

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Parents/Guardians  
Of TQEA students**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It was fantastic to meet our returning and new students this week, all looking very smart, excited and some, understandably, a little nervous. I'm pleased to report that everyone has settled in extremely well and our new students are starting to find their way around both the building and their new timetables.

Communication – Important information (progress reports etc.) will be sent out to you by post. Newsletters, updates, information, or letters about school will go home with your student, if we have an important matter we will send you a message about it. We send out a large number of messages, letters and newsletters throughout the year and we cannot confirm that these get to you, please ensure you check our website regularly for any new information, especially the [parents - letters and information](#) page.

We will also send out snippets of good news via social media, on twitter, which you can see on our website, (scroll down the Home page) or you can follow the feed [https://twitter.com/TQEA\\_Principal](https://twitter.com/TQEA_Principal) or [@TQEA\\_Principal](#) for tweets. Or via our Facebook page, again you can go to our website and scroll down for the link, or find us by searching TQEA – The Queen Elizabeth Academy or by using the link [Facebook.com/TQEA](#).

If you would like to contact us you can telephone and talk to our receptionist between 8.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday during term time. You can also email us at [info@tqea.org.uk](mailto:info@tqea.org.uk) and we will respond as soon as possible.

Health and Safety Issue - Since the start of term we have noticed a small number of parents swinging into the school drive to drop off students; executing a sharp u turn in a busy area for vehicles and student pedestrians. In addition, at school pick up times, we are experiencing a high number of parents using the school bus stop and the service road opposite school, blocking the driveways of residents, for parking and waiting. Please could everyone use the large visitor's car park (signposted off the school drive) to drop off and collect students, or find a suitable quiet nearby road that students can walk to and meet you. Our local Police Team have asked us to send you the attached flyer regarding Operation Snap which they will be driving forward this year.

As a school we have a further opportunity for our students to experience a world class sporting event in Atherstone. On the 13<sup>th</sup> September the OVO Men's cycling tour, part of the UCI Men's world tour will be starting in Warwick and once again travelling through Atherstone - **Stage seven: Warwick to Burton Dassett Country Park (186.5km), Friday 13 September** - *The penultimate stage of the race is in Warwickshire, featuring an 186.5-kilometre route that starts at Warwick Racecourse and finishes with three ascents of the 1.4-kilometre, 4.9% average gradient climb of Burton Dassett. The stage will take in two full laps of a 12.5-kilometre finishing circuit ensuring an exciting and action packed finale.*



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The men's tour will host some of the best known cyclists from around the world and this event is hugely important for our community. As national and local press will be present in Atherstone our local council have asked us to support the town for this event. We believe the positive outcomes of this, seeing first hand a major British sporting pastime at its best, meets our responsibility to deliver an element of British values as part of our wider curriculum.

All students will be given the opportunity to witness and support this event. Students will be escorted to the layby opposite the school on the Witherley Road towards the end of period 3. Students will be out for a short time to watch the race as it passes the school and will then return to lessons during period 4.

Any photographs taken by staff and used for school purposes (TQEA social media, website, newsletters etc.) will be vetted under our school's student photograph permissions data, however any photos, or video, taken by the media or other Atherstone linked organisations may be published widely as it is a public event. Please ensure that all students have an appropriate waterproof coat and sun cream in case of changeable weather on the day.

We aim to take all students out to see and support this event, however, **if you do not wish for your son/ daughter to be involved**, please either:

- contact the school on 01827 712477 and speak to a member of staff,
- call in to see us at reception,
- or email us at [info@tgea.org.uk](mailto:info@tgea.org.uk)

**no later than 4pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.** We will then make alternative arrangements for your child to be supervised in school.

On a final note, we will be holding our annual Open Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018, on this day all students will still receive 5 hours of education provision, but due to the changes to the timing of the school day **we will finish at 2.45pm instead of 3.05pm**. If you would like your child to stay with a member of staff until 3.05pm please email [info@tgea.org.uk](mailto:info@tgea.org.uk) and let us know by the Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

*A. Wilson*

Mr A Wilson  
Executive Principal  
The Queen Elizabeth Academy



Pictures showing Chris Froome and Geraint Thomas taken outside TQEA September 2018



Warwickshire  
**POLICE**

operation

**SNAP**

**Report  
poor**

**Keeping our roads safe**

**driving and dangerous behaviour**

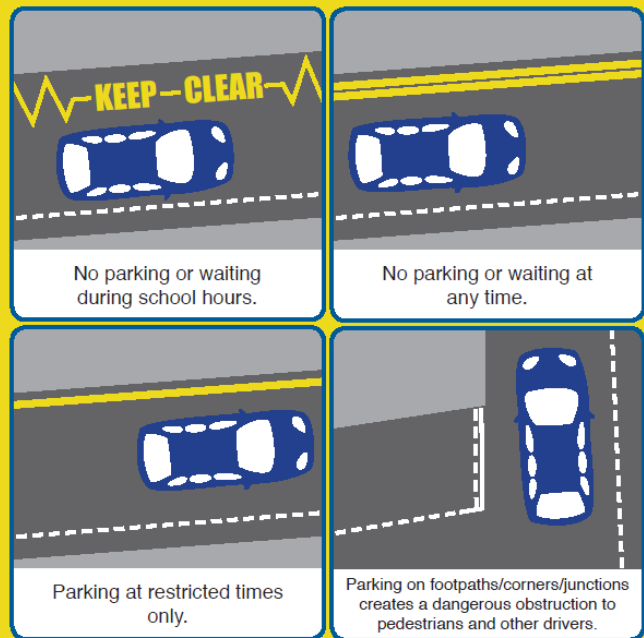
**Reduce demand on front line policing**

As part of Operation Snap, members of the public can submit (via a [secure online form](#)) digital footage showing potential traffic offences. This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists.

We can also utilise this for unsafe and illegal parking near to schools.

## Think before you park!

Illegal and irresponsible parking can put lives in danger.  
Remember the following:



**Visit the below website to fill in the online secure form:**

**<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/operationsnap>**