

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now settled into the "new" normal of remote learning and pastoral support, yet we continue to deliver our curriculum in new and imaginative ways.

This week Mr Webb hosted his first online careers and application support sessions which were very well attended. The focus of the sessions this week was to support Year 11 with advice and guidance about college courses and their college applications. It is likely that students will be having remote or face to face interviews in the future and, once again, we will support students with those at an appropriate time. In future weeks we are going to extend the opportunity to attend these valuable sessions to other year groups. Mr Webb has also contacted students about the virtual university and apprenticeship fair which takes place next week. We recommend that students from any year group should attend this to look at the array of university courses and apprenticeships which may be of interest in the future. Aspiration and goal setting is such an instrumental part of student achievement.

The PE department have also been busy setting the "Move at Home" challenges for students. We are very aware that physical exercise is so crucial to students that are at home and potentially indoors all day. These fun challenges will enable students to move away from their screens and exercise to achieve points which will lead to rewards. It would be great if parents could support their children with this and get involved where you can! I have heard of adults joining their children in doing Agadoo and Superstar in the Just Dance challenge already!

We are also aware that students may be running low on supplies to complete work at home. Therefore, we are looking at providing a "Resources Bus" which will be stocked with stationary supplies and sanitary products and will stop at certain points in our locality. This will allow students to collect supplies (socially distanced, of course). We have not finalised the days, times and stops of our resource bus, but please check @tqea\_principal on Twitter and our school Facebook account for precise details. We aim to ensure that students have all they need to work remotely.

Finally, we are still awaiting confirmation from Ofqual and the DfE about Year 11 GCSE and BTEC examinations this year. There are a lot of rumours flying about concerning these and, in my experience, it is best not to be drawn into those until we have concrete guidance from the government. As soon as we have that we will be appraising parents of the approach TQEA will be taking in the examining and awarding of GCSE/BTEC grades this summer. I understand the uncertainty is difficult for students and parents, but our mantra with Year 11 has been to work your hardest and prepare as if you were doing the examinations since any awarded grades will be based on students demonstrating their level of performance in some way. In other words, students still have control of their grades and their destiny.

Wishing you the best weekend possible with your families. Please stay safe.

Have a great weekend with your families. Please stay safe.

N. Harding

Principal

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



Class Charts is an application 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.

## Feel Good Friday

The Feel Good Friday Quiz of the week is back. If you would like to have a go



FGF Quiz#3 (Week 3).pdf

**Join our Show You Care campaign**

We are encouraging our residents to display a picture of a heart in their window or share it on social media as a way to show that they are thinking of others in the pandemic.

Displaying or sharing a heart can mean many things, but could include:

- I care about our key workers
- I care about my neighbours
- I care about my grandparents who I haven't been able to see
- I care about missing my school friends and teachers.

share them on social media using [#WarwickshireHearts](#)

**TQEA - Feel Good Friday Challenge**

Colour in a heart and place it in your house window to 'Show you care'.

This is a campaign from the Warwickshire County Council to show that we are thinking of others, recognizing the efforts of many wonderful groups of people and spreading kindness. This is similar to the Rainbow in your window that was hugely successful, let's hope this can be just as great!

Please support this, **take a photo of it and email it to:** [showmywork@tqea.org.uk](mailto:showmywork@tqea.org.uk)

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Resilience  
Pride  
Kindness**

## Exciting Opportunity



### Warwickshire Police Cadet Recruitment Opens 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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

**You need to be aged 13 -16  
On or before 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets)

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 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## 20 day challenge

100% attendance for last 20 days of this half term.

Prize draw for Every students who attend **every** session in school or remotely from now until half term will be entered into the prize draw.

There will be **two** prize draws **per year group**.

**STARTS TODAY!**



## Special Recognition

Congratulations Year 10 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week of term:

**10A** – Bobby Bendle

**10B** – Luke Cheshire

**10C** – Brodie Charteris & Isobel Sheffield

**10D** – Shaun Shemmans

**10E** – Tiegan Evans

**Keep up the Good Work!**

## Move at Home Challenge

Don't forget to complete your child's 'Move at Home' daily Activity challenges to score your achievement points. Click on The links for your guide. Fill in your activity trackers to Evidence your progress. Here are the daily challenges for this Week.

