

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been evident this week how much endeavour and focus TQEA students have displayed in their learning. It is remarkable how well they have re-adjusted and adapted to academy life once more. It is wonderful to see their smiles, hear their stories and see their positivity around the academy.

For Year 11 it has been an important week of focused learning and support sessions. We have been concentrating on supporting students to prepare for their internal assessments which begin next week. What is evident is that the dedication from our students to reach their potential and rise to the challenge has been excellent. We are so proud of their commitment to the cause and are looking forward to them receiving the grades that support their next destinations in life.

It was great to see Year 10 parents this week at parents' evening to once more experience the strong parent partnership here at TQEA. We are very aware that Year 10 are also now firmly focused on 2022 and the fact that there is much to do in preparation and learning. We are ensuring our Year 10 have the ambition and aspiration to drive them in their learning. We want the very best for all students and understand the research which clearly points to how qualifications will unlock doors to their future careers pathways. It is important, of course, to provide Year 10 with personal guidance as well and we will be launching our mentoring scheme after Easter. Year 10 students will have a member of staff championing them in the academy and helping them to be organised, close gaps in knowledge and improve their skills.

This week our English teacher, Miss Jones, was invited on to the Daz Hale Breakfast Show on Birmingham Radio WM to talk about teaching in the pandemic. It was good to hear her eloquently speak about how learning has continued, how support has been maintained and how well being has been promoted. She gave TQEA a nice "shout out" which put us on the map in "radio land". Whilst we are on the subject of Birmingham the West academies in our Academy Transformation Trust cluster invited a virtual Perry into school this week. For those of you uninitiated, Perry is the name of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games mascot. See our twitter and facebook accounts for more details, but he did make an appearance at TQEA.

Finally, can I ask for support from parents in ensuring that your child is punctual to school each morning? Lessons and learning begins at TQEA at 8:45 am and students should be within the academy gates at this point and heading to their classrooms. We have seen an increasing minority of students who are arriving to school late each day either by foot or by being dropped off late by parents. Please note that any student who has a medical reason for lateness should show evidence of an appointment. I cannot stress enough the importance of young people learning good habits in attendance and punctuality which will serve them throughout their lives. When asked by Colleges, employers and Apprenticeship providers for references, we are always asked to provide evidence of attendance and punctuality records. It is, therefore, crucial that your child can demonstrate strong attributes in both of these areas. After Easter students who arrive after 8:45 am to TQEA will receive an R30 consequence, which will be served at the end of the day. However, it is important that we raise the issue now with students and parents/carers to ask you for your support in ensuring that your child loses no learning and to make students aware of their responsibilities in this area.

Once more I thank you for all your unwavering support of TQEA.

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

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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
”

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
”

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
”

20 MINUTES

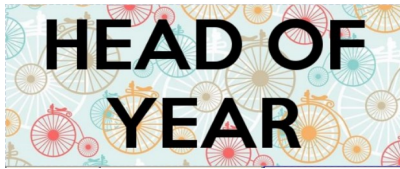
Little and often is best, so try to keep sessions around 20 minutes to get the best results

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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

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



Special Recognition

Congratulations Year 11 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week.

11A – Aiden Fowler

11B – Thomas Bishop

11C – Hayden Mower

11D – Keira James

11E – Mackenzie Aston, Hannah Jackson & Dylan Zeslawski

Keep up the Good Work!



Exploring Food

It has been really lovely to see our Key stage 3 students who have been able to actually get their hands on some food in school. In their food tech lessons this week they have been sampling different fruits with textures, and tastes.

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.



Displaying exceptional supportive work in and around school.



Exceptional display of revising with her PE work.



Outstanding effort and attendance since returning from lockdown.

Showing real courage and resilience on his return to school. Really proud of you



For supporting a new student with their start at TQEA and demonstrating such a high level of kindness. We are very proud of you!

NOTICE BOARD

Year 11 Revision Timetable

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	bigwhitehall.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



Year 7 Science Homework Club

Year 7 Science Homework Club – Room 209 (Library) Every Thursday after school starting at 15:05 for an hour. Starting after the Easter Holidays

PE CLUBS

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30 Only Trainers needed	Who: Year 7+10 What: Dodgeball Lead: Mr Webb	Who: Year 10 What: Futsal Lead: Mr Blinks	Who: Year 7+10 What: Basketball Lead: Mr Jones	Who: Year 7+10 What: Badminton Lead: Miss Wilson	Who: Year 7 What: Futsal Lead: Mr Morgan
Lunch time club 1.30-2.00 Only Trainers needed	Who: Year 8 What: Futsal Lead: Miss Wilson	Who: Year 8 What: Futsal Lead: Mr Webb	Who: Year 8 What: Basketball Lead: Mr Morgan	Who: Year 8 What: Futsal Lead: Mr Jones	Who: Year 8 What: Futsal Lead: Mr Blinks
After School club 3.10-4.10 Full PE Kit needed	No Clubs Staff training	Who: Year 7 What: Badminton and Football Lead: Mr Slinn Mr Morgan Football	Who: Year 9+11 What: Badminton and Football Lead: Miss Wilson Mr Blinks Football	Who: Year 8 What: Badminton and Football Lead: Mr Jones Football Mr Morgan Badminton	Who: Year 10 What: Badminton and Football Lead: Mr Webb Football Mr Jones Badminton

Clubs are continuing after easter until the Year 11 exams.

Starts after Covid Testing is completed

UNTIL EASTER

Trainers needed



Student Achievements for week 15th March - 21st March

Top Year 7 Students

Brian-James Gilliver – 7A 69 points

William Faiz – 7A 34 points

Danny Mahon-Meddings– 7B 34 points

Cherry Thompson— 7D 34 points

Connor Fulleylove– 7C 31 points

Top Year 9 Students

Mia Povey— 9E 36 points

Abi Wraxton – 9E 35 points

Ella Seiyaboh – 9A 30 points

Olivia Evans - 9E 29 points

Louie Whitehead—9E 28 points



Top Year 11 Students

Aiden Fowler – 11A 17 points

Isobel Hooper – 11A 14 points

Keira James — 11D 14 points

Hayden Mower—11C 13 points

Thomas Bishop —11B 11 points

Top Year 8 Students

George Bishop– 8A 43 points

Liam Warren– 8C 41 points

Oliver Williams – 8C 41 points

Ashton Jones—8A 38 points

Sebastian Ducker—8C 37 points

Top Year 10 Students

Jay Rice – 10E 43 points

Oliver Birt – 10E– 38 points

Stephen Murphy– 10E– 36 points

James Read— 10E 36 points

Ben Richardson—10E 36 points

Mackenzie Snowden—10E 36 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 8A 823 points

Year 8E 766 points

Year 10E 685 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D—9216 points

Year 8A—8414 points

Year 10D—8238 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.



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
88.9	92.5	88.0	92.8	90.9

Top Tutor Group in each Year

7D

8D

9B

10B

11B

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

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.

