

30th September 2020

Parents/Guardians Of TQEA students



**The Queen Elizabeth
Academy**

“We Can and We Will”

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It has been fantastic to meet our returning and new students in the past few weeks, 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 finding their way around the building and their new timetables.

Communication – Important information (progress reports etc.) will be sent out to you by email or post. Newsletters, updates, information, or letters about school will either go home with your student and/or be placed on the website, if we have an important matter we will send you a message about it. Please watch out for our weekly newsletter for parents which is released on a Friday. 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 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> .

We have contacted the remaining parents who have not downloaded the Class Charts app this week which informs you of your child's attendance and updates you with a live record of their behaviour in school. The Class Charts app is also used to inform you that your child has a same day detention at the end of the school day.

For more information about same day detentions visit <https://www.gov.uk/school-discipline-exclusions> it will explain that schools can issue detention to pupils. A school does not need the consent of a parent before issuing detention. Detention can take place during school hours and in some circumstances outside of school hours. This includes:

- any school day where the pupil does not have permission to be absent;
- non-teaching days, usually referred to as 'training days' or 'INSET days'

Legally schools don't have to give parents notice of after-school detentions or tell them why a detention has been given. However, at TQEA we would like you to be aware if your child has a detention and the reason for it, so we have invested in the class charts app for this purpose. If you want assistance to download and set up the Class Charts app on your device, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have issued log ins and passwords to all parents, of course the majority of students are unaffected by this since their good behaviour means they never receive detentions.



We have attached our annual key dates information, these dates are all subject to Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines so please look out for confirmation of events nearer the time.

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 and we will respond as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Harding
Principal
The Queen Elizabeth Academy

 TQEA - Key Dates 2020/21 	
All dates are subject to Covid-19 guidelines, please check whether they are still going ahead and if so whether they are live or virtual events before visiting TQEA.	
Thursday 3 rd September	Start of new term for students – Autumn Term
Friday 11 th September	Y7 Photographs
Tuesday 15 th September	All Y9 HPV1 Immunisations
Thursday 24 th September	Open Day/Evening
Thursday 8 th October	GCSE Success Evening
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020 – Half Term Week	
Monday 2 nd November	School reopens for students
Wednesday 11 th November	SEN Coffee Morning
Thursday 19 th November	Y9 Photographs
Wednesday 25 th November	Y10 Progress Evening/Y11 Certificate Issue
Thursday 26 th November	GCSE Mock Exams begin (two weeks)
Thursday 10 th December	Y9 Progress Evening
Friday 11th December Staff Training Day (school closed to students)	
Thursday 17 th December	Y11 Photographs & Y7 immunisations
Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021 – Christmas Holidays	
Monday 4 th January	School reopens for students – Spring Term
Wednesday 11 th January	Mock Results Day
Thursday 12 th January	Y11 Progress Evening 1
Wednesday 20 th January	SEN Coffee Morning
Monday 1 st February to Friday 5 th February	Y11 BTEC Exams this week
Wednesday 3 rd February	All Y9 Td/IPV & Meningitis Immunisations
Thursday 11 th February	Y7 Progress Evening

Friday 12th February Staff Training Day (school closed to students)	
Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2021 – Half Term Week	
Monday 22 nd February	School reopens for students
Monday 2 nd March	Y8 Progress Evening
Monday 1 st March	Y11 Spring Mocks (1 week, 2 days)
Monday 15 th March	Y9 exams (1 week, 2 days)
Tuesday 23 rd March	Y11 Progress Evening 2
Wednesday 24 th March	SEN Coffee Morning
Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021 – Easter Holidays	
Monday 19 th April	School reopens for students – Summer Term
Wednesday 21 st April	Y8 Progress Evening
Monday 26 th April	Y8 Options Tasters and Options Evening
Monday 3rd May Bank Holiday	
Monday 10 th May	Provisional GCSE written exams start date
Thursday 20 th May	All Y8 HPV1 Immunisations
Friday 21 st May	All Y9 HPV2 Immunisations
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021 – Half-Term Week	
Monday 7 th June	School reopens for students
Monday 14 th June	Y10 Exams (2 weeks)
Tuesday 15 th June	Provisional GCSE written exams end date
Friday 18 th June	Y11 Leavers' Assembly (TBC)
Wednesday 23 rd June - all Y11 students must be available	Exam contingency date
Wednesday 23 rd June	SEN Coffee Morning
Thursday 24 th June	Y11 Prom (TBC)
Monday 5th July Staff Training Day (school closed to students)	
Wednesday 7 th July	Y6 Induction Day / Evening
Monday 19 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 20 th July	Awards Evening
Wednesday 21 st July	School closes for the Summer Holidays