

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 11th September Issue 2

Dear Parents/Carers

In this our first full week back it has been amazing to see how well our students have settled in and are responding well to the new safety measures that we have put in place. As well as the obvious personal responsibility for washing hands on the entry to every room and catching sneezes, there is an emphasis on one way systems and classroom entry routines to prevent young people congregating together in close huddles. I am delighted with the way our students have responded and you should be rightfully proud of the way that they are considering others. We are emphasising that we all have a part to play to keep our community in and out of school safe!

It has been wonderful to visit lessons and to see students engaging in learning in the classroom again. I have seen some excellent "Do Now" tasks at the start of lessons to understand what students know and can do and for support to be offered to ensure any gaps in knowledge and skills are closed. In this way students will make progress and enjoy their learning as they see their own personal improvement.

In order to support the Personal Development and Well-being of our students we have brought PSHE into the curriculum as a bespoke lesson for every child. These lessons will allow students to explore key issues that are important in their lives and will learn about wider topics than the academic curriculum. It is an essential element in our support for the well-being of our young people.

On the subject of making progress, Mr Ward gave a video briefing to all Year 11 students this morning in which he revealed our after school revision and support session offer. These will take place weekly and attendance is expected. We have been clear with Year 11 that GCSE examination preparation starts now and we need to make every second and every opportunity count. Please ensure that your child attends and is in a good position to achieve their target grades and make their dreams for the future happen! Have a wonderful weekend with your families and stay safe.

Mr Harding

Principal

TQEA is committed to providing our young people with an extraordinary education in a safe environment.

Uniform Standards

Since we have returned to school in September, we have had a positive drive on high standards of uniform. We are pleased to report that a large number of our students have returned to school with impeccable uniform and look very smart indeed. We are currently working with other students and their families to ensure they also fully meet the uniform policy.

A polite reminder that all students should be wearing black leather (or leather-like) shoes with no branding. Trainers or pumps are no longer part of our school uniform.



TQEA students at their best! **'We Can and We Will'**



It is well documented that high standards of dress code in schools promote pride, learning and also enables students to make more progress in the long run. It is important to us that parents and students are clear that the TQEA uniform is a requirement and that all students must meet these standards at all times.

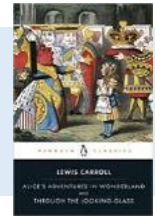
Please support us by sending your child to school each morning meeting these requirements fully, to ensure that they are ready for a great day of learning.

Year 11 After School Revision Timetable 2020/2021: Timetable effective as of next week.

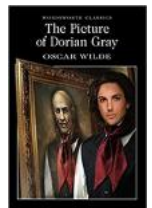
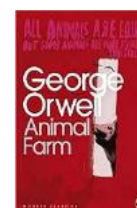
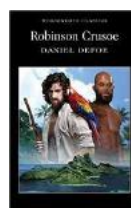
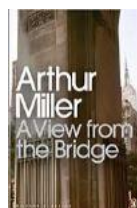
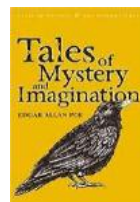
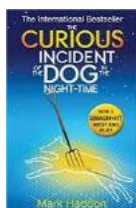
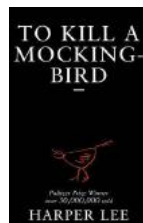
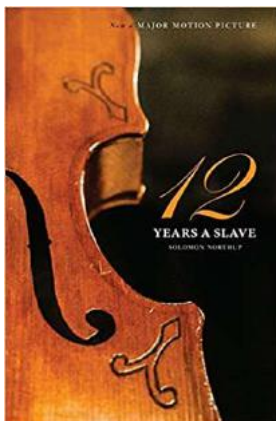
| Week 1 | | | | |
|------------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri |
| Self Study | Science & RE | English | History & Computer Science | PE & Statistics |
| Week 2 | | | | |
| Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri |
| Self Study | Engineering & Languages | Maths | Geography & Digital Lit | Media, Buisness & Drama |



Read All About It



With a new school year comes a new pursuit of an old pastime “READING”. Every day during Tutor Time We are picking up a book and reading it together as a class. All Texts chosen are classic literary texts and will be rotated throughout the year. This is something that we plan to continue as a way of showing our students that “Reading is a passport to countless adventures “.



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 R30 or R60 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.



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:](#)

- 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 which will benefit your](#)

[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 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 96.94 | 91.63 | 93.35 | 96.13 | 92.83 |

| Top form in each year group this week | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|
| 7D | 8D | 9B | 10A | 11C |

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

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.

