2010 the school has received three outstanding inspection reports in as many years as well as the Healthy Schools Award, demonstrating the importance Taverham Hall places on emotional health and well being. Taverham Hall's holistic education is further enhanced through its Forest School lessons

which provide pupils with an outdoor resource across the curriculum and freedom to explore the 100 acres of the school's beautiful wooded parkland.

➤ **Healthy Schools Award - March 2012**

To qualify for National Healthy School status Taverham Hall were required 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.

➤ **OCN Forest School Leader Award** – (since 2009) - a number of Taverham Hall School staff are qualified to deliver Forest School teaching to the highest standard by Forest School practitioners – level 3 of OCN Forest School Leader Award.

“The surrounding parkland is a paradise for pupils.” “The curriculum is significantly enhanced by sessions in the Forest School.” – ISI November 2010

Forest School originates from Scandinavia and offers children the opportunity to spend time in the great outdoors and participate in a wide range of activities with a wealth of cross-curricular links. National Curriculum subjects are reinforced and supported by practical, hands-on learning. Science, geography, art and drama are just some of the subjects continued outside the classroom. Carefully planned and supervised activities allow children to take managed risks and make choices appropriate to their age and ability. Learning follows ‘enquiry through exploration’ principles.

Forest School encourages children to learn and develop socially, physically and emotionally. It boosts their self esteem, confidence and ability to work with others and allows children the opportunity to make choices for themselves.

➤ **2010/2011 - Outstanding - Ofsted** - In May 2011 Ofsted inspected the school's social care and boarding environment which was rated ‘**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.’*

➤ **November 2010 – ISI inspection** - in their November 2010 inspection report Taverham Hall School was described as providing ‘**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 ISI also rated the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** at Taverham Hall School as ‘**outstanding**’ in all of the following areas:

1. the overall effectiveness of the EYFS
2. the effectiveness of the leadership and management of the EYFS
3. the quality of the provision in the EYFS
4. the outcomes for the children in the EYFS

*‘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.**’*

➤ **2009/2010 - Outstanding - Ofsted** - In January 2010 Taverham Hall School's Nursery was inspected and the overall effectiveness of the Early Years provision at Taverham Hall School was rated as ‘**outstanding**’.

- **Green Tree School**
Taverham Hall School has achieved the Silver standard on the Green Tree Award Scheme of the Woodland Trust.
- **Centre of Excellence of Norfolk Youth Cricket**
Taverham Hall School's Sports Hall facility is the Centre of Excellence for Norfolk Youth Cricket. In addition the sports hall is used as the home venue for the National Premier League Thoroughbreds netball team.

What's new?

➤ **Brand New Astro Turf**

Since Autumn Term 2012 Taverham Hall School has access to a brand new astro turf pitch which is used for all training and home fixtures - a brand new product manufactured in Holland by Edel Grass and is the first pitch of this kind laid in Europe. It uses a new yarn developed by TenCate who are a market leader in advanced textiles and material technologies. This newest development has global accreditation from Federation International de Hockey (FIH) which is the highest standard available. The Grand Opening of this new facility took place on 27th May and was attended by Dutch International Hockey player Taeke Taekema and ex-GB player Brett Garrard.

- Addition of **2 new classrooms** to accommodate growing pupil numbers in the Prep School

➤ **Staff:**

- New Head of Design and Technology – January 2013
- New General Subjects Teacher – April 2013
- Two part-time librarians – September 2013
- New Head of Pre-Prep and EYFS – September 2013
- New House Parent for boarding community – September 2013

➤ **New addition to the curriculum:**

- Since September 2012:

Language Awareness Programme

From Year 6, for those pupils for whom learning French presents a number of difficulties, Taverham Hall School offer a newly launched Language Awareness Programme which replaces the more traditional preparation to the challenging French Common Entrance examination. The pupils study the basics of several languages, starting with German and Japanese, and the programme aims to:

- make language learning fun
- give pupils an understanding of how to learn different languages
- develop listening skills and stimulate communication
- promote cultural and linguistic diversity

The programme focuses on:

- listening and communication skills with minimal practice of reading/writing
- universal language learning skills, which will cross-reference with consolidating literacy basics in English
- providing children with a wider cultural awareness about the world

To find out more about Taverham Hall School's language initiatives please visit the school's website: select the Curriculum link on left hand side of the Home Page followed by selecting the French subject link.

