

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

Early risers amongst us may have heard that TQEA was name-checked on BBC Radio 2 this morning by the legendary Zoe Ball. The reason for this was the Science Department's commitment to support National Mole Day. Our students completed some enjoyable activities in morning registration connected to this event and it was superb that we were put on the map on national radio thanks to Miss Rowan.

Also taking place this week has been the attendance draws for 100% attendance in this half-term. It was amazing to have hundreds of students to pick from and two winners were chosen from each tutor group. Those winners have been in receipt of vouchers which they will enjoy spending. The forms which have attended most this half-term have also enjoyed a form breakfast together to celebrate. Well done to 7D (Mr Packwood), 8E (Mr Plant), 9B (Miss Kiteley), 10B (Mrs Bennett) and 11E (Miss Coley) who had their breakfast together this morning. Excellent attendance plays such a crucial role in the progress of your children over the 5 years that they are in secondary school and it is superb to be able to reward students in this way.

Finally, I wish to ask parents to take note of my letter about the wearing of face coverings in academy corridors and indoor areas after half-term. I am aware that the cases of covid-19 are rising in our community and, whilst North Warwickshire remains in Tier 1 at the moment, the government have issued expectations that face coverings should be worn by students in unventilated indoor areas in Tier 2 and 3 schools. The safety of our community is my priority and this is why I have stated that I would like all students to wear masks in corridors and in the dining area (unless when eating, of course) after the half-term holiday. The government guidance states that no masks need to be worn in classrooms or outside as other measures are in place.

In my letter I have expressed that, at this stage, parents can exempt their child from wearing a mask if there is reason to do so. Please email the school at [info@tqea.org.uk](mailto:info@tqea.org.uk) with the reason that your child will not be wearing a mask in order for us to issue an exemption card for our return from half-term on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

All that remains, is for me to thank you as parents for your wonderful support of our academy in this half-term. Your support has made such a difference and is having a positive impact on the progress of your children. It is much appreciated by all of us.

Wishing you an excellent weekend. Please stay safe over the half-term break.

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

## Special Recognition



A special shout out goes to Elizabeth Porter of Year 10 for reaching 100 Achievement points this term. What a fantastic accomplishment!

Mr Saye – Head of Year 10

Here are the students from year 11 who undertook the sponsored silence to raise money for young minds displaying their impressive total of funds raised. It is not an easy task to remain silent for an entire day especially for some of them but I am super proud of all they achieved, they have set the bar for future year 11 groups that's for sure.

Mr Webb





# Star Subject of the Week

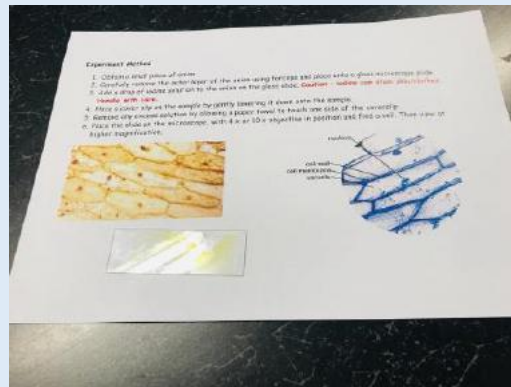


## Science

Science has been a tricky subject for all this term with all the restrictions placed on moving round and using practical equipment. However, we have tried to ensure that each year group gets an opportunity to do some practical work and then quarantining resources.



Year 7 have been looking at how to use our brand new microscopes, making onion cell slides, viewing them and then annotating them in diagrams



Year 10 have been carrying out heart dissections in order to better understand the working of the cardiovascular system.

Leo (Miss Rowan's cat) particularly enjoyed the heart lessons as he ate well for a week afterwards



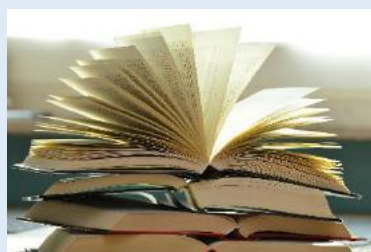
A massive well done also goes out to Lily Slinn and Megan Evans both of whom are in Year 9 who managed to do an A level balancing of equations.

A reminder that science have an Instagram page @tqea.science



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)

**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.

## **Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal**

This year we are partaking in the Shoebox appeal as organised by the Samaritans. We are asking all tutor groups to join in and fill two shoe boxes with goodies to make a child's Christmas. This will launch Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



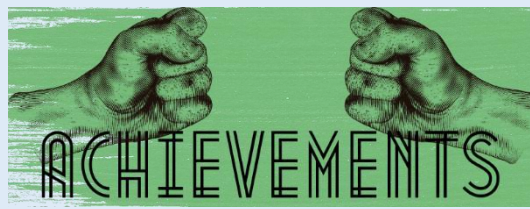
Please see the link for an Important letter regarding the use of facemasks in school when we return in November.

<https://tgea.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Principal-update-re-masks-Oct-20.pdf>

Also as mentioned in a previous newsletter if anyone would like to sponsor Mr Cope the link is below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jordan-cope-2>





## **Student Achievements for week 12<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Scarlett Neal – 7D 21 points  
Jake Breakwell - 7E 18 points  
Liam Rowley – 7D 18 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Abi Wraxton -9E 23 points  
Kye Stuart - 9E 21 points  
Louie Whitehead – 9E 17 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Joshua Creek – 11A 20 points  
Mackenzie Aston – 11E 18 points  
Dylan Zeslawski – 11E 18 points

### **Top Year 8 Students**

Trinity Millington- York – 8A 20 points  
Taylor Smith – 8A 17 points  
Imogen Jenkinson – 8A 16 points

### **Top Year 10 Students**

Amber Bernard – 10E -24 points  
Jack Brickley – 10E- 21 points  
Ethan Mobley – 10E - 19 points  
Elizabeth Porter – 10B 19 points



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

Year 7D – 281 points  
Year 7E – 265 points  
Year 8A – 256 points

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

Year 7D – 1175 points  
Year 7E – 1137 points  
Year 9E – 1112 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 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
93.7	93.3	92.4	94.6	91.9
Top form in each year group this week				
7D	8A	9B	10B	11E

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.

