



# **TQEA WEEKLY NEWS**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware this week has been marked by two important announcements by the government which will affect all of us.

Firstly, on Monday the government announced that schools would be returning to full opening from March 8<sup>th</sup> with a series of control measures to ensure students return safely. Among the changes to control measures for schools is the offer for students to have the opportunity of three Lateral Flow Tests, with parents' consent, in the course of the first two weeks of being back in the academy. Following this students are invited to test themselves at home with parental supervision using testing kits provided by the academy. We have been offering Lateral Flow Tests to staff and key worker children during this period of lockdown and have our testing procedures and protocols perfected. However, the testing regime poses a challenge logistically due to the number of children returning and it is likely that at TQEA we will have a blended approach to learning in the first week, with students receiving their first test and a mixture of live and remote lessons. As always at the heart of our thinking is student and staff safety. Full details of our plan for the return of students will be announced early next week.

In addition to the testing the government has also stated that GCSE and BTEC results this year will be based on Teacher Assessed Grades. I am relieved that we now have some clarity on how grades are going to be awarded and we are working on ensuring the best procedures for evidencing this. Of course, we want our Year 11 to get the grades they deserve and have earned through their hard work and commitment on their courses. What is clear is that our mantra to students since September of working hard and preparing for examinations as if they were happening will reap rewards. We will be required to evidence student performance to assure their GCSE and BTEC grades. A letter will be sent to parents and carers shortly explaining more about Ofquals' plans for the awarding of grades this summer.

We have been hugely impressed by TQEA students' attendance and hard work in this remote learning period. The commitment they have shown to their learning has been immense and our high participation rates show this. Next Friday, as a result of feedback from parents and carers and students, we are having a different style of learning day with students attending registration in the morning with their tutors, but then engaging in a series of "off-screen" learning activities which will be based around personal empowerment and well-being. Students will have the opportunity to send us evidence of the activities they take part in and proudly show us anything that they create that day! More details will follow shortly.

Finally, thank you to Gayton's bakery in Atherstone which showed great kindness this week by donating fantastic cakes to the key worker group in the academy. The students were hugely excited by this break time treat and it lifted their spirits immeasurably.

Wishing you and your families a great weekend. 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 ClassCharts 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 or have not yet accessed your account, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's Head of Year.





# **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.

10A – Bobby Bendle

10B – Reece Percival

10C - Isobel Sheffield

10D – Leif Roe

10E – Jay Rice

### Keep up the Good Work!

### A nice little treat

This past Wednesday in school our wonderful keyworker students received a treat from WH Gaytons & Sons who bakery brought them a selection of cakes, gingerbread men and Chocolate cracknels . We would like to say a huge thank you for their generosity during these times.









# **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.



Exceptional efforts in 'live lessons'. Showing great endeavour to do well and resilience to maintain their high standards of learning. So impressive to see.



Attending all through lockdown and being a quiet helper to his peers.



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Exceptional work ethic, focus and support of other students.





### **Pastoral Competitions**

Each week during tutor time our students are been set a challenge by the pastoral team the week before half term was the 'bottle moments' Challenge.

Our worthy winners this week have been chosen below and they each have won a £10 voucher. This weeks competition has been the smallest sandwich competition. Winners will be showcased in next weeks newsletter.





**Bret Dicken** 





uannon Rhiannan Bracher



Sonny Whitehead

# Let's get cooking

During this pandemic our more practical subjects have been hit the hardest with regards to how they teach these lessons. It has been awe inspiring to see how well the students have adapted to these changes, They have fully embraced completing these activities from home. Here are some examples of the wonderful food made by some of our year 9 cooking students. If you would like to have a go yourselves we have included some of the recipes.



**Mia Povey** 

Chicken Tikka Naan Recipe.pdf

PDF



Sophia Jabra



PDF Cinnamon Buns.pdf







PDF Choux Pastry.pdf



Grace Wightman



## Coventry & Warwickshire Careers Hub Virtual Careers Fair.

Taking place on Wednesday 4th March 1:00pm—7:00pm online. The students will be taking part during P5 on that day. This is open for all students and are able to have a look around with them.

Teachers will be available during P5 to help with any issues.

Your child should have signed up for this already if they haven't they can do so here. They will then get an email with the invite to join.

https://cwcareershub.vfairs.com/

# <u>Geography— The Water Cycle</u>

Mrs Gibson set her year 7's a creative task, (that allowed them take time away from the screen) to explain how the water cycle works, Here is some of the exceptional work they produced.

#### **Corey Smith**



#### Joshua Passey



Romily Taylor—Lane







Layla James



**Emerson Smith** 





# <u> TQEA Resource Bus – Helping you</u>

learn



For the final week we will focus on preparing students for in school return.

We will have: Stationary packs Spare Planners Spare Uniform Loans Student timetables Sanitary Products

Final Week this Tuesday

10 tips to keep your children safe online

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Consular (community control bottom of boot bill)	9.00 - 9.10
Grendon (community centre bottom of boot hill)	9.00-9.10
Baddesley by mining wheel	9.15 - 9.25
Near Coleshill Road Post Office	9.30 - 9.40
Station Street Car Park	9.50 - 10.00
Atherstone Town FC by Maya	10.05 - 10.15
Lister Road shops	10.20 - 10.30
Atherstone Fire Station	10.35 - 10.45
By Outwoods School	10.50 - 11.00
Mancetter Shops	11.05 - 11.15
Hartshill Green	12.40 - 12.50
Chapel End Skey Drive	12.55 — 1.05
Ansley Village – Outside Lord Nelson Pub	1.15 - 1.25

Areas we will visit and timings:

#### Things to consider

You will need to wear a mask and socially distance.

If a parent/carer comes on your behalf, they will need ID so we know it is for you.

If you have any worries or issues at home let us know. Make sure you tell your class teacher you are visiting the bus and will miss your lesson (you will still need to do the work)

#### Link for Parent/Carer's Survey

TQEA Remote Learning - Questionnaire for Parents/Carers (google.com)

Reminder : Given the growth spurts of our youngsters please can they try on school uniforms in plenty of time for ordering/ purchasing new items before returning.





# Student Achievements for week 8th February - 21st February

#### **Top Year 7 Students**

Emerson Smith – 7A 43 points George Cardall – 7B 40 points Jessica Purdy – 7E 39 points Cherry Thompson – 7D 38 points

#### **Top Year 9 Students**

Mason Tarplee — 9A 39 points Lexie Taylor-Lane – 9E 36 points Bobby Kirkham – 9E 35 points Sophie Baker - 9A 34 points

# CELEBRATE



### **Top Year 8 Students**

Trinity Millington-York – 8A 32 points Alex Temple– 8E 32 points Chloe Shemmans – 8B 28 points Kaicy Marsh–8E 26 points

#### **Top Year 10 Students**

Jay Rice – 10E 47 points Isobel Sheffield – 10C– 46 points Leif Roe – 10D– 44 points Jessica Mai Bickley— 10D 40 points

Top Year 11 Students

Melody Kowkabzadeh – 11B 39 points Jocelyn Dotchin – 11A 34 points Connor Stevenson – 11A 32 points

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

Year 10D – 571 points Year 10B – 493 points Year 10E – 461 points

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

Year 7D – 7858 points Year 8A – 6875 points Year 7A – 6482 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 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: Pupil

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.