What's next - plans for 2013/2014

Further to the recent refurbishment of the Design and Technology block, the opening of a new extension to the school's Nursery in October 2011 and the two new Prep school classrooms the school is now focussing on

- **Forest School - outdoor classroom building**
- **Netball Courts - refurbishment**

Overseas trips:

Each year pupils are offered educational trips abroad:

- November 2012 – sports tour to Dublin for 1st team boys rugby and girls hockey
- March/April 2013 – ski trip to Saas Fee
- May 2013 – an educational sightseeing trip to Naples as part of the Latin curriculum
- October 2013 – trip to France

Highlights of the 2012-2013 academic year:

ENGLISH

- Fifteen Year 1 pupils had their poems featured in the publication 'Young Writers Sense Poetry'.
- All Prep School pupils were involved with the publication of Taverham Hall's first 'We are Writers Creative Writing Anthology'. Every child wrote a poem, story or piece of writing for this book.
- A year 8 pupil won the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association's Poetry Competition securing 1st place out of 640 entries.

MATHS

- Taverham Hall School was represented in the UKMT National Finals in London this June by its Year 8 Maths team who had won the Regional U14 UKMT Team Challenge and are now 1 out of 80 schools who qualified out of a total of 1500 schools that entered. The team finished in a very creditable 41st place in the National Finals.
- The UK Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematical Challenge 2013:

13 pupils received the following medals:

2 Gold (top 6%)

One of these pupils also qualified for the Junior Mathematical Olympiad (top 1200 highest scores nationally). Within this competition this pupil finished in the top 25% and received a Distinction certificate as well as a Bronze medal.

6 Silver and 5 Bronze levels

The Junior Challenge 2013 thresholds were:

Bronze 49-62 Silver 63-81 Gold 82+ Olympiad Qualifier 113+

HISTORY

- Two Year 8 pupils were amongst 200 candidates out of 800 who qualified from Paper 1 to sit Paper 2 of the prestige national Townsend-Warner History Prize. One of these pupils finished in the final top 100 and received a highly-commended certificate whilst the other pupil narrowly missed out by 3 points.

MUSIC/DRAMA

- Prep school pupils performed in a brand new production called 'Crusade' written and composed by the school's Head of Music. Radio Norfolk recorded Taverham Hall's Chapel Choir in June for their broadcast.

- The Chapel Choir were interviewed by Radio Norfolk prior to their concert with The Wensum Camerata at North Elmham Church in which they performed a number of songs including 'Gloria' by Antonio Vivaldi.
- Many pupils undertake ABRSM music grade exams each term and the school has achieved a 100% pass rate for many years. In 2011 the school's Choir qualified for the finals of the Barnardo's Choir of the Year competition and a Year 8 pupil was selected for the National Youth Choir that same year.
- Both in the Pre-Prep and Prep School Drama and Speech were introduced as a new hobby.

ART

- Year 7 and 8 pupils completed building a twenty-six foot long willow Viking boat, which sits on the lawn in front of the hall overlooking the River Wensum. This project was led by Maggie Campbell who specialises in outdoor sculptures and installations. Reception and Nursery children used this Viking Boat for their hugely successful Pirates Days.

DT

- The DT department received certificates in this year's local Rotary Club Technology Tournament to acknowledge the skills and effort Taverham Hall's DT team displayed in this area.

SPORT

PRE-PREP

- In the Pre-Prep department pupils have gained distinction and merit grades in their Karate hobby. In addition, a Year 4 and Year 5 pupil were selected to attend the TSKUK Junior and Cadet National Karate Championships in Hertfordshire which took place on 6th April 2013.
- Pre-Prep children work towards the national accredited ASA Scheme in their swimming lessons.

