

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

One of the symbolic moments of the year is when our Year 11 students undertake their mock examinations, as they have done so this week. This is the second round of practice papers for these students this year, albeit that these are being completed under the same formal expectations as the summer GCSEs. It has been wonderful to see the professionalism of our students in preparing themselves and conducting themselves so well in these examinations. It has been a challenging year for all of them and yet we can't fault their commitment to the cause or their efforts to secure the best grades possible. As yet we are not clear how examinations will look this summer, but the message with students is that they should continue to prepare and to work hard as they would usually do. If there is any government announcement on the arrangements for summer examinations we will inform you. This week has seen the announcement of the winners of our perfect uniform competition. As part of our TQEA values we take pride in ourselves and in our uniform. Our uniform represents our academy in the community and also prepares students to present themselves smartly to others. Our uniform competition winners are listed below and congratulations to all of them!

We are very aware that our academy is here to serve and support our community. 2020 has been a year like no other and I was delighted to see our Operation Christmas project gather strength, with each form completing their box of gifts for children who otherwise will not receive gifts this year. We are also beginning to plan and prepare our Christmas hamper deliveries to some of our families, which has been a long held tradition at TQEA. TQEA staff are looking forward to making those rounds full of Christmas cheer and hopefully bringing a smile to our community in what has been a difficult year.

I did want to try to avoid the mention of covid-19 in this newsletter since the previous edition had much commentary about it. However, you may know that the government have announced that we will emerge from this current period of lockdown as a Tier 3 community. In essence this means that little changes in our academy with us being placed on "Very High Alert" and students being required to wear masks in corridors and indoor communal areas. The government have confirmed that schools are to remain open. Please continue to support us by ensuring your child has a mask to wear in schools and that they follow government guidelines. It is crucial that we continue to protect our community.

Thank you for your support as always. Wishing you a great weekend with your families.

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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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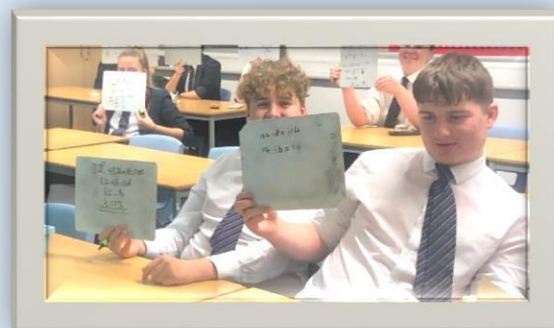
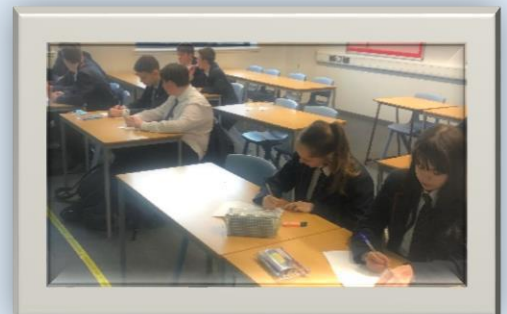


Star Subject of the Week

Maths



It was nice to see all the Year 11's engaging during their Maths intervention session this week ahead of their mock exams which have started this week. These pictures are courtesy of Miss O'Brien's class.





Next week's Focus during Tutor Time is AIDS Awareness as it is World AIDS Day on Tuesday 1st December.

There will be Red Ribbons on sale next week to raise funds for National AIDS Trust, a suggested gold coin donation.
#endHIVstigma

<http://www.worldaidsday.org/campaign/>



Special Recognition

Congratulations Year 9 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group last week: Keep up the great work.

9A - Ashton Evans & Ruby Butcher

9B - Jack Holt

9C - Harry Wilson

9D - Hazel Gosling

9E - Ethan King



Perfect Uniform Winners



Over the course of last week, we were running our perfect uniform contest, each student wearing the correct uniform was issued an achievement point and automatically entered into a prize draw in which they could win a £10 voucher. There were two prizes per year group, Also the tutor group with the most achievement points also would win a prize. These lucky winners were chosen from 516 other students.

Year 7

Alexander Allen

Mabel Smith

Year 8

Ashton Jones

Grace Caddy

Year 9

Chester Cousins

Erin Southworth

Year 10

Jude Wright

Katie Dandridge

Year 11

Dylan Barlow

Sophie Lawrence

A huge Well Done to all!



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.

Rewards

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 548 students across the school were entered into the prize draw for 100% attendance. 25 students from each year group won a £20 and £30 voucher. This will happen each half term.

Every child in the school is eligible for this draw.

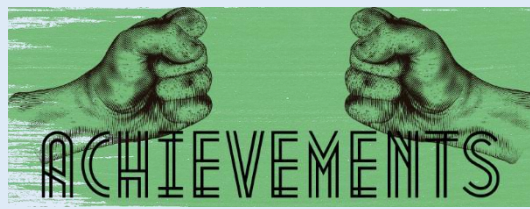
This half term there is an additional prize draw for our families who are struggling during this unprecedented time. Any student from a low income family who improves their attendance by 2% or more will be entered for a prize of £50 supermarket voucher for their family.



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 16th – 22nd November

Top Year 7 Students

Cherry Thompson – 7D 31 points
Jessica Purdy – 7E 29 points
Brian James Gilliver – 7A 28 points
Theo Mcleod – 7E 28 points

Top Year 9 Students

Mia Povey -9E 45 points
Ethan King – 9E 38 points
Hazel Gosling – 9D 30 points

Top Year 11 Students

Joshua Creek – 11A 28 points
Bradley Wakeford-Davy – 11B 27 points
Alexander Kobrin – 11D 26 points

Top Year 8 Students

Grace Hughes – 8A 60 points
Grace Caddy – 8A 58 points
Sonny Whitehead – 8A 58 points

Top Year 10 Students

Carson Mullings – 10E -31 points
Sharan Kang – 10E- 26 points
Jack Brickley – 10E- 22 points
Kyle Latham – 10E 22 points
Stephen Murphy – 10E 22 points
Jay Rice – 10E 22 points
Leif Roe – 10D 22 points



Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 8A – 1283 points
Year 9E – 522 points
Year 9B – 457 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 8A – 3323 points
Year 7D – 2878 points
Year 9E – 2757 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
94.1	89.4	88.7	93.4	93.9

Top form in each year group this week				
7D	8E	9C	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. 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.

