

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 11th December Issue 14

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the academy is full of optimism and excitement with the announcement that we have opened applications for positions on our Senior and Junior Leadership Team. I am a firm advocate that growing responsibility and leadership in young people is an essential part of the wider education of students. Following our announcement this week that our applications have been declared open, I have been delighted to see students spending break time and lunchtimes pondering their letters of application and considering their personal strengths. As a result, we have had nearly half of the students in year groups expressing an interest in joining these new leadership teams.

Once formed the teams will play an important role in academy life. They will be role models for our academy and will lead our student council. The role of the student council will be to suggest and undertake projects to improve the academy for students to ensure that we have the best support and environment for learning and success in our community. They will lead on roles such as mental health, mentoring, transition support, the academy environment, media and charity. These leadership teams will play a crucial role in supporting us to improve the academy for the better.

Once applications are submitted next week, students will go through a democratic voting process of staff and students with a shortlisting of candidates and formal interviews for key positions. Since we have had such a resounding interest in the leadership teams we will ensure that any students who are not successful will become form captains and prefects, which will give them leadership opportunities in their form group. Today, Mrs Morris has ordered leadership ties, navy blue with the TQEA badge on, and pin badges for all levels of student's leadership. Next week I will have the pleasure of announcing the students that have been successful in their applications in this newsletter.

Last night we participated in our first remote parents' evening for Year 9 using the Class Cloud video conferencing system. Firstly, we are aware there were some initial teething problems which led to some of the video calls not working for one reason or another. We apologise to those parents and will ensure we make a call to you to update you on your child's progress. However, the system worked very well after a stuttering start and staff were delighted to meet parents once more. Once again we were very appreciative of parents' support of our work and our efforts. We are confident we have ironed out any remaining issues with the software and will be good to go with this system in the future.

Finally, I am proud and delighted to announce that Cherry Thompson received our first Gold Progress Award of the year at TQEA. Cherry in year 7 has had a wonderful transition to life in secondary school and has worked extremely hard since September. She fully deserves her accolade and recognition for her efforts.

There will be a newsletter next Friday December 18th, which is our last day of term before the Christmas break. You should have received a letter explaining that we are finishing at 1:05pm on that day. Please contact reception if you require your child to stay in school until 3:05pm on that day.

Thank you for your tremendous backing and support.

Have a great weekend with your families.

N.Harding

Principal

TQEA is committed to providing our young people with an extraordinary education in a safe environment.



As previously noted in the Principal's end of term letter from Mr Harding you were informed about Class Charts our parent app and given your log in details. Class Charts is where you will be able to see important information about your child's behaviour (rewards and sanctions) and attendance. Through the Class Charts app, you will also receive email notifications if your child receives a same day detention for 30 or 60 minutes. It is important that you download this app in order to receive this information. If you have any issues with this, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's Head of Year. Login details have being re sent out this week for those parents who have not yet accessed the app.

Year 11 After School Revision Timetable 2020/2021: Is now up and running.

Week 1				
Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Self Study	Science & RE	English	History & Computer Science	PE & Statistics
Week 2				
Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Self Study	Engineering & Languages	Maths	Geography & Digital Lit	Media, Buisness & Drama

Feel Good Friday

Some Entertainment during these uncertain times
This week's quiz is to celebrate and support AIDS/HIV awareness. Click on the link below to join.



Big World AIDS Day
Quiz - TQEA.pdf



Warwickshire Police Cadet Recruitment Opens 1st Jan to 1st March 2021

**You need to live or go to
School in Warwickshire**

**You need to be aged 13 -16
On or before 1st September 2021**

**Download the application form at
Warwickshire Police
Website/Careers/Police Cadets**

Visit Facebook/twitter or our website for more information about the cadets



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Warwickshire Police Cadets



www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets

Exciting Opportunity

Warwickshire Police Cadets is a volunteer scheme for young people who wish to be part of a year programme that offers an opportunity to gain a practical understanding of policing and develop their spirit of adventure and good citizenship. Recruitment is open from 1st January to 28th February 2021, the application form can be downloaded from Warwickshire Police website, press career tab, then the cadet tab and download the application form. To become a Warwickshire Police Cadet, you must live or go to school in Warwickshire, aged 13 to 16 years old on September 1st 2021. The aim of the scheme is to support Warwickshire Police's strategy of engagement with young people throughout the force area. Cadets support local policing priorities through volunteering, working with partner agencies and positive participation in their communities. They take part in a variety of activities including self-defence training, law inputs, marching, fitness, team building, role playing and Outdoor events.

Cadets can gain an insight into police life through talks by guest speakers from different departments and agencies and by taking part in local community policing events. Police cadets are a family where discipline, friendship and team work are all important. If you become a police cadet, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that as a young person you are making a difference to your community and developing yourself for any future career. In return we ask you to commit to attend the weekly meetings and commit to voluntary hours per quarter. We have two units in Warwickshire, one in Nuneaton that covers North Warwickshire and one in Leamington Spa which covers South Warwickshire. We have a junior scheme for Cadets aged 13 to 16 years still at secondary school and a senior scheme for cadets aged 16 to 18 years. To apply to become senior cadets you must currently be a year 11 student when applying and would be a cadet for 2 years, whilst in further education. Seniors Cadets aged between 16 to 18 years old meet every Thursday evening in Nuneaton between 6.15pm and 9.00pm, we also ask that you do 3 hours volunteering per month as part of the scheme. Junior Cadets aged between 13 to 16 years old meet every Tuesday evening in Nuneaton between 6.15pm – 8.30pm.



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Christmas Jumper Day



Friday 18th December

Please donate £1 and wear your best Christmas jumper.
(You must wear your school uniform too)



All monies raised will be divided between 'Save the Children' and paying for the distribution costs of our Christmas shoe boxes.