PREP SCHOOL

- A Year 8 and Year 4 pupil qualified for the national IAPS **swimming** competition finals. The Year 8 pupil finished 4th in the country whilst the Year 4 pupil finished in 12th position a year young. The Year 4 pupil also recorded the fastest time nationally for 200m backstroke according to ASA records.
- Taverham Hall School's swimming squad have won four galas versus local competitors.
- The U11 and U9 boys' sports sides respectively have represented Taverham Hall School in National Finals, resulting in rankings in the top 12 nationally in both **hockey and rugby**.
- Two Year 6 pupils were selected for the first stage of the U11 Midlands Barbarian Prep School's Rugby Club Squad.
- Three Year 8 pupils were selected for the Norfolk County **Netball** Satellite training group following trials in September 2012.
- The U13 girls won silver medals in the Senior Group at the Norwich Junior Netball League Tournament in May 2013.
- The U11 girls won silver medals at the Thetford Netball Tournament (October) and bronze medals at the Norwich School Netball Tournament (March).
- The U11 girls won a regional **Hockey** Tournament in which 16 schools took part as well as finishing in 7th place out of 11 at the National Schools Hockey Finals held in London.
- Taverham Hall's U11 **Cricket** team were crowned winners at both Framlingham's Cricket Tournament and Gresham's Cricket Festival
- Each year a number of Taverham Hall pupils are selected to play for the Norfolk County Cricket Squad. In October 2012 one of the school's U13 pupils gained an early place on their Emerging Players Programme. In 2012 the U11 cricket team won 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 July that year and finished in 4th position. In July 2011 the Colts A team were crowned County Cup winners whilst in 2010 the U12 cricket team were crowned County Champions.
- Taverham Hall's **Cross Country** teams won silver medals for the U9 girls, the U10 and U11 boys' teams, in addition to several individual medals in a local competition.

- Taverham Hall's U11 and U13 **Table Tennis** teams secured gold, silver and bronze medals in the Norfolk County Table Tennis Association's 65th Norfolk Junior Closed Table Tennis Championships competition.
- A Year 6 pupil is ranked 1st in Norfolk, 1st in East Anglia and 3rd nationally for her age group in **tennis**.
- Taverham Hall School won 3 regional **football** tournaments (for the second year running) during the Autumn term: 1st places for the boys' U9 and U11 teams (winners of two tournaments).
- Norwich City FC Academy - a Year 5 pupil is closely monitored by this Premiership Football Club. He was graded as an 'A' grade player by Norwich City Academy in March 2013 and was selected to represent Norwich City Academy's side at an international tournament in Austria where he was voted Players' Player.
- Pupils have qualified for the national finals at the Prep School's **Athletics** Tournament in Birmingham for the past 8 years. This year a further 3 pupils qualified after competing at the East Area Prep Schools Athletics Championships in Bedford for the U12, U13 and U14 discus events. In the U14 category the pupil won a Bronze medal in the National Finals. In July 2012 a Year 8 pupil won a silver medal at the National Athletics finals held in Birmingham for the U14 girls' discus event completing a hat-trick of medals (winning a silver medal and a gold medal in the two previous years for the same event).
- At a local Athletics meet in May 2013 Taverham Hall pupils secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the majority of events.
- **UEA 2012 Athletics Championships results** – 1st places were achieved in the U11 girls' high jump, U11 boys' 800m, U10 boys' long jump (new area record), U10 boys' 100m and U10 cricket ball. 2nd places for the U10 cricket ball, the U10 girls' long jump and rounders ball and a 3rd place for the U10 girls' 75m.
- Taverham Hall competed in the School's **Show Jumping Competition** at the prestigious Houghton Hall international horse trials and finished in 3rd position, winning bronze medals
- Taverham Hall's **cycling team** celebrated impressive results at a regional event in May. Five riders between them won 8 races and 2 leagues outright. These cyclists went on to compete in the Cycling Championships held in Aylsham in June. The U11 Cycling Team became Regional Champions whilst a year 3 pupil also won the Individual Champion medal by finishing first. In the U13 group 1 pupil won gold in the boys' group with 2 other pupils winning gold and silver in the girls' group.
- At the Norfolk Inter-schools **Coarse Angling Championships** Taverham Hall's B-team finished 5th overall, whilst the A-team finished 7th; a terrific effort given the 14 teams in attendance.
- Both Zumbatonic and Yoga were introduced as new hobbies.

