

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

The news this week has been dominated by the announcement of England entering a second national lockdown. However, this lockdown, which many are branding as version 2.0, has different implications in that all secondary schools are expected to remain open and that parents are expected to send their children to their schools. Further to this the government have released confirmation that staff and students must wear face masks in corridors, inside communal areas and the PE changing rooms. As this was anticipated I asked you as parents to support us with this and I want to thank you since the vast majority of our students were able to comply with this from Monday.

From Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> the government are clear that face masks are mandatory and only students with evidenced medical conditions are exempt. Please be aware that students without evidenced medical conditions will be expected to follow the government mandate to wear masks. It is, therefore, important that we support the government's message and reiterate to your children that they must follow these guidelines to protect themselves, your family and our community. Thank you in advance of your cooperation.

Without wishing to tempt fate you will know that we have not had to close any classes or bubbles due to confirmed cases of covid-19. I want you to be reassured that we are following all safety and cleaning guidelines to the letter and are reminding students that they need to follow safe practices. I want to remind you that in the event of a bubble or class closure students will continue to receive learning through the normal curriculum remotely and this will be through recorded or live lessons. We hope we never have to use that contingency, but it is vital that TQEA students continue to receive the first class education they deserve in any eventuality.

On a different note it was heartening to see us launch our campaign to support children who are in challenging circumstances this Christmas. We are asking for students to bring in items to create a box with small gifts in for a child's Christmas present. This is to ensure that they get a gift this Christmas in circumstances in which ordinarily they would receive nothing. Students have been asked to contribute one item which can be a brand new toy such as a doll, cuddly toy or toy cars, school supplies and/or hygiene items. As a staff at TQEA we are looking to also sponsor local families in our community so that they receive the ingredients for a Christmas dinner. We know how important it is that we reach out to our community at this challenging time.

Finally, with year 11 mock examinations approaching, please support and encourage your child with their revision. Our revision sessions after school are well attended and we expect your child to attend, so that they are well prepared and any gaps in knowledge are closed. We have given a very clear message to Year 11 that every test and examination matters particularly because we are being told to expect normal examinations in the summer, but do not know what the reality will be moving forwards.

Wishing you an excellent weekend. Please stay safe over the half-term break.

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

### 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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During the second part of last half term the attendance team ran a school wide incentive. 25 days 100% attendance and they got entered into a prize draw. On the Friday before we broke for half term 2 winners were drawn in each year group. We had 299 names entered into the draw which was fantastic. The lucky winners won a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of a £20.00 voucher and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of a £15.00 Voucher.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1 <sup>st</sup> James Horton	Frankie Martin	Mckenna Gallemore	Jake Handley	Sophie Lawrence
2 <sup>nd</sup> Maisy Atkinson	Cameron Hargreaves	Summer Davenport	Dylan Fowler	Samuel Baugh



# Star Subject of the Week



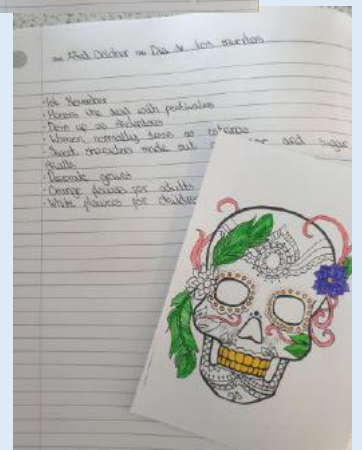
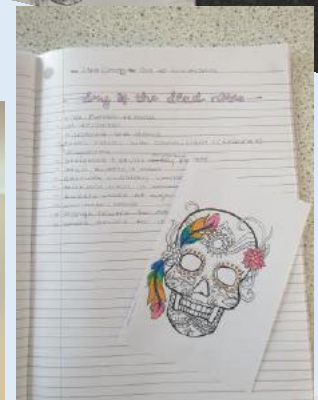
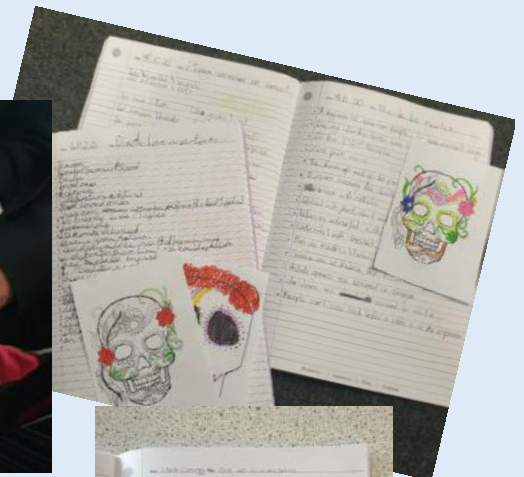
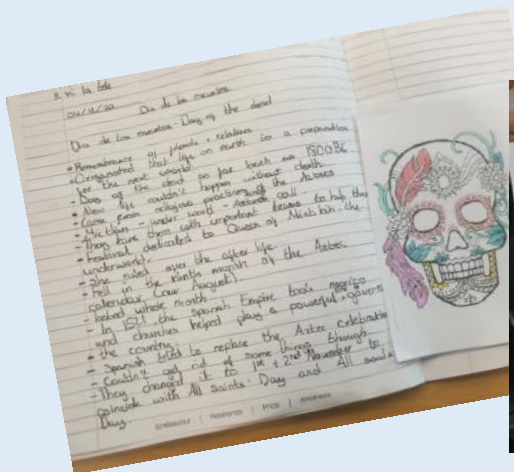
**MFL**



