

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for your feedback regarding the consultation about the change of school day from September. The proposed changes and the purpose of the change is set out in our consultation document and your feedback is important to us. In essence, no teaching time in the week is lost under the proposal, but it allows for an earlier finish at 2:15pm each Friday for staff to develop their teaching, curriculum and resources to provide an extraordinary education for TQEA students. The consultation closes today, but please send any thoughts you have to info@tgea.org.uk.

We have listened to feedback from parents regarding the need for students to have the chance to move away from the screen during remote learning for short breaks. Therefore, we have asked our teaching staff to factor in regular short breaks where students can stretch, take a walk and re-focus. Teachers will be guiding students when those breaks will happen to ensure that no learning is lost.

The resource bus visited the community once again this week and it was great to see so many familiar faces. It is clear that the resource bus, full with items of stationery and sanitary products, is needed and we will continue the service weekly until students return to the classrooms. Please do refer to our timetable to find out where the bus is stopping and do not hesitate to visit us if you need us.

We recognise that it is important that students remain creative at home and we are launching a series of weekly competitions with the promise of some excellent prizes! This week it has been our lockdown portrait competition and we are looking forward to reviewing the entries later today. We have creative writing, musical and physical competitions coming up in future weeks. Please encourage your child to take part in these competitions as a way of ensuring that they remain motivated and creative during these next few weeks. The PE department has also provided a link to our physical challenges with guidance videos which should keep your child active and healthy over the coming weeks! Join in if you can! I have heard that some parents are enjoying doing the Just Dance routines with their children!

Finally, on Friday 12th February we have our planned training day which is still taking place as per calendar. Please be advised that the academy will be closed to all children on that day.

Wishing you and your families a great weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

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 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 been re sent out this week

Feel Good Friday

The Feel Good Friday Quiz of the week is back. If you would like to have a go



FGF Quiz #3 (Week 5).pdf

Join our Show You Care campaign

We are encouraging our residents to display a picture of a heart in their window or share it on social media as a way to show that they are thinking of others in the pandemic.

Displaying or sharing a heart can mean many things, but could include:

- I care about our key workers
- I care about my neighbours
- I care about my grandparents who I haven't been able to see
- I care about missing my school friends and teachers.

share them on social media using **#WarwickshireHearts**

TQEA - Feel Good Friday Challenge

Colour in a heart and place it in your house window to **"Show you care"**.

This is a campaign from the Warwickshire County Council to show that we are thinking of others, recognizing the efforts of many wonderful groups of people and spreading kindness. This is similar to the Rainbow in your window that was hugely successful, let's hope this can be just as great!

Please support this, **take a photo of it and email it to:** showmywork@tqea.org.uk

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Resilience
Pride
Kindness**

Mental Health Matters

This, our third week into a new lockdown and whilst our brilliant young people are engaging really well in their on-line live lessons, many are beginning to feel a bit low and fed up at the changes impacting on their normal daily lives. I hope that the following links may give you and your child some support if needed, helping to recognise and supporting us in management of our collective sense of loss of our normal daily routines and freedoms. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need our support.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

<https://www.dearlife.org.uk/index.php>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>



Under new government policy, all secondary school students now have access to free supplies of sanitary products if they are required. If your child would like free sanitary products, please contact us on 01827 712477 for more information.

Move at Home Challenge

Don't forget to complete your child's 'Move at Home' daily Activity challenges to score your achievement points. Click on The links for your guide. Fill in your activity trackers to Evidence your progress. Here are the daily challenges for this Week.

