

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the TQEA weekly Parents/Carers newsletter.

The purpose of this weekly newsletter is to enhance the communication between the academy and, you, our amazingly supportive parents and carers. On this page we will give you information about upcoming events and also reviews of the activities pupils have been participating in.

This week has been wonderful to see the return of our pupils to the academy. It was fantastic, after so many months, to meet them all again and to see their smiles on return. I know that many pupils will have been glad to see their friends and teachers again and staff at TQEA certainly could not wait to see the return of our pupils to their classrooms! There was a reassuring normality to proceedings as pupils started to learn in classrooms once more.

Of course, this was no normal return and the academy looks slightly different than it did in March. For a start there are barriers separating bubbles, hand sanitiser stations on every room, one-way systems in corridors and exclusion zones for teachers. But despite this our pupils were remarkable in adapting to the changes and ensuring that they kept themselves and each other safe.

I want to thank all parents for the support they have given the academy over the past few months. It is very much appreciated. I would like to reiterate that we want your child to be happy, academically successful and prepared for adult life at the end of their time at The Queen Elizabeth Academy and I would ask you to work with us respectfully to achieve our aims together. Working together we can achieve amazing progress for your child in a learning environment of the highest quality, built on the foundations of excellent personal behaviour and mutual respect. We will care for your child and will be committed to their happiness and safety during their time with us and we will be delighted to celebrate their incredible successes and achievements with you in the future.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families and stay safe.

Mr N Harding

Principal

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



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
99.1	97.4	92.8	92.4	93.7

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

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.