Throughout the last 2 school weeks the MFL department has been celebrating the Mexican cultural event of Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, with our year 7 and 8 students. Here at TQEA MFL we believe that it is important that our students learn about cultures and traditions where the languages we learn are spoken in order to build a richer and deeper knowledge of the world.

Día de los Muertos is one of the most interesting festivals in the Spanish speaking world. It originated with Ancient Aztec religious practices, and is a time to celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed. It can seem a fairly grisly festival, with skulls and skeletons being some of the main features, however it is also colourful and vibrant, with flowers, decorations, sweets, and music as key elements of the festivities.

Día de los Muertos is depicted in many different films such as Coco, or The Book of Life – why not check them out?



# NOTICE BOARD

## 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. We still have lots of outstanding books, there will be letters issued this week for those with outstanding books.

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](mailto:charlottecarr@wawickshire.gov.uk)

## Operation Christmas Child

### Shoobox Appeal



Is now live, all tutor groups have been given details as to what items are permitted in the shoebox for them to take part.



GCSE Science Revision guides are now available to purchase on parent pay. Your Child should speak to their Science teacher to advise which books they will require. If your Child is under Pupil Premium Funding, then books will be provided so please ensure your child has received their copy.

## Careers Information

Mr Webb careers advisor has received some really useful information with regards to up to date current labour market information for the local areas.

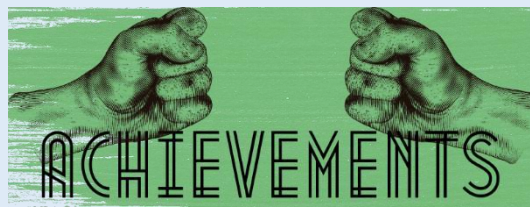
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This week is 'Tomorrow's Engineers' week. One of the events happening is the BIG Quiz. Please could you have a go, it only takes a few minutes - school could win £1000 of STEM equipment if we get the most entries or the highest score. It doesn't matter if you get questions wrong - just have a go!

<https://www.tomorrowseengineers.org.uk/tomorrowseengineers-week-2020/big-quiz/>

They do not collect any personal information, just the school details:



## **Student Achievements for week 19<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Alfie Turner – 7C 37 points  
Corey Charteris - 7C 34 points  
Theo McLeod – 7E 30 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Catherine O'Donovan -9A 37 points  
Holly Nicholson – 9A 34 points  
Sophie Baker – 9A 31 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Amber Lockton – 11A 54 points  
Owen Beard – 11A 49 points  
Dylan Barlow – 11A 46 points

### **Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week**

Year 11A – 844 points  
Year 9A – 457 points  
Year 7C – 446 points

### **Top Year 8 Students**

Imogen Jenkinson – 8A 23 points  
Trinity Millington- York – 8A 23 points  
Evie Benton – 8B 22 points

### **Top Year 10 Students**

Elizabeth Porter – 10B -27 points  
Rhiannan Bracher – 10B- 24 points  
Gracie Mae Smith – 10B - 20 points



### **Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date**

Year 11A – 1454 points  
Year 7D – 1436 points  
Year 7E – 1379 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 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
93.7	93.3	92.3	94.5	91.6
Top form in each year group this week				
7A	8E	9D	10D	11B

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.