Task	Description	PA Points	Link (Click)
1. 30 Minute walk	Complete a non-stop walk around your local area. Non-stop and of moderate level (so elevate HR and a little out of breath)	5 per day	NA
2. Yoga Session	Complete a yoga session using the attached link- you need no equipment	10 per day	Yoga Session
3. Joe Wicks HITT session	Complete a HITT session, no equipment needed just some water	10 per session	Joe Wicks Link
4. 100 Keepie Uppies Challenge	Using any item (balloon, ball, socks) complete 100 kicks to keep the object in the air- this doesn't have to be in a row just total	5 per day	100 Keepie Uppie Challenge Link
5. Bike ride (30 mins non-stop)	If you have a bike go for a local bike ride or if you have a stationary bike at home peddling continuously for 30 mins	10 per day	NA
6. 2 min Plank challenge	Complete a minimum of 2 mins plank- make sure you use the correct technique.	1 per day	Plank Challenge info 2 min Plank Challenge Circuit Ideas
7. Make Your Own Circuit (MYO)	Choose your 6 stations (use any equipment you may have or <u>non</u> at all) select your repetitions from 5: 10 or 15 Repeat the circuit 2 times	5 per day	Circuit with Ronaldo
8. Strength Session	A resistance strength training session to help improve body strength	5 per day	Strength Session
9. Just Dance	Complete a minimum of 3 songs back to back non-stop movement	5 per day	Just Dance Playlist link
10. Couch to 5K Challenge	Using the pre-made plans from the NHS website or the app complete each day's session	10 per day (max 30 per week)	App Link Website link



Special Recognition

Congratulations Year 7 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week of term:

7A – Layla James

7B – George Coyle

7C – Lucie Frost

7D – Elliot Fielding

7E – Jake Breakwell

Keep up the Good Work!

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.



Growing in confidence with his remote learning, quietly works his socks off and places great value on his work. A great creative mind.



Really engaged brilliantly with live learning and asking relevant, topical questions with good work consistently completed.



Always engages fully in lessons, unmutes and has a chat, and is willing to turn her camera on and have a dance on a Friday!



Always a delight to teach, eager to learn and will always remind me to record the lesson!! Keeping us going here in school and giving daily, regular updates from Matt Hancock about when we are opening the school!

Despite having been poorly and therefore missing a number of lessons, she returned to my lessons and was a complete star! Actively engaged in the lesson, produced work of a high standard. I was really impressed



NOTICE BOARD



TQEA Resource Bus – Helping you learn



We will have a stock of :

- Exercise books inc Maths
- Plain paper for Art
- Graph Paper
- Pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters etc
- STEM Equipment
- Sanitary products
- English Anthology
- Spare revision guides

THIS WEEK YEAR 9 COOKING INGREDIENTS!

Areas we will visit and timings:

Grendon (community centre bottom of boot hill)	9.10 – 9.25
Baddesley by mining wheel	9.30 – 9.45
Near Coleshill Road Post Office	9.55 – 10.10
Station Street Car Park	10.15 – 10.30
Atherstone Town FC by Maya	10.40 – 10.55
Lister Road shops	11.00 – 11.15
Atherstone Fire Station	12.35 – 12.50
By Outwoods School	12.55 – 1.10
Mancetter Shops	1.15 – 1.30
Hartshill Green	1.40 – 1.55
Chapel End Skey Drive	2.00 – 2.15

Every Tuesday until students return to school

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)



For any of our families who have trouble connecting or maintaining internet connection we have been given some free WiFi Hotspot logins from BT to provide free WiFi from now until the end of July. We will need to check coverage in your area, please contact school reception if you feel it would help your learning.

Let's get cooking...

A message has been sent out regarding our year 9 Food Technology Students and cooking. Here is a link to the letter the ingredients are available to collect from the weekly resource bus on Tuesday 9th February.

<https://tqea.attrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Food-Tech-letter-Feb-21.pdf>



Student Achievements for week 25th January – 31st January

Top Year 7 Students

George Coyle – 7B 56 points

Elliot Fielding – 7D 56 points

Lucie Frost – 7C 51 points

Top Year 9 Students

Mckenna Gallemore -9B 36 points

Grace Wightman – 9C 29 points

Chester Cousins – 9E 27 points

Lana Shaw - 9C 27 points

Libby Stanton - 9E 27 points

Top Year 8 Students

Holly Beale – 8E 32 points

Chloe Shemmans – 8B 30 points

Dainton Bridge – 8C 27 points

Top Year 10 Students

Aleighsha Read – 10E 43 points

Tamzin Douglas – 10E- 39 points

Kacey Summers– 10D- 36 points



Top Year 11 Students

Connor Stevenson – 11A 44 points

Luke Brown – 11B 40 points

Keira James– 11D 40 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 7B – 770 points

Year 7D – 591 points

Year 7A – 553 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D – 6773 points

Year 8A – 6194 points

Year 7A – 5571 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:

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.](#)