HEAD OF YEAR

Special Recognition

Congratulations Year 8 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group last week:

8A – Vlad Sorocean

8B – Ellie Williams

8C – Mia O'Hara

8D – Jack Dandridge

8E – Harrison Holt

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick of the Week



Some massive congratulations to Cherry Thompson who is the first person this term to achieve our Gold Progress Award. This is a wonderful achievement on its own but for someone in year 7 this is truly fantastic; she should be as proud of herself as we are of her.



Important Notice for Parents

On Friday 18th December School is closing early for the Christmas break Children will be leaving school at 13:05.

Reminder for Parents – Leave of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

Library Books



Please check at home for any unreturned school library books.

There is still a large number of pre-lockdown books that have not been returned to school. All students with an overdue book have been informed and should hand it in to their English teacher as soon as possible. Letters have been sent to those with overdue books.

Year 7 Science Homework Club

Year 7 Science Homework Club – Room 209 (Library) Every Thursday after school starting at 15:05 for an hour. Starting on 7th January 21.



Rewards

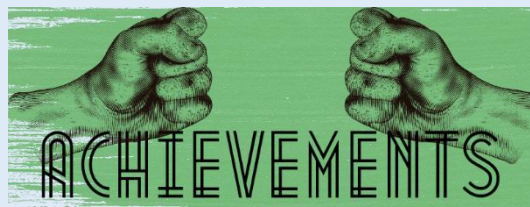
25 day challenge

100% attendance for last 25 days of this half term = Prize draw per year group for £20 and £15 gift voucher

There are currently 526 of you still in the running for this

WIN yourself an extra Christmas present to spend in the sales!!

There are 4 days left and there are 526 pupils who are still in the running for an early Christmas present.



Student Achievements for week 30th November – 6th December

Top Year 7 Students

Issac Mcleod – 7E 34 points
Eliott Fielding – 7D 29 points
Jack Thirlaway – 7E 29 points
Alfie Turner – 7C 28 points

Top Year 9 Students

Lily-May Narbourgh -9B 38 points
Mckenna Gallemore – 9B 21 points
Scarlet Thompson – 9C 20 points

Top Year 11 Students

Ellison Bartlam – 11D 17 points
Sophie Lawrence – 11A 15 points
Jessica Davey – 11A 14 points



Top Year 8 Students

Jack Dandridge – 8D 29 points
Vlad Sorocean – 8A 24 points
Gracie Hughes – 8A 20 points
Imogen Jenkinson – 8A 20 points
Daniel Matthews – 8A 20 points

Top Year 10 Students

Ethan Frost – 10D -33 points
Callum Abram – 10D- 26 points
Sharan Kang – 10E- 26 points
Joe Strickland- 10D 26 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 10D – 435 points
Year 7C – 401 points
Year 7A – 337 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D – 3813 points
Year 8A – 3813 points
Year 10E – 3156 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!



Is your child eligible?

One of the effects of the COVID 19 Pandemic is the changes to our home and financial situations.

[If your financial situation has changed and you receive of any of the following your child may be able to get free school meals;](#)

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

[If your child is in any of the following categories, the school extra funding through the Pupil Premium programme which to provide additional support and resources to benefit your education at TQEA:](#)



[can apply for will enable us child's](#)

- In receipt of Free School Meals
- A looked after child
- A previously looked after child
- A child with a parent currently serving in HM Armed Forces.
- A child with a parent who is retired with a pension from Ministry of Defence.
- A child who has been adopted

[If any of the above situations applies to your family due to a change in circumstances and we are not already aware, please contact the school and we can assist you further.](#)

[Families who are already in receipt of Free school meals and Pupil Premium funding will shortly be receiving a survey from TQEA to assist with our support package this year. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey and return to the school.](#)



Every Family and Student. Every student. Every day. Attendance of 96% or higher.

This week's attendance per year group:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
95.8	91.9	93.4	92.3	93.4
Top form in each year group this week				
7D	8A	9B	10B	11C and 11D

We would also remind you that failure to secure a child's regular attendance at school may be a criminal offence under Section 444(1) or 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996 which makes it clear that it is parents responsibility to ensure their child's attendance at the school at which they are on roll. Failure to ensure attendance may result in a referral to the Warwickshire Attendance Service which could result in prosecution.

[This year there is a change to our attendance approach. There will be incentives for the students and families alongside amendments to our non-attendance policy.](#)

Incentives

Every week

Form competition - Tub of chocolates for form with the highest % for the week

Monthly

Best form from each year group will have a continental breakfast during Friday form time.

Every half term

100% for half term = Chocolate and Certificate to every student who achieves this, plus phone call home from SLT to congratulate.

25 Day challenge (last 5 weeks of every half term)

Every student who achieves 100% during the 25 days will;

Enter a year group voucher prize draw. 1st prize = £20 2nd prize = £15

Whole school prize voucher = £100

Once we are allowed to (post covid) Prize draw for 1 student from each year group plus a friend of choice to have a pizza party on last Friday of the half term.

PA / Low attendance family's incentive

Family incentive award – gift card / voucher for family use if attendance improves by set amount

Procedure for Non – Attendance

More than 2 late arrivals in a week will result in a 30-minute detention on a Friday afternoon

We expect parents to call us each day of an absence before 9am (even if we know it is a long term absence)

If we don't hear from parents within 15 minutes of register closing, they will be sent a text to contact us urgently.

We will continue to call home for any parent who has not contacted us until we speak to them (including work numbers).

A Medical note will be requested for any absence exceeding 3 days. We no longer accept a prescription as evidence of medical reason.