Task	Description	PA Points	Link (Click)
1. 30 Minute walk	Complete a non-stop walk around your local area. Non-stop and of moderate level (so elevate HR and a little out of breath)	5 per day	NA
2. Yoga Session	Complete a yoga session using the attached link- you need no equipment	10 per day	<a href="#">Yoga Session</a>
3. Joe Wicks HITT session	Complete a HITT session, no equipment needed just some water	10 per session	<a href="#">Joe Wicks Link</a>
4. 100 Keeple Uppies Challenge	Using any item (balloon, ball, socks) complete 100 kicks to keep the object in the air- this doesn't have to be in a row just total	5 per day	<a href="#">100 Keeple Uppie Challenge Link</a>
5. Bike ride (30 mins non stop)	If you have a bike go for a local bike ride or if you have a stationary bike at home peddling continuously for 30 mins	10 per day	NA
6. 2 min Plank challenge	Complete a minimum of 2 mins plank- make sure you use the correct technique.	1 per day	<a href="#">Plank Challenge info</a> <a href="#">2 min Plank Challenge</a> <a href="#">Circuit ideas</a>
7. Make Your Own Circuit (MYO)	Choose your 6 stations (use any equipment you may have or non at all) select your repetitions from <b>5- 10 or 15</b> Repeat the circuit 2 times	5 per day	<a href="#">Circuit with Ronaldo</a>
8. Strength Session	A resistance strength training session to help improve body strength	5 per day	<a href="#">Strength Session</a>
9. Just Dance	Complete a minimum of 3 songs back to back non-stop movement	5 per day	<a href="#">Just Dance Playlist link</a>
10. Couch to 5K Challenge	Using the pre-made plans from the NHS website or the app complete each day's session	10 per day (max 30 per week)	<a href="#">App Link</a> <a href="#">Website link</a>

## Principals Remote Learners of the Week

Due to the exceptional circumstances we are enduring at the moment, I am for the time being not picking one outstanding student. I am choosing five and these will be my Remote Learner Heroes.



*Growing in confidence, dedicated learning, handup, speaking out, not afraid to ask for help and resilient. Wholly dependable.*

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*For her helpful, effective, proactive and positive approach to online learning. Always keen to learn and respond to feedback. Wonderful!*



<b>PRINCIPAL'S</b> <i>Award</i>	Awarded for an outstanding contribution to the positive culture of <b>The Queen Elizabeth Academy</b>	 The Queen Elizabeth Academy We Can and We Will
	Name Liam Myatt Settling into his new school with an amazing work ethic!	
	Mr Harding 22nd January 2021	



Please respect Social distancing and wear a mask.



## **TQEA Resource Bus – Helping you learn**



### **We will have a stock of books, paper, stationary to collect:**

- Exercise books
- Plain paper for Art
- Graph Paper
- Pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters etc
- STEM Equipment
- Sanitary products
- English Anthology
- Spare revision guides

### **Areas we will visit and timings:**

- Dordon (car park by doctors) 9.00 - 9.20
- Grendon (community centre bottom of boot hill) 9.30 – 9.50
- Baddesley by mining wheel 10.00 – 10.20
- Atherstone Town FC 10.30 – 10.50
- Lister Road shops 11.00 – 11.20
- Atherstone Fire Station 11.30 – 11.50
- By Outwoods School 12.00 – 12.20
- Mancetter Shops 1.30 – 1.50
- Hartshill Green 2.00 – 2.20

**This will start Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January and then every Tuesday until students return to school**

### **Mental Health Matters**

This, our third week into a new lockdown and whilst our brilliant young people are engaging really well in their on-line live lessons, many are beginning to feel a bit low and fed up at the changes impacting on their normal daily lives. I hope that the following links may give you and your child some support if needed, helping to recognise and supporting us in management of our collective sense of loss of our normal daily routines and freedoms. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need our support.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

<https://www.dearlife.org.uk/index.php>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>

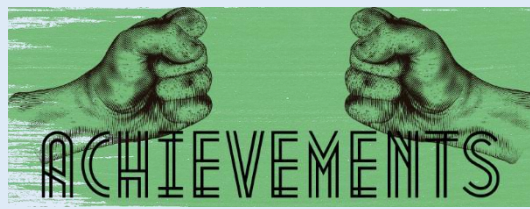


Under new government policy, all secondary school students now have access to free supplies of sanitary products if they are required. If your child would like free sanitary products, please contact us on 01827 712477 for more information.

### **Year 11**

Recommended that TQEA Students sign up for the virtual university fair which takes place on January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any queries, please email [m.webb@tqea.org.uk](mailto:m.webb@tqea.org.uk)

[UK University Search Virtual Fair \(vfairs.com\)](https://vfairs.com)



## Student Achievements for week 4<sup>th</sup> January – 10<sup>th</sup> January

### Top Year 7 Students

Evie Horton – 7A 48 points  
Georgie Cardall – 7B 36 points  
Josh Hanks – 7a 36 points

### Top Year 9 Students

Curtis Gladwin-9E 29 points  
Tyler Hall – 9B 25 points  
John Bostock– 9B 24 points  
Lily May Narborough – 9B 24 points  
Grace Wightman – 9C – 24 points  
Harry Wilson – 9C – 24 points

### Top Year 11 Students

Mackenzie Aston – 11E 43 points  
Luke Brown – 11B 32 points  
Sarah Walker – 11E 28 points

### Top Year 8 Students

Evie Benton – 8B 27 points  
Holly Beale – 8E 25 points  
Imogen Ward – 8D 24 points

### Top Year 10 Students

Tiegan Evans– 10E -41 points  
Ethan Mobley – 10E- 35 points  
Stephen Murphy – 10E- 33 points



### Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 10E – 492 points  
Year 7A – 465 points  
Year 11E – 372 points

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

Year 7D – 5889 points  
Year 8A – 5718 points  
Year 10E – 4740 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.](#)



## Remote Learning participation rates:

# 95%

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.

