

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 13th November Issue 10

Dear Parents/Carers

This week TQEA solemnly and respectfully marked remembrance along with the rest of the country. This was initiated by a wonderful assembly by Mr Kinvig in which he focused on the central theme of commemorating the lives lost by members of the Allied countries that stood shoulder to shoulder with us in our hour of need. More emotional still were the stories of the Atherstone boys whose names are etched on a plaque on our academy hall and who will forever remain in our hearts. At 11am on Wednesday I stood proudly with our students as we observed two minutes of perfect silence and reflection. It was an emotional occasion and yet so important as part of our culture, values and heritage.

Next week we have a series of events to mark anti-bullying week and to promote our TQEA Anti-Discrimination charter. As part of that we have assemblies, educational activities and events to remind ourselves of our conviction at TQEA our charter signed by staff and students is that we stand up against racism, prejudice, intolerance and unkindness. We are making a promotional film to mark this and are asking students to wear a different tie on Friday to show their support for anti-bullying and our anti-discrimination charter.

We have received a number of questions from parents/carers about how education is operating since the new lockdown was announced by the government. You will be aware that the academy is open and operating to all safety requirements to provide the best education for our students. One of the changes in this period is the stipulation that children come to the academy each day with an appropriate mask to be worn in corridors and indoor communal areas. The response from students has been tremendous and it is interesting how quickly our culture has adapted to our new safety procedures since September. The adoption of mask wearing has been similar with students adapting very well to the expectations. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting us by providing their child with a mask to wear each day in order for us to keep our whole community as safe as possible.

Finally, on a similar theme, the government issued updated guidance yesterday for parents/carers explaining how education is continuing with the new national restrictions. The guidance may be helpful to you as it advises on the national restrictions, attendance, the clinically extremely vulnerable, face coverings and examinations to name but a few of the areas explained. I attach the link as it may be of use to you.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Wishing you a great, safe weekend with your family.

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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  
We would like you to join in our weekly feel good Friday quiz. Click on the link below to join.



FGF Quiz Week  
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### **Breakfast Club**

We know how much this club is valued by our students and the community however up until now with the governments controls and restrictions it has not been possible.

With considerable effort and determination from the TQEA team we are going to start the reintroduction of Breakfast club on a rolling programme from next week. It will be different to the previous set up as we can only serve cold food and drinks and in separate locations for each bubble.

For the first week we will have limited supplies and need to ensure that the logistics of serving three bubbles in three different areas is possible therefore from Monday it will be available for all Free School meal and Pupil premium students as well any family who are struggling in this unprecedented time. Please contact reception if you would like your child to receive a breakfast next week.

Once we have trialled it for a week we hope to be able to offer the availability to the whole school the week after. We are grateful to Edible links for their support in this as together we support the members of our community.

## It's Reward Time

### Do you wear the perfect uniform every day?



We want to reward those students who day in and day out wear their TQEA uniform with pride, and consistently have the correct uniform.

Between Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, every day you wear your uniform correctly, your form tutor will award you with an achievement point.

On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November** all students with an achievement point will go into a prize draw.

**There are 2x £10 vouchers per year group plus a tutor group prize.**



### Do you attend school every day?



We want to reward those students who attend school day in and day out and who are showing commitment to their education and their future lives.

Last half term 348 students across the school were entered into the prize draw for 100% attendance. 2 Students from each year group won a £20 and £15 voucher. This will happen each half term.

**Every child in the school is eligible for this draw.**

This half term there is an additional prize draw for our families who are struggling during this unprecedented time. Any student from a low income family who improves their attendance by 1% or more will be entered for a prize of £50 supermarket voucher for their family.





## Year 11 Mock Exams

These will be taking place from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November until the 10<sup>th</sup> December. A copy of the timetable is below.



GCSE Mock Exams  
Timetable 2020-21.p

Does your child want to get their voice heard within the community? If they do, then we have a number of great opportunities to do so. Rural North Warwickshire Youth Forum are currently looking for new member to join them; this is a very exciting opening. This role will involve attending monthly meetings at the Ratcliffe Centre or virtually due to Covid you may even get the opportunity to stand for the county to represent your area and be proud to help make a difference. If your child likes the sound of this then please contact Charlotte Carr at [charlottecarr@wawickshire.gov.uk](mailto:charlottecarr@wawickshire.gov.uk)

## 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.

## Careers Information

Mr Webb careers advisor has received some really useful information with regards to up to date current labour market information for the local areas.

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjojY2Y5NjhINGQtOTZlYS00ODcyLTlkYmQtNmU0MjUzMWVjMDI1IiwidCI6ImNhM2RjZDRiLTRiNDU0tNGUyMi1iODFhLWQ5NjMzZDVhOGM5ZS9>

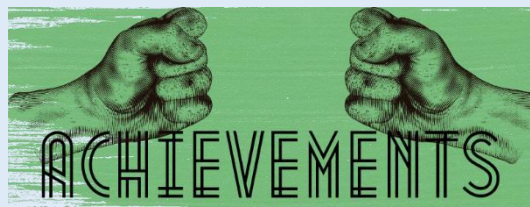
## Library Books



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.

## Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening Event

St Thomas More



## **Student Achievements for week 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Grace Francis – 7B 46 points

Cherry Thompson – 7D 46 points

Bode Wattis – 7B 45 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Hazel Gosling -9D 45 points

Kye Stuart – 9E 42 points

Louie Whitehead – 9E 32 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Alex Kobrin – 11D 86 points

Elison Bartlam – 11D 83 points

Oliver Nicholson – 11D 82 points

### **Top Year 8 Students**

Logan Money – 8E 71 points

Ruby Bird – 8E 62 points

Harrison Bird – 8E 58 points

### **Top Year 10 Students**

Elizabeth Porter – 10B -31 points

Skye Louise Rose – 10D- 31 points

Ethan Mobley – 10E- 29 points



### **Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week**

Year 11D – 1504 points

Year 8E – 1095 points

Year 8A – 712 points

### **Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date**

Year 11D – 2175 points

Year 9E – 2063 points

Year 7D – 1975 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 income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not benefits you get)



household including any

If your child is in any of the following categories, the school can apply for extra funding through the Pupil Premium programme which will enable us to provide additional support and resources to benefit your child's education at TQEA:

- 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 of TQEA should be achieving an attendance of 96% or higher.

This week's attendance per year group:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
91.3	93.7	92.10	89.5	89.7
Top form in each year group this week				
7B	8D	9E	10B	11B

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. 1<sup>st</sup> prize = £20 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

