

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 20th November Issue 11

. Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware from the media, as well as in communications from our own academy, schools are being affected by positive covid-19 cases. I wanted to clarify with you that when an academy has a confirmed case of Coronavirus that Public Health England give academies the advice regarding whether students need to isolate or whether classes or bubbles have to close. These decisions are based on contextual knowledge of the academy, the specific attendance of the child in the academy during the crucial infectious period and information about close contact.

Public Health England are clear that students only need to isolate as a precaution if they have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for Coronavirus. They deem close contact to be an individual who has been within two metres for 15 minutes or more or been in face to face contact within 1 metre. Based on this information we are instructed about what needs to happen next and the communications which need to follow to parents.

At TQEA we have had remarkably few cases thus far and this is down to our safety features, our cleaning routines and the safety minded behaviour of staff and students. Once more, I thank you for sending your child to the academy with a face mask in order for us to meet the government guidelines announced during this lockdown period.

We continue to offer a superb education here at TQEA and part of our work this week was a series of events to support anti-bullying week 2020. Today staff and students wore a selection of alternative ties to celebrate our differences and to show our allegiance to supporting diversity. We have also had some excellent and thought-provoking registration videos which were both inspirational and heart breaking in equal measure, since they exposed the long-term damage unkindness can do to an individual. Thank you to Mrs Parsons for organising a great week.

Finally, our Breakfast Club re-opened this week to superb attendance across our bubbles. Logistically, it has been more challenging to deliver breakfast options in different locations, but Mrs Johnson and Mrs Gibson have worked hard to make this possible. It is wonderful that our students can enjoy the most important meal of the day with us again!

Thank you for your support as always and wishing you and your family a wonderful weekend.

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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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Star Subject of the Week

STEM



Students in years 7 and 8 have now got their STEM@home packs and have completed their first task! Year 8 were asked to make a 3D animal as a prototype for one that they are designing to be cut on the laser cutter in STEM lessons. Can you spot yours in the photos? Year 7 are making the tallest tower they can from 1 piece of paper!

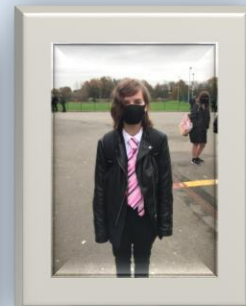
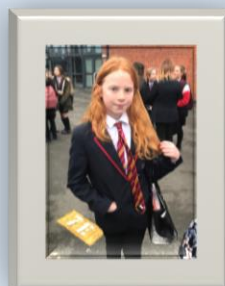
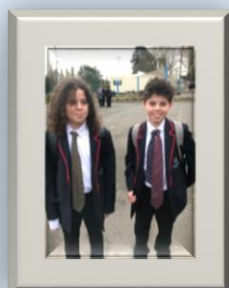
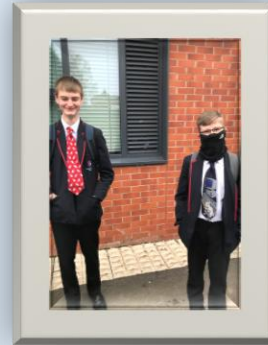
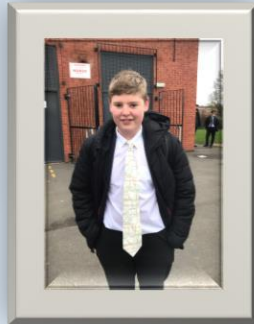


The record so far is 142.5cm - Can you beat that?

Diversi-tie TIE Day



Today at TQEA we have rounded off our Anti Bullying Week with a special diverse tie day. The crazier the tie the better, this was open to all, Staff and Students. It was a nice way of effectively enforcing the topic we have been discussing in tutor all week, how we are all different.



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 12th November and Wednesday 18th November, every day you wear your uniform correctly, your form tutor will award you with an achievement point.

On **Thursday 19th 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 Thursday 26th November until the 10th 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

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

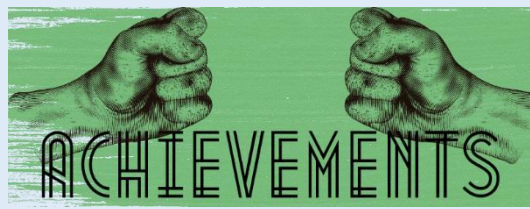
Mr Webb careers advisor has received some really useful information with regards to up to date current labour market information for the local areas.

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoieY2Y5NjhINGQOTeZYS00ODcyLTlkYmQtNmU0MjUzMWFiMDI5liwidCI6ImNhM2RjZDRiLTRiNDU0tNGUyMi1iODFhLWQ5NjMzZDVhOGM5ZSj9>

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.



Student Achievements for week 2nd November – 8th November

Top Year 7 Students

Cherry Thompson – 7D 46 points

Layla James – 7A 42 points

Emerson Smith – 7A 35 points

Top Year 8 Students

Leah Clarke – 8D 61 points

Layton Mobley – 8D 60 points

Joshua Conway – 8D 57 points

Top Year 9 Students

Hazel Gosling -9D 35 points

Jack Holt – 9B 26 points

Sienna Prestidge – 9D 24 points

Top Year 10 Students

Tiegan Evans – 10E -64 points

Ethan Mobley – 10E- 57 points

Carson Mullings – 10E- 55 points

Top Year 11 Students

Connor Stevenson – 11A 27 points

Toby Hill – 11A 22 points

Owen Beard – 11A 21 points

Joshua Creek – 11A 21 points

Sophie Lawrence – 11A 21 points

Amber Lockton – 11A 21 points



Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 8D – 1313 points

Year 10E – 721 points

Year 7D – 528 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D – 2503 points

Year 8E – 2393 points

Year 8D – 2295 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
92.83	93.31	92.20	94.06	91.38

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. 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.