LANGUAGES

- Languages, each year Year 7 pupils enter the National French Linguatrivia competition whilst pupils who are under 11 years of age are all given the opportunity to enter the annual national Junior Language Challenge competition. Taverham Hall School pupils have entered this competition for the past 5 years - learning the basics of languages such as Spanish, Japanese, Chichewa, Portuguese, Kazakh, Greek, Korean, Dutch etc. through a number of on-line games.

This year 5 pupils qualified for the semi-final of the Junior Language Challenge having learned Spanish. They are now preparing to learn Greek and will need to play 'live' against other semi-finalists in the region in September 2013.

What makes Taverham Hall School so great?

Taverham Hall School offers an exceptional education in an idyllic 100 acres woodland location with excellent facilities for its pupils. A dedication to provide outstanding pastoral care combined with personalised, academic learning programmes, small classes and investigative hands-on Forest School experiences in the unique woodland environment ensure that any child, whether sporty, creative or academic who values space and freedom to develop, is motivated and thrives at Taverham Hall School.

Taverham Hall School offers a focus on *how* children learn rather than *what* they learn. The school's teaching staff identify learning styles, set personalised targets and tailor teaching to the individual, ensuring that each child has every opportunity to achieve their personal best. Through small classes and

individual academic guidance and a carefully thought out PSHE program, pupils are encouraged to analyse their strengths and target their weaknesses.

Specialist teachers throughout the school ensure children flourish in the school's vibrant, warm and friendly atmosphere with average class sizes of 12 -14 which ensure pupils are heard to read every day in our Pre-Prep department. High pupil achievements contribute to the school's excellent record for placing Year 8 pupils at their first choice Senior School as well as obtaining a variety of Senior School scholarships each year. Pupils emerge from their final years as well-mannered, confident, friendly and interesting young people well equipped for the challenges that lie ahead.

As pupils approach Common Entrance and Scholarship examinations, there is a greater move towards independence. Pupils take increased responsibility for their learning and conduct, as well as obtaining leadership roles within the school, including Prefect status and mentoring younger (Year 3) pupils when in Year 8 – MATES programme (Mentoring at Taverham Everyone Succeeds). Both the School's Council and Boarders' Forum provide pupils with a voice and an opportunity to play an active role in the school's community as well as enhancing ways in which pupils can communicate with staff and the school in general. In their top two years pupils are taught life skills which culminates in an exciting post Common Entrance programme with a clear focus on fun, adventure and team work.

Form Tutors play a key role and weekly drop-in clinics for parents strengthen communication between home and school. In addition, parents can contribute their views via the school's Parents' Forum Group.

Is there anything else you should know about?

- Interactive white boards - all classrooms throughout the Pre-Prep and Prep school are furnished with interactive white boards ensuring pupils are able to use the latest technology during their lessons.
- **River Wensum and unique outdoor facilities**

Taverham Hall has fishing rights for the River Wensum, which runs through the school's 100 acre grounds. Pupils from Year 3 onwards have the unique opportunity to take up the hobbies of fishing and canoeing during the summer term.

 - In addition, there are pupil gardens and animals (chickens and guinea pig) for the children to care for and learn about management and preservation.
 - Roped swing areas including a zip-wire enhance the outdoor opportunities for the school's pupils.
- **90th Jubilee**

Taverham Hall School celebrated its official 90th Jubilee Celebration Day as a Preparatory school on 19th June 2012. The school invited pupils between the ages of 7 -13 from all Norfolk based schools, to enter their Creative Writing and Art Competition. A superb panel of judges (Stephen Fry, Kirsty Riddiford, David Miller, Brian Lewis, Lucy Loveheart and Peter Kavanagh) examined the entries and selected the winners.
- Many regular sporting and social events are organised for parents and staff. During term time, parents are offered the use of the school's sports hall for badminton, fitness sessions, football and netball on a weekly basis.
- As a Charitable Trust Taverham Hall School shares their facilities with other local organisations and schools where appropriate and possible.