

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October Issue 6

Dear Parents/Carers

At TQEA this week mental health awareness has been very much part of the conversations we have been having with students. Of course, this conversation is not just the work of one week and is ongoing, but it has been brought sharply into focus by our year 11 who have chosen Young Minds as their charity cause. As a result, staff have turned out in force wearing an item of yellow clothing to support the charity and have been leading remote assemblies about this crucial issue. I also met with a group of students to discuss how we can enhance our mental health support and work in the academy. The students I met were quite rightly passionate and eloquent about the cause. We are working to implement their ideas. As a result, we have ended the week with staff supporting charity events for Year 11 during the day. It is important that we do raise money, but also that we raise awareness and continue to do so.

This week the weather has most certainly turned and we have met the bell at the end of the day with students walking home in a deluge. A number of students still do not have coats on and I wanted to make a plea to parents to ensure that their child does wear a waterproof coat to school to keep warm and dry. Please note that we do not accept hoodies in the academy at all, but do want students to have a proper outdoor coat as the weather turns colder and wetter! Please also note that we have launched a school jumper this year, in response to parents' pleas, which looks really smart with its red trim set against the navy blue TQEA colours.

On a final note it was lovely to welcome Mr Cope, Pastoral Leader for Year 7 and 8, back this week after being absent due to burns sustained in an accident in August. After wonderful care for 351 hours at Nottingham City Burns Unit, Mr Cope will make a full recovery. However, in gratitude to this hospital, Mr Cope will be running/walking/cycling for 351 miles in October, with the final 27 miles being completed from Ashby to the hospital in order to present the money raised. This is a massive undertaking from Mr Cope and will require a herculean effort in his current condition. If you wish to support him in his charity bid, the link is here

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jordan-cope-2>

Have a fantastic weekend everyone and thank you for your support.

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



Last week TQEA took part in World Smile Day, the students were awarded positive points for geuine smiles throughout the day and the tutor group with the most points won a prize this tutor group was 10D with 24points, The staff also took part in this and the winner was Donna Bott.





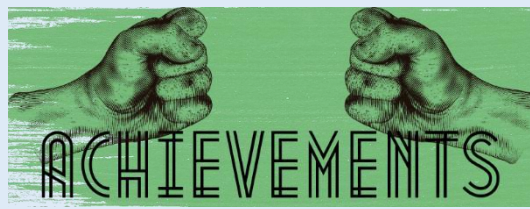
## Star Subject of the Week

# Geography

These are examples of the fantastic homework designed by some of our year 8 students. They were given various options to complete for homework and these students actively chose to go above and beyond to construct these model volcanoes. A huge well done to them!

Mr Brown – Curriculum Leader for Geography





## **Student Achievements for week 28<sup>th</sup> September- 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Evan Povey – 7D 31 points

Cherry Thompson – 7D 16 points

Charlie Field – 7B 14 points

Leo McKerlie- 7A 14 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Ethan King - 9E 26 points

Kye Stuart– 9E 18 points

Catherine O’Donovan – 9A 13 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Oliver Nicholson– 11D 42 points

Robbie Cole – 11C 25 points

Kai Alvarado – 11E 23 points

### **Top Year 8 Students**

Oliver Williams – 8C 25 points

Liam Hambridge – 8B 13 points

Harrison Holt- 8E 12 points

### **Top Year 10 Students**

Luca Moise – 10B -28 points

Luke Cheshire – 10B- 18 points

Amber Bernard – 10E - 17 points

Sharan Kang – 10E 17 points



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

Year 7D – 244 points  
Year 10E – 241 points  
Year 11E – 228 points

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

Year 9E – 716 points  
Year 10E – 603 points  
Year 7D – 582 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 Pupil Premium programme enable us to provide additional support and resources to child's education at TQEA:](#)



[can apply for which will benefit your](#)

- 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
94.31	93.29	92.19	94.26	91.82
Top form in each year group this week				
7D	8E	9B	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.

