

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had the best Christmas possible and I wish you all a much better 2021 than 2020!

Shortly before New Year I learnt, at the same time as you did, of the Secretary of State Gavin Williamson's announcement that schools would be re-opening partially for key worker and vulnerable children, whilst others had to work from home. Whilst the announcement was somewhat surprising the move to remote learning wasn't and at TQEA we have been preparing for this eventuality for the past few months.

In all situations such as this it is crucial that as a team and as a community we all come together and I have been humbled by the way in which all of us – students, teachers and parents – have rallied to the challenge of remote learning. You will know that we have reverted to registrations and lessons that meet your child's timetable and, whilst this has been a huge technical and logistical challenge, I have been so proud of our students and teachers and very grateful for the support of our families. I do understand that, since we are dealing with technology, Wi-Fi and connectivity that we will run into issues at times and I ask you to be patient, but to seek support if this happens.

To that end we have set up a technical support hotline number on 01827 737718 which will enable students and parents to seek help when required. We will endeavour to solve any issues as quickly as possible.

Could I ask parents and carers to please note the government's announcement that free additional mobile data is available to families to support home learning. The information is within this newsletter and I urge you to apply if it will support you. Further to this please contact the school if your child arrives at a situation in which their device fails or in which they have no device to work from and we will find a way of supporting you.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for their words of support and gratitude this week. It has been and remains a huge challenge to school staff to deliver remote learning this way. We have been so well supported by our community and it has lifted everyone in a tough week. We are very grateful and humbled by your unwavering encouragement and support of us here at TQEA.

Have a great weekend with your families.

N. 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.

## Feel Good Friday

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



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## Exciting Opportunity



### **Warwickshire Police Cadet Recruitment Opens 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**You need to live or go to  
School in Warwickshire**

**You need to be aged 13 -16  
On or before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

**Download the application form at  
Warwickshire Police  
Website/Careers/Police Cadets**

Visit Facebook/twitter or our website for more information about the cadets



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Warwickshire Police Cadets



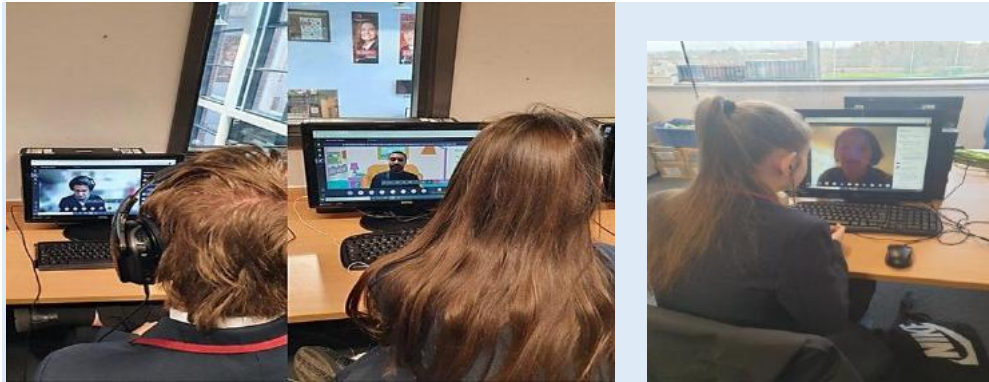
[www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets)

Warwickshire Police Cadets is a volunteer scheme for young people who wish to be part of a year programme that offers an opportunity to gain a practical understanding of policing and develop their spirit of adventure and good citizenship. Recruitment is open from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the application form can be downloaded from Warwickshire Police website, press career tab, then the cadet tab and download the application form. To become a Warwickshire Police Cadet, you must live or go to school in Warwickshire, aged 13 to 16 years old on September 1st 2021. The aim of the scheme is to support Warwickshire Police's strategy of engagement with young people throughout the force area. Cadets support local policing priorities through volunteering, working with partner agencies and positive participation in their communities. They take part in a variety of activities including self-defence training, law inputs, marching, fitness, team building, role playing and Outdoor events. Cadets can gain an insight into police life through talks by guest speakers from different departments and agencies and by taking part in local community policing events. Police cadets are a family where discipline, friendship and team work are all important. If you become a police cadet, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that as a young person you are making a difference to your community and developing yourself for any future career. In return we ask you to commit to attend the weekly

meetings and commit to voluntary hours per quarter. We have two units in Warwickshire, one in Nuneaton that covers North Warwickshire and one in Leamington Spa which covers South Warwickshire. We have a junior scheme for Cadets aged 13 to 16 years still at secondary school and a senior scheme for cadets aged 16 to 18 years. To apply to become senior cadets you must currently be a year 11 student when applying and would be a cadet for 2 years, whilst in further education. Seniors Cadets aged between 16 to 18 years old meet every Thursday evening in Nuneaton between 6.15pm and 9.00pm, we also ask that you do 3 hours volunteering per month as part of the scheme. Junior Cadets aged between 13 to 16 years old meet every Tuesday evening in Nuneaton between 6.15pm – 8.30pm.

## Remote Learning

A New Year brings New Challenges, here are some of the key worker / Vulnerable students in school accessing the remote learning. As with all our students they have just taken this change of learning style in their stride. We are proud of all our students who are continuing to excel during such an unprecedented time.



# HEAD OF YEAR

## Special Recognition

Congratulations Year 11 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week of term:

**11A** – Jocelyn Dotchin

**11B** – Kelly Welch

**11C** – Emily Cardall

**11D** – Noah Kennedy

**11E** – Evelyn Philpott

**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.



*For her tireless efforts in her live lessons & Impeccable manners.*



*Outstanding participation in the first week of remote learning*



*Amazingly helpful students during the first week of remote learning.*

*For his attitude to all aspects of his learning and his exceptional manners.*



*Excellent work ethic in lessons but also being extremely Proactive to ensure he he was able to Access all his TEAMS after being put into the wrong ones.*





### **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.

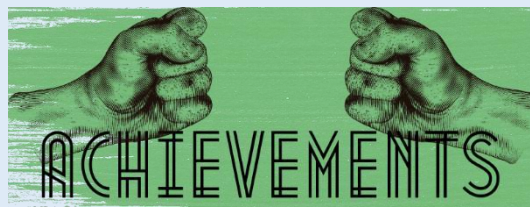
The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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.



## **Student Achievements for week 14th December – 18<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Elliot Fielding – 7D 43 points  
Evan Povey – 7D 43 points  
Alivia Norton – 7D 38 points  
Emerson Smith – 7A 38 points

### **Top Year 8 Students**

Ava Jackson – 8A 64 points  
Imogen Jenkinson – 8A 63 points  
Georgia Rose – 8A 58 points  
Jude Thorpe – 8A 58 points  
Sonny Whitehead – 8A 58 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Ruby Meehan -9C 39 points  
Catherine O'Donovan – 9A 36 points  
Lana Shaw – 9C 35 points

### **Top Year 10 Students**

Tiegan Evans – 10E -44 points  
Oliver Birt – 10E- 43 points  
Jay Rice – 10E- 43 points  
Bethany Dicken- 10C 42 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Jocelyn Dotchin – 11A 70 points  
Joshua Creek – 11A 35 points  
Noah Kennedy – 11D 35 points  
Ryan Allan Stubbs – 11A 30 points



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

8A – 1180  
7D – 695  
10E – 630

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

8A - 5290  
7D - 5177  
10E – 4129

**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

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.

