

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

At TQEA this week we have been celebrating World Smile Day by encouraging our wonderful students to smile and be kind. We have issued praise awards and reward points for any student doing this and also additional reward points for any student that has been offering an act of kindness. It was great to hear of some of the amazing acts students have done for each other and for their community. Subsequently, staff have also entered into the spirit of this and are doing the same. It has certainly created an extraordinary positive feel in the academy this week. Well done to everyone!

Today we had our attendance reward breakfasts for each form in the academy with the highest attendance for the week. We appreciate the link between attendance and student performance across the five years that students are here at TQEA. Research clearly indicates that every day spent in the classroom learning is a key to achieving great results, which opens doors to apprenticeships, universities and careers. It is lovely that the winning forms can enjoy a Friday breakfast together to celebrate their attendance and it is encouraging that other tutors and students want to win their breakfast next week!

As part of TQEA core values of Pride, Resilience, Endeavour and Kindness I was delighted this week to see Year 7 students offering to serve the community. As part of this they have chosen to be ambassadors for keeping our site tidy. It is voluntary acts such as these which really show the true character of TQEA students in showing pride for our academy and care for the community within it. Of course, students offering to serve the community in this and other ways deserve to be rewarded and we are going to launch our student character programme after half-term, to ensure students displaying the TQEA values each day are acknowledged for their great work. Added to this we also want to develop leadership in our young people and will be appointing a Junior and Senior student leadership team after half-term to lead on student voice, student led projects and to help us develop TQEA to be the best it can possibly be for everyone.

Finally, it was amazing to see Adam Ratcliffe in Year 9 invited by Warwickshire County Council to speak about the challenges facing young people today. As reported in this newsletter, Adam spoke with clarity and confident authority about the pressures facing all young people and the impact that Covid has had in the community. Well done, Adam! Adam's views will lead to action support being provided to young people in the community in the future.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone and thank you for your support.

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

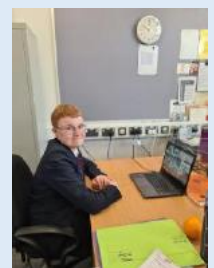
### Tutor Time Rewards

During tutor time this morning the top five Tutor Groups with the best attendance for the month were rewarded with a breakfast buffet.



### Special Recognition

I was really proud to support Adam Ratcliffe to attend a virtual meeting with Warwickshire County Council. Adam was one of four young people invited to contribute and have their voices heard. He spoke very confidently and eloquently about the issues young people like him faced. The issues raised by the group included how they felt during lockdown, young carers and the impact of Covid, leaving care and being equipped to live independently and mental health. I hope Adam will continue his work with the council and carry on making the voices on young people heard. Mrs Parsons.





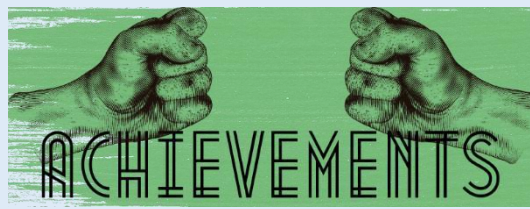
## Star Subject of the Week

# Art

In Art, our new GCSE students in Year 9 have been studying the topic 'Culture'. We have looked at artwork from around the world and how different cultures express their views differently through imagery. These are some of the outstanding outcomes that students produced in response to the works they have studied. Moving forward with the project we will be exploring topical news events such as 'The Black Lives Matter' movement and students will be studying a variety of BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) artists. I'm sure you'll agree that we have some very talented artists that are undergoing the GCSE qualification and I have extremely high hopes for the progression we will see from them in the coming years here at TQEA.

Mrs Bennett – Curriculum Leader for Art





## Student Achievements for week 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September

### Top Year 7 Students

Finley Hitchman – 7E 9 points

Grace Francis – 7B 7 points

Mabel Smith – 7E 7 points

### Top Year 9 Students

Ethan King - 9E 12 points

Chester Cousins– 9E 11 points

Bobby Kirkham - 9E 9 points

### Top Year 11 Students

Mathew Asson – 11E 4 points

Jack Carroll – 11B 4 points

Connor Stevenson – 11A 4 points

Maddison Fulleylove– 11C - 4 points

Jack Hayden – 11B 4 points

Hannah Wright- 11C 4 points

### Top Year 8 Students

William Ashfield – 8B 8 points

Jack Hobbs – 8A 7 points

Layton Mobley 8D 7 points

### Top Year 10 Students

Jack Brickley - 10E -10 points

Hannah Cressey - 10E- 9 points

Aleigsha Read – 10E - 9 points

### Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

10E 141 points

9E 116 points

8D 90 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
94.37	92.42	91.91	94.05	91.46

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

