

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see how well the remote learning is going with students engaging (our participation rates are at 95%) and the progress that is being made with the curriculum. I have been in a number of lessons this week and it has been incredible to see a number of features which are developing as a result.

Firstly, I have been delighted that the creative subjects are continuing to deliver practical skills based work. This was evident in a STEM lesson I attended in which students looked at aircraft aerodynamics in order to build gliders and in Art where the grid technique was taught as part of an introduction to portraiture. The subject was Boris Johnson!

In Science students have been receiving live point of delivery feedback on their work with graphic tablet and stylus being used masterfully. I was delighted to hear from Miss Rowan that many students were correcting and improving their work as she was giving them advice! In Maths students have been sharing digital whiteboards and forming ideas together albeit from 30 different rooms! The enthusiasm that was shared in completing the task was inspirational to see.

It also been great to see how organised students have become and how they are forming very good learning routines. It has been noted how our excellent relationships between staff and students has come to the fore as there has been a feeling that we are all on a journey of discovery together at this present time. I have seen how wonderfully supportive our students have been of our teaching staff who are grappling with a very different, “new” normal.

Finally, we could not be doing any of this without you as parents. I have been humbled by the community support and effort in ensuring that students are prepared and supported at home for remote learning. At times like these we are counting on one another and it is clear that our partnership is bringing huge rewards in terms of the education your child is receiving and the progress they are making.

#WeCanAndWeWill will read #WeCouldAndWeDid when this is all over.

Have a great weekend with your families. Please stay safe.

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 1st Jan to 1st March 2021

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

**You need to be aged 13 -16
On or before 1st 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

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 1st January to 28th 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.

Free School Meals

Building on the supplies we received from Chartwell's we have added to our food parcels with thanks to our amazing partners Ediblelinks to ensure our free school meal families have sufficient supplies during this time! Any surplus packages are being donated to our feeder primary schools for the benefit of the wider community!



HEAD OF YEAR

Special Recognition

Congratulations Year 9 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week of term:

9A – Dareon Blundell & Lewis Jones

9B – Ben Allen

9C – Nathan Freeman

9D – Emily Horton & Anais Loveridge

9E – Olivia Evans

Keep up the Good Work!

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.



Engaging really well with her online learning.



Real engagement with online learning, asking questions and showing a real focus.



Going above and beyond to make sure that a new student is welcomed to TQEA showing initiative by using google translate to communicate.



Her friendly, polite and active engagement during tutor time 'live' sessions. Such a mature & impressive attitude.



Fantastic, helpful participation in drama lessons reading aloud and 'bring the script to life' to make the online learning more engaging.



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.

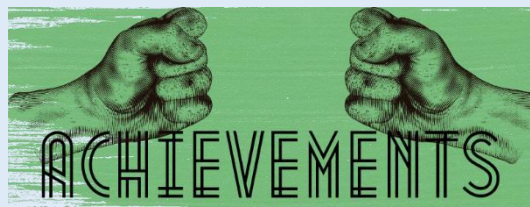
Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

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.



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.



Student Achievements for week 4th January – 10th January

Top Year 7 Students

Evan Povey – 7D 30 points
Finley Turner – 7D 30 points
Jikei Ye – 7D 30 points

Top Year 8 Students

Archie Chesters – 8B 21 points
Ethan Rose – 8A 19 points
William Maynes – 8B 16 points

Top Year 9 Students

Olivia Evans -9E 19 points
Ben Allen – 9B 18 points
Aden Kerr – 9E 17 points



Top Year 10 Students

Bobby Bendle– 10A -27 points
Jamiel Moss – 10B- 24 points
Luke Cheshire – 10B- 22 points
Nathan Doidge- 10E 22 points
Tiegan Evans – 10E 22 points

Top Year 11 Students

Sarah Walker – 11E 32 points
Luke Brown – 11B 35 points
Zak David – 11D 23 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 7D – 376 points
Year 7A – 336 points
Year 10B – 226 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D – 5553 points
Year 8A – 5460 points
Year 10E – 4248 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 Premium programme which to provide additional support and resources to benefit your education at TQEA:](#)



[can apply for will enable us child's](#)

- 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.](#)

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

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.

