

# **TQEA WEEKLY NEWS**

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **#The Power Of Reconnecting**

This week has been a momentous week with the return of all of our students to the academy. The main focus has been to ensure a safe, steady and gradual return to TQEA with a strong emphasis on reconnection. When I mention reconnection I am referring to how crucial it has been for our staff and students to re-engage in those strong relationships that teachers and students have, to allow students to express their thoughts and their feelings and to support their mental health and well-being. In order to do this we have introduced additional pastoral care sessions with tutors to ensure students re-settle into the academy routines and enjoy being with their teachers and friends again.

What has been noticeable is how positively students have returned. There have been mixed views with some students being desperate to return and others a little more reluctant. What is clear, however, is that the government and media commentary about this being a "lost generation" of people who are massively behind previous generations is well wide of the mark. TQEA students have had different experiences of lockdown, but have received excellent remote learning provision and have made as much progress as they would face to face. Many have become more autonomous and confident in their learning and are now more adept at using technology to drive their learning. As a result we will be looking at the positive lessons learned in this remote learning period to enhance student progress in the future using devices. We can all appreciate the importance of developing the whole child with the school experiences added by a strong focus on personal and character development and with teachers sharing their subject knowledge with enthusiasm and verve. Yet, we also have to be aware that technology has become an even more important part of every child's learning armoury and we don't want to lose those skills.

Whilst we are all desperate to end the bubble system in our academy and return to normal, we cannot escape the fact that student Covid testing has become a new part of school life. Mr Bovington and his team have done a fine job this week with over 500 tests being completed with complete focus on the care of the child experiencing the test. I am delighted that well over 90% of TQEA parents and carers have consented to having their child tested to keep our community as safe as possible. Of course, all of us are longing for those days, hopefully soon, when we can return to some kind of normality!

Wishing you and your families a great weekend. Please stay safe.

N. Harding

Principal

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



Class Charts is an application 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 or have not yet accessed your account, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's Head of Year.

## **Feel Good Friday**

The Feel Good Friday Quiz of the week is back. If you would like to have a go



## **Mental Health Matters**

It is important look after our families mental health.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

<https://www.dearlife.org.uk/index.php>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>



**Together, we can help  
#EndPeriodPoverty**

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.

## **PARENTS' GUIDE TO GCSE REVISION**

This useful guide lets you know exactly how and when your child should be revising



EXAM SUCCESS



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The highest achieving students each watched on average

**102 Pods**

so there is a clear correlation between GCSEPod and results.

Principal

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### **CREATE A PLAYLIST**

Identify the areas which are most challenging and create a playlist to focus learning

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Our top users exceed their target grades in many areas.

Principal

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**73%**

of videos are watched out of school

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I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that GCSEPod be used all year round, not just for revision, for maximum impact.

Parent

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**20 MINUTES**

Little and often is best, so try to keep sessions around 20 minutes to get the best results

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It's the best thing you can have to revise and make sure you are ready for the exam.

Student

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### **WATCH 10 PODS PER WEEK**

During exam time aim to watch 3 Pods per day



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GCSEPod played an important role in helping me achieve A\*. I would definitely recommend it.

Student

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## **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.

**9A** – Catherine O'Donovan

**9B** – Lexie Amies

**9C** – Grace Wightman

**9D** – Hazel Gosling

**9E** – Aden Kerr

***Keep up the Good Work!***

## **Principals Remote Learners of the Week**

Here are my principal picks of the week. They have all been amazing.



### **The Senior Student Leadership Team**

Now lockdown is over and the students are back in school. I have finally been able to take a picture with and give them their badges to my senior student leadership team. I am looking forward to what they can achieve in their roles.







# WHERE YOU BELONG

Visit us at our next virtual open event:

Wednesday 17th March 6pm – 8pm

This will be a cross college online event covering the following campuses:

- Nuneaton Campus
- Wigston Campus
- Harrowbrook Campus
- Hinckley Campus

Register today:  
[www.nwslc.ac.uk/events](http://www.nwslc.ac.uk/events)

## NWSLC

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE

## Struggling to cope?

Don't wait for things to get too much.

VISIT WARWICKSHIRE LIBRARIES	for <b>Reading Well Books on Prescription (BOP)</b> recommended self-help books, audio CDs and e-books visit: <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/booksonprescription">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/booksonprescription</a>	
GO ONLINE	<a href="http://bigwhitewall.com">bigwhitewall.com</a> completely anonymous online community, free to people living in Warwickshire, available 24/7	
TELEPHONE	a team of trained and experienced support workers - 24/7 via the <b>Mental Health Matters Helpline</b> on <b>0800 61 61 71</b> and <b>0300 330 5487</b> for mobiles or try <b>Time Online</b> , the online chat service	
SPEAK TO SOMEONE	in person at <b>Warwickshire Wellbeing Hubs</b> - free one to one support, walk-in sessions and drop-in sessions visit: <a href="http://www.cwmind.org.uk/wbw">www.cwmind.org.uk/wbw</a> or call: 02477 712288	
ACCESS THERAPIES (IAPT)	a service for people who are feeling stressed, anxious, low in mood or depressed, providing advice, information and therapy - call <b>02476 671090</b> to self-refer	
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	<b>Rise</b> - Warwickshire's emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people. Call <b>0300 200 2021</b> or visit <a href="http://www.cwrise.com/home">www.cwrise.com/home</a>	



Find out more at [warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth)

@WCCPublicHealth

[facebook.com/PublicHealthWarwickshire](https://facebook.com/PublicHealthWarwickshire)

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## **Student Achievements for week 1st March - 7th March**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Jessica Purdy – 7E 34 points  
George Coyle – 7B 32 points  
Hatty Manghan – 7E 32 points  
Elliott Fielding— 7B 30 points  
Edward Kobrin – 7B 30 points  
Jack Thirlaway—7E 30 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Catherine O'Donovan— 9A 32 points  
Aden Kerr – 9E 30 points  
Chester Cousins – 9E 29 points  
Dareon Blundell - 9A 28 points  
Olivia Evans—9E 26 points



### **Top Year 11 Students**

Keira Madden – 11C 28 points  
William Bolton – 11D 26 points  
Mya Jones – 11B 26 points  
Eleanor Mulheron—11D 26 points

### **Top Year 8 Students**

William Maynes—8B 31 points  
Alfie Aldridge— 8E 19 points  
Samantha Hauley-Housden – 8D 19 points  
Trinity Millington-York—8EA 17points  
Ruby Bird—8E 15 points

### **Top Year 10 Students**

Sharan Kang – 10E 49 points  
Tamzin Douglas – 10E– 45 points  
Tiegan Evans— 10E– 45 points  
Oliver Kok— 10E 45 points

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

Year 10E – 618 points  
Year 7B – 473 points  
Year 10D – 441 points

### **Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date**

Year 7D – 8565 points  
Year 10D – 7400 points  
Year 8A – 7394 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 can apply for extra funding through the Pupil Premium programme which will enable us to provide additional support and resources to benefit your 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



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.