

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week has seen us complete over one thousand Lateral Flow Tests for our students in the Sports Hall. Having witnessed the testing process each day, I cannot commend highly enough the conduct of our students and the care and compassion of our testing team. As a result the tests have gone smoothly and have added another layer of safety to our control measures at TQEA. A letter was issued to parents and carers about the home testing programme which is being adopted moving forwards and those students who were tested have been issued with Home testing kits now. A useful guidance video has been placed on our social media sites to support parents and carers. Huge congratulations to Mr Bovington who has expertly led the testing team and the testing programme.

Year 11 are now fully focused on the assessment windows which exist for them in April and May before Centre Assessed Grades are issued in August. It has been great to see the endeavour and drive of our Year 11 cohort this week as they are preparing for assessments in earnest and, in support of those, please note that the extended day revision sessions have returned. I urge parents and carers to support their child in attending these invaluable sessions in the course of the next few weeks.

As a result of our hugely successful remote learning experience we were able to glean some lessons about learning and technology. It was very clear to us that the use of technology allowed us in some instances to really improve the quality of learning engagement and level of feedback students received. As a result we could evidence that students were making more progress. In order for us to take this further the Maths team, led by Miss O'Brien, are leading a school project in determining the impact of using technology in lessons to drive progress in Maths. Maths progress at TQEA has traditionally been in the top 20% nationally and, under the recent leadership of Miss O'Brien we have seen even greater improvements. This project will enable us to review and plan for a future in which technology is at the leading edge of creating world class learning at TQEA, not just in Maths, but academy-wide. It is an exciting project and I will be delighted to give you further updates in future.

Finally, I wanted to thank our parents and carers for the support they have given us in our grand return to TQEA. Students have returned looking very well presented and have re-connected to school life very well indeed. As a result of the additional pastoral sessions and well-being work we are doing, the academy has been purposeful and students are happy to be here. There is no doubt that our parent partnership has played such a key role in the successful return that our students are experiencing and this is much appreciated by our staff.

Of course, we at TQEA are delighted that we have returned to some normality and are looking forward to a future in which we return to the normal lives that we held before the pandemic started. I know that all of us agree that we are looking forward to those days in the not too distant future!

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



FGF Quiz (We are back Week 2).pdf

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



gcsepod
education on demand

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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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HEAD OF YEAR

Special Recognition

Congratulations Year 7 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week.

7A – Layla James

7B – Edward Kobrin

7C – Shreekar Koduri

7D – Elliott Fielding

7E – Jack Thirlaway

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

All of our students are settling back into the academy brilliantly, anyone of them could be my pick of the week. Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Exceptional return to school



A fantastic start to school, excelling in all areas of our school ethos.



Consistent high levels of work during lockdown and since returning.



Excellent perseverance in overcoming challenges in GCSE PE.



Excellent progress on BTEC sport coursework assignment .



YR 11 After School Revision has returned—This will be every 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

Struggling to cope?

Don't wait for things to get too much.

**VISIT
WARWICKSHIRE
LIBRARIES**

for **Reading Well Books on Prescription** (BOP) recommended self-help books, audio CDs and e-books visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/booksonprescription

GO ONLINE

bigwhitewall.com 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 **Mental Health Matters Helpline** on 0800 61 61 71 and 0300 330 5487 for mobiles or try **Time Online**, the online chat service

SPEAK TO SOMEONE

in person at **Warwickshire Wellbeing Hubs** - free one to one support, walk-in sessions and drop-in sessions visit: www.cwmind.org.uk/wbw 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 02476 671090 to self-refer

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Rise - Warwickshire's emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people. Call 0300 200 2021 or visit www.cwrise.com/home

Find out more at warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth

@WCCPublicHealth
 facebook.com/PublicHealthWarwickshire



Student Achievements for week 8th March - 14th March

Top Year 7 Students

Layla James – 7A 34 points
Alfie Perkins – 7A 33 points
Shreekar Koduri – 7C 32 points
Evie Horton – 7A 31 points
Corey Charteris – 7C 29 points
Brian-James Gilliver – 7A 29 points
Liv Haddon – 7C 29 points

Top Year 9 Students

Aden Kerr – 9E 23 points
Bobby Kirkham – 9E 20 points
Olivia Evans – 9E 18 points
Megan Evans - 9C 17 points
Cody Gosling – 9C 16 points

Top Year 8 Students

Abbie Smith – 8C 26 points
Isabelle Evers – 8C 20 points
Imogen Jenkinson – 8A 20 points
Ethan Rose – 8A 19 points
Cameron Hargreaves – 8A 19 points
Sonny Whitehead – 8A 19 points

Top Year 10 Students

Ben Brewin – 10A 28 points
Bobby Bendle – 10A – 27 points
Peter Michail – 10D – 27 points
Ted Fulleylove – 10A 24 points
Anya Parry – 10A 23 points



Top Year 11 Students

Maddison Fulleylove – 11C 19 points
Connor Stevenson – 11A 9 points
Mackenzie Aston – 11E 8 points
Isobel Hooper – 11A 8 points
Keira James – 11D 8 points
Larissa Phillips – 11C 8 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 7A 431 points
Year 7C 424 points
Year 10D 410 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D – 9113 points
Year 10D – 8162 points
Year 8A – 8045 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.



student of TQEA should be achieving an attendance

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
93.5	93.5	91.2	92.3	90.4

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.

7D

8E

9B

10E

11B

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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.

