

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

At times like these that we are currently living in, I am very aware of the need for us to support our community and "check in" with people as much as we can. Year 11 have chosen Young Minds as their charity this year and I am delighted that a series of events held last Friday, which included staff wearing items of yellow, has resulted in a donation to charity of £312. This is an exceptional achievement and symbolises our core value of kindness towards others. It also provides much needed support to such an important cause.

On the subject of Year 11 we held a wonderful GCSE success event for them yesterday afternoon. This event was to remind Year 11 of the journey of this GCSE year, the reasons for working hard and motivating yourself to be the best you can be and to explain the support that is on offer at TQEA. We have also purchased revision guides for every Year 11 student and these have been issued. In this year of uncertainty, we have been absolutely clear on the fact that every assessment and mock examination is crucial since this could build evidence of performance throughout the year. As you may have deduced from the media, the government has announced that some GCSE examinations will be moved back by three weeks, although this is likely to be under constant review depending on the conditions. However, our key message to Year 11 is to focus on their future and their destiny by taking charge of their learning and their preparations for any eventuality. The most stirring and emotional aspect of the event was the showing of video messages from former students who have achieved at TQEA from all kinds of situations and had used their education with us as a springboard to achieving their dreams!!!

Teaching practical subjects such as Food, Art, Drama and STEM has required us to think differently about how we might teach the usual practical elements. This week I saw wonderfully creative learning happening in Mrs Trewin's STEM lessons in the lower years, as students built and strength tested different bridge designs. In addition to this student's also used boxes with arm holes, tubes and I-pad cameras to represent the technology and precision required in keyhole surgery. The class enjoyed these opportunities and experiences to put technology into action in a safe way. I know that student learning from the experiences was excellent as they have gained great knowledge and had a strong critical understanding of the issues around bridge design and keyhole surgery.

Next week I will be updating Parents/Carers on our safety procedures and a letter will be issued to inform you of our educational provision moving forwards.

Wishing you a safe and wonderful weekend. Thank you for your excellent support.

Mr 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

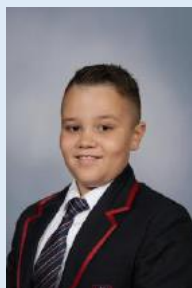


## Star Subject of the Week

### Food

Due to the current situation some of our more practical lessons have had to adapt to a more theoretical stle of learning, this however had not discouraged our students, they have been taking this all in their stride and cooking in their own time at home. This has been brilliant to see some of the wonderful creations they have made.

Mrs Johnson – Curriculum Leader for Food Technology





in support of  
**YOUNGMINDS**

## World Mental Health Day

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated 'World Mental Health Day' in the academy. Mental Health problems can affect anyone, any day of the year, but World Mental Health Day is a day to show our support for better mental health and a prompt to start looking after your own wellbeing. World Mental Health Day 2020 is the most important one yet. After the months of lockdown and loss, prioritising mental health has never been more important than it is now. This week in tutor time we have been talking about mental health, discussing strategies of how we can look after ourselves and raising awareness of charities, such as Mind and Young Minds.

Our Year 11s, recognising the importance of mental health, have chosen their year group charity to be '*Young Minds*'. To support this, Year 11 decided some fundraising was in order. Staff paid £1 in order to wear something yellow, raising £22. Several Year 11 students took part in a sponsored silence and have raised £239.20. Finally, at lunchtime, the Year 9 and Year 11 bubble put on 3 football matches to raise money. The donation was 50p to play or support, and the three matches included a Year 11 boys match, a Year 9 boys match and a mixed Year 9 and Year 11 girls match. They all did really well; it was conducted in a friendly and charitable manner and both year groups raised £51. Every one of those who took part should be as proud of themselves as we are of them.

The final total raised by TGEA for *Young Minds* is ... £312.20



The Year 11's who took part in the sponsored silence were:

Steven Lincoln  
Jocelyn Dotchin  
Caitlin Foster  
Jack Leonard  
Josh Creek  
Sam Hill  
Amber Lockton  
Dylan Barlow



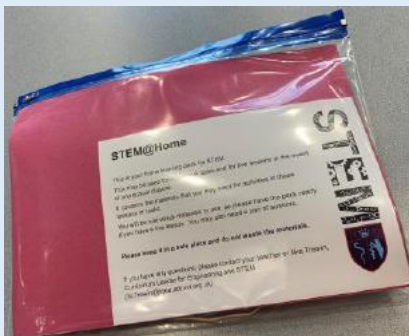




Does your child want to get their voice heard within the community? If they do, then we have a number of great opportunities to do so. Rural North Warwickshire Youth Forum are currently looking for new member to join them; this is a very exciting opening. This role will involve attending monthly meetings 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)

### Stem @ Home Packs

Over the next few days your child will be given a free pack of resources to support their STEM home learning. They should keep this in a safe place and not waste the materials. They will be told which materials they need for each activity.



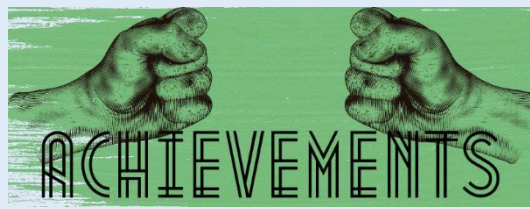
**GCSE Science Revision guides** are now available to purchase on parent pay. Your Child should speak to their Science teacher to advise which books they will require.

If your Child is under Pupil Premium Funding, then books will be provided so please ensure your child has received their copy.

### 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.



## Student Achievements for week 5<sup>th</sup> October – 9<sup>th</sup> October

### Top Year 7 Students

Issac Mcleod – 7E 37 points  
Jessica Purdy – 7E 34 points  
Jake Breakwell – 7E 33 points  
Izzy Gilmour- 7E 33 points

### Top Year 9 Students

Kye Stuart - 9E 13 points  
Scarlet Richardson– 9D 12 points  
McKenzie Gibson – 9A 10 points  
Hazel Gosling- 9D 10 points  
Lily May Narbough- 10 points  
Lexie Taylor Lane – 9B 10 points

### Top Year 11 Students

Emily Cardall – 11C 19 points  
Keri Ann McGonagle – 11E 14 points  
Evelyn Philpott – 11E 13 points

### Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 7E – 477 points  
Year 10B – 257 points  
Year 7D – 242 points

### Top Year 8 Students

Oliver Williams – 8C 14 points  
Owen Russel – 8C 13 points  
Grace Caddy- 8A 12 points

### Top Year 10 Students

Elizabeth Porter – 10B -30 points  
Bethany Dicken – 10C- 28 points  
Sophie Caddy – 10B - 21 points  
Ethan Cowburn – 10B 21 points



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

Year 7D – 894 points  
Year 9E – 882 points  
Year 7E – 872 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 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)



qualifying for  
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
94.00	93.6	92.5	94.1	91.6

Top Form in each year group this week				
7B	8E	9B	10D	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. 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.

