

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September Issue 4

Dear Parents/Carers

This weekend is European Day of Languages and we have been encouraging staff and students, led by our MFL department, to use different languages in registration and in lessons. Tutors also have an "Escape Room" European Day of Languages interactive challenge that they have been using with their tutor groups. Understanding and learning about different cultures is such a key feature of education today and it was great to see staff and students engaging in these activities.

It has been wonderful to welcome Year 7 in recent weeks and they have made a fantastic start to their time at TQEA. The Ferris Wheel of education deems that as soon as we welcome our new Year 7 that we begin to look forward to the next Year 7 cohort joining us in September 2021. Ordinarily, our Open Evening this week would have been a lively and exciting event with the academy welcoming prospective Year 5 and 6 parents and students. Sadly, the restrictions placed on us at the moment have meant that our Open Evening had to be virtual and remote this week. Whilst this was clearly not the same as hosting the event itself, I hope that parents got a flavour of all we have to offer at TQEA.

We understand that a minority of parents have still not downloaded the Class Charts app that we are using for communications with you. This app will be the way that we will send letters to parents, book parents evening appointments, view notifications about rewards and notify you that your child is in detention at the end of the academy day. We have sent log-in information to parents, but are happy to assist if you require these. The app also gives you the opportunity to access attendance information and communicate with us. If you have not downloaded the app yet or need support or help in accessing the app please contact us. I have also listened to parents who have informed me that we have historical parent apps which we have used in the past. Please be assured that Class Charts will be our only app for communications and information. I entirely agree with parents that it is not efficient to run several apps and we will streamline to just using Class Charts as it is the superior go-to application.

Finally, we are asking students to remember the government's safety advice on leaving the academy site. This is not to huddle or wait at the bubble gates and to maintain their safe journey home. I would appreciate your support if you could reiterate this message at home since we are living in increasingly challenging times at the moment and we all have a personal responsibility to keep the community safe.

Thank you for your amazing support of our academy and have a wonderful, safe weekend with your families.

Have a safe, restful weekend everyone!

Mr Harding

Principal

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

## 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



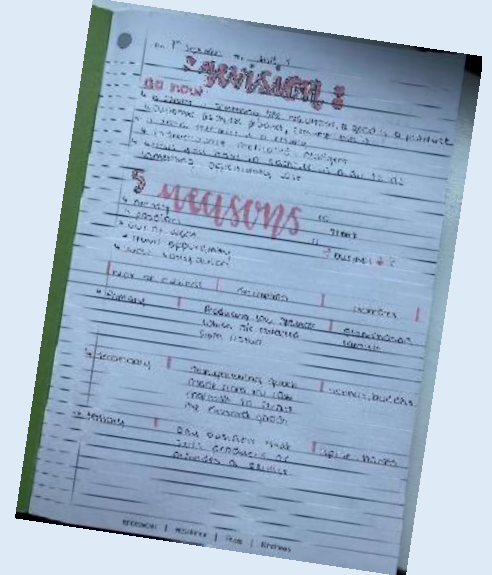
### Star Subject of the Week

#### Business Studies

It has been a delight to see Year 11 return for Business Studies after their period of working from home. The class have been incredibly diligent and keen to prepare themselves for their upcoming exams.

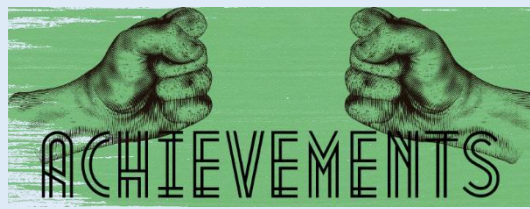
Shout outs have to be made to Emily Cardall and Grace Chetwynd who have both gone above and beyond with their conscientious attitude towards their learning and revision; demonstrated through their beautifully organised books!

Mr Stewart, Curriculum leader for Business Studies.



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.



## **Student Achievements for week 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Leo Mckerlie – 7A 11 points  
George Cardall – 7B 10 points  
Evan Povey – 7D 10 points  
Jessica Purdy – 7E 10 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Bobby Kirkham - 9E 11 points  
Mia Povey – 9E 11 points  
Olivia Evans - 9E 10 points  
Kye Stuart – 9E 10 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Mackenzie Aston – 11E - 7 points  
Larissa Phillips – 11C - 7 points  
Connor Stevenson – 11A - 7 points  
Jasper Summers – 11E - 7 points

### **Top Year 8 Students**

Oliver Williams – 8C 8 points  
Cameron Hargreaves – 8A 7 points  
Harrison Kettell - 8E 7 points  
Lois MacDuff – 8B 7 points  
Trinity Millington-York – 8A 7 points  
Danni Randle – 8E 7 points

### **Top Year 10 Students**

Tiegan Evans - 10E -16 points  
Oliver Birt- 10E- 10 points  
Sophie Caddy- 10B - 10 points  
Carson Mullings- 10E – 10 points  
Elizabeth Porter- 10B- 10 points  
Mackenzie Snowden- 10E – 10 points



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

Year 9E – 171 points  
Year 10E – 120 points  
Year 7D – 113 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 Pupil Premium programme enable us to provide additional support and resources to child's education at TQEA:](#)



[can apply for which will benefit your](#)

- 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
94.66	90.99	91.19	93.94	91.28
Top form in each year group this week				
7A	8E	9B	10D	11C

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.

