

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 4th December Issue 13

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week news was dominated by the government announcement about GCSEs in 2021. The government have stated clearly that GCSE examinations will go ahead next summer with a greater degree of support for students.

This package of support offered by the government includes:-

- Examinations to be marked more generously than previous years and more in line with the awarding of grades in 2021.
- Students to be made aware of some of the topics, by the end of January, which will be appearing on the examination papers in 2021, in order for them to focus their revision.
- The opportunity for students to do examinations in July 2021 if they happen to be absent from any examinations taken in June.
- Exam aids such as formula sheets to cut down on the amount of memorising.
- In extreme cases only, if a student misses an examination, for a Centre Assessed Grade to be awarded.

Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, has described these measures as offering a "fair chance" for all students to be able to participate in the examinations in a positive and equitable manner.

For our Year 11 at TQEA it has been "business as usual" for all students, with our expectations being centred consistently around our view that examinations would take place. I am pleased that the government are offering additional support to the Class of 2021 after a turbulent few months. As always we are offering exceptional opportunities to our Year 11 with our intervention groups and our revision booster sessions. Year 11 deserve praise for their commitment and attitude this term and we are delighted with their progress.

Finally, we have our Year 9 remote parents evening next Thursday December 10th 2020. Letters have been sent to parents explaining how you can book appointments with subject staff. It will be a fantastic opportunity to update you regarding the progress of your child. We look forward to seeing you virtually next week.

Thank you for your support as always.

Wishing you a fantastic 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
This week's quiz is to celebrate and support AIDS/HIV awareness. Click on the link below to join.



Big World AIDS Day
Quiz - TQEA.pdf



Star Subject of the Week

RE



GCSE ethics students have been looking at the beliefs in life after death for Hindus and Christians. Students learnt how actions and duties have karmic consequence which can affect a Hindu's rebirth. Students created a game that showcased the types of duties a Hindu must fulfil in order to attain the goal of Moksha. Students also reviewed the beliefs of a Christian with regards to Heaven, Hell and Purgatory. Also within these topics students will compare funeral rites between non-religious and religious believers. Students have worked hard learning to understand the key beliefs and practices that surround the ethical issues of euthanasia and abortion.



Mrs Patel – Curriculum Leader for Religious Education

Calling all Year 7's

Do you want to build & Program robots?

Are you interested in the environment?

Do you like Malteasers?

Do you want to take part in a National Robotics Competition?

If you answered yes to one or more of the above questions then you should join us on Wednesdays straight after school until 4pm, in room 2-13. This exciting opportunity begins on 6th January 2021. All you have to do is see Mrs Trewin to register it's that simple – but hurry spaces are limited.



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 last week:

10A – Ted Fulleylove

10B – Sophie Caddy

10C – Bethany Dicken

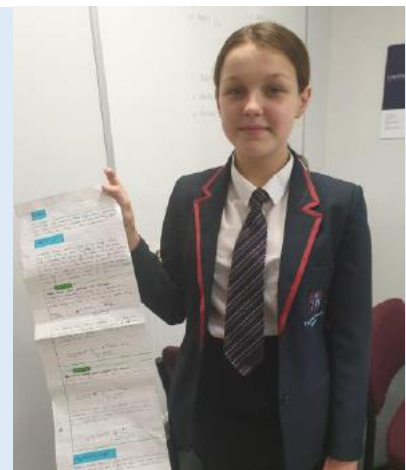
10D – Jude Wright

10E – Tiegan Evans

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick of the Week

It has been amazing to see these Year 9 Science revision notes which when opened fully stretch across the length of the entire classroom. This is an example of the focus and dedication we are striving for here at TQEA and I am very proud of this student's hard work, she should be very proud of herself.



NOTICE BOARD

Important Notice for Parents

Next Friday 11th December school is closed to pupils as it is a training day for all staff.

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.

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.

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

Rewards



The Queen Elizabeth Academy

**Endeavour
Resilience
Pride
Kindness**





25 day challenge



100% attendance for last 25 days of this half term = Prize draw per year group for £20 and £15 gift voucher

There are currently 526 of you still in the running for this

WIN yourself an extra Christmas present to spend in the sales!!

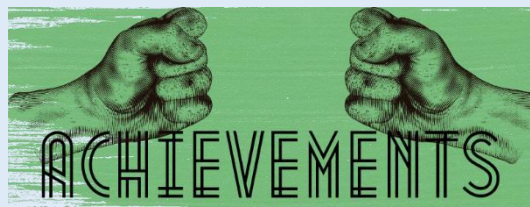
There are 10 days left and there are 526 pupils who are still in the running for an early Christmas present.

Year 7 Science Homework Club

Year 7 Science Homework Club – Room 209 (Library) Every Thursday after school starting at 15:05 for an hour. Starting on 7th January 21.



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Student Achievements for week 23rd November – 29th November

Top Year 7 Students

Cherry Thompson – 7D 44 points
Charlie Newbury – 7D 31 points
Rubie-Rose Tocknell – 7D 31 points

Top Year 9 Students

Grace Wightman -9C 23 points
Cameron Reid – 9C 18 points
Lily-May Narbough – 9B 17 points
Alex Reynolds – 9C 17 points

Top Year 11 Students

Dylan Barlow – 11A 16 points
Joshua Creek – 11A 16 points
Jack Leonard – 11A 16 points
Amber Lockton – 11A 16 points



Top Year 8 Students

Evie Benton – 8B 25 points
William Ashfield – 8B 20 points
Poppy Sweet – 8B 19 points
Oliver Williams – 8C 19 points
Georgia Darlison – 8C 19 points

Top Year 10 Students

Ted Fulleylove – 10A -27 points
Tiegan Evans – 10E- 25 points
Jack Brickley – 10E- 24 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 7D – 650 points
Year 10E – 316 points
Year 8B – 312 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D – 3528 points
Year 8A – 3487 points
Year 8E – 2896 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 Premium programme which to provide additional support and resources to benefit your 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



can apply for will enable us child's

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
92.8	91.4	90.4	94.06	91.38
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. 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.

