

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

On this last day of term, it has been good to reflect on our achievements in this strangest of all Spring terms. As an academy we have delivered remote education, with the amazing support of our parents and carers, for 9 weeks. In that time we were able to ensure that all students had a laptop to use and our teaching staff delivered live lessons successfully from the announcement of partial closure. Through my observations of remote lessons, I was proud to witness the productive and supportive teacher/student relationships that exist at TQEA and the creative, imaginative ways our teaching staff found to ensure students made progress and received that all important feedback to improve.

During that time we also taught up to 60 children of key worker families and, as well as providing them with the same remote education, ensured that they received well-being, physical and creative education. Whilst all this was going on we provided our community which much needed resources using our TQEA resource bus and made regular well-being/keep in touch calls to our families. We also served as an ICT technical centre and support help line ensuring that students could receive technical advice daily to ensure learning could continue unabated.

Not to be outdone by this Herculean undertaking, we were told with two weeks' notice that we would be opening to students from March 8<sup>th</sup>, with a need for students to wear face coverings and to receive three Lateral Flow Tests inside two weeks. Cue a massive renovation of our Sports Hall into a testing centre replete with highly trained volunteers delivering well over a thousand tests with care and compassion. It was fantastic that over 90% of our parents and carers consented to their child being tested, which I strongly believe has been an important reason for our safe return to the academy.

If this was not enough we have also welcomed our amazing students back and it has been nothing but wonderful to see them again. They have returned with a calm, professional purpose and have reconnected with their academy, their teachers and their friends superbly. Their smiles have brought sunshine to the academy on the coldest and wettest of days! Of course, under-pinning all of this has been the high quality learning in our classrooms and our commitment to give TQEA students the best education possible.

With the announcement of the government's decision for GCSEs to be awarded by Centre Assessed Grades we have formed assessment plans, created assessment opportunities and have offered revision support classes each evening to support students in reaching their potential. As a result our amazing Year 11 students have been committed and hard-working and deserve huge plaudits for the way they have approached their internal assessments this week. There will be work to do over Easter and beyond as they prepare for their final internal assessments in May.

As you can read it has been a busy and unforgettable term in the life of TQEA. However, we could not have achieved this alone and I wish to thank all parents and carers for their support and backing. There is no doubt that as a team the community of TQEA has really delivered this term and TQEA students have benefitted from this extraordinary support. Parent partnership is such a crucial aspect of your child succeeding and reaching their potential here at TQEA.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Easter!

N. Harding

Principal

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

Could parents and carers please note that the academy day starts at 8:45am. Students arriving after the academy bell will receive an R30 at the end of the academy day unless they have evidence of a medical reason or appointment for being late.

Punctuality and attendance habits are a crucial aspect of your child's education and preparation for work. College and employment references unfailingly expect us to report the attendance and punctuality of your child.

Please support us by ensuring that your child is in the academy before 8:45am in order for them to be on time and prepared for a day of learning.

Your support in this matter is much appreciated.



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.

### Feel Good Friday

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



FGF Quiz (We are back Week 4).pdf



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. **\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE REPORTING ABSENCES ON CLASS CHARTS DOES NOT WORK WE DO NOT RECEIVE THEM. PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS TO REPORT ABSENCE\*\*\***

## PARENTS' GUIDE TO GCSE REVISION

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

**102 Pods**  
The highest achieving students each watched on average 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

**Our top users exceed their target grades in many areas.**  
Principal

**73%**  
of videos are watched out of school

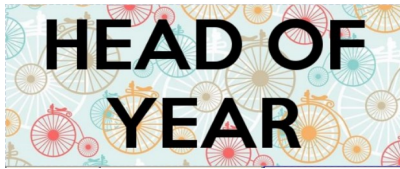
**WATCH 10 PODS PER WEEK**  
During exam time aim to watch 3 Pods per day

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

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

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

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



## 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 – Sophia Jabra

9B – McKenna Gallemore & Lily Narborough

9C – Cameron Reid

9D – Lily Ebejer-Earle

9E – Abi Wraxton

**Keep up the Good Work!**



## We had a celebrity visit.

In our glossy Newsletter we introduced Denise the Dinosaur (Or what Miss Rowan gets up to when no one is supervising.) Denise and Didi have been entertaining the children on their estate since the first lockdown and they were nominated for the Covid Hero Awards from Trent & Dove Housing in Burton. The results were announced following the release of the newsletter and we are so proud to say they won.

## 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.



Turning up to breakfast club every day this term and getting involved with the year 10s despite being the only year 7.

For consistently excellent manners, always asking if he can help and demonstrating a brilliant attitude for learning.



Always polite, courteous, helpful and supports all the learning and discussions in form time.



Consistent high standards throughout the term, a real unsung hero!



Amazing resilience in returning to school and in completing her assessments. We are really 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.

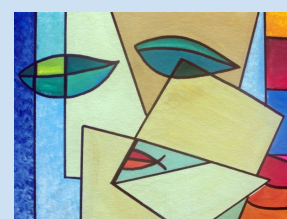
<b>VISIT WARWICKSHIRE LIBRARIES</b>	for Reading Well Books on Prescription (BOP) recommended self-help books, audio CDs and e-books visit: <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/booksonprescription">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/booksonprescription</a>
<b>GO ONLINE</b>	bigwhitehall.com completely anonymous online community, free to people living in Warwickshire, available 24/7
<b>TELEPHONE</b>	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
<b>SPEAK TO SOMEONE</b>	in person at Warwickshire Wellbeing Hubs - 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
<b>ACCESS THERAPIES (IAPT)</b>	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
<b>FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b>	Rise - Warwickshire's emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people. Call 0300 200 2021 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)  
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## 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



## Year 11 Art Exam

The Year 11 Art Exam is taking place on Tuesday 6th April from 9am until 3pm. Students are not to wear uniform but be mindful that they may get paint or materials on their clothes. Please bring a packed lunch. Water will be provided.

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 Binks	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 Binks
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 Badminton Mr Morgan Football	Who: Year 9+11 What: Badminton and Football Lead: Miss Wilson Badminton Mr Binks 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

Starts after Covid Testing is completed UNTIL EASTER Trainers needed

Clubs are continuing after Easter until the Year 11 exams.

# 14 Day Attendance Challenge

For the past 14 days the attendance team at TQEA have been running an incentive for students who achieve 100% attendance over a 14 day period. The names are then all put into a draw to win a prize there are two winners per year group with first prize taking a £20 gift card and second taking a £15 gift card. Today the winners were announced.



Year 7

Eva Partridge



Year 7

Shreekar Koduri

Year 8

Julia Balasa

Year 8

Baye Cooke

Year 9

Issac Hiatt

Year 9

Bailey Jones

Year 10

Zac Haywood

Year 10

Oliver Birt

Year 11

Jessica Pardoe

Year 11

Ryan Allan Stubbs



## **Student Achievements for week 22nd March - 28th March**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Scarlett Neal – 7D 47 points  
Cherry Thompson – 7D 46 points  
Demi-Lee Eggerton– 7D 43 points  
Charlie Newbury— 7D 41 points  
Liam Rowley– 7D 41 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Sophia Jabra— 9A 27 points  
Cameron Reid – 9C 27 points  
Lily Ebejer-Earl – 9A 30 points  
Mckenna Gallemore - 9B 22 points  
Lily May Narborough—9B 22 points  
Lana Shaw—9C 22 points  
Grace Wightman—9C 22 points  
Harry Wilson—9C 22 points  
Abi Wraxton—9E 22 points



### **Top Year 11 Students**

Connor Stevenson – 11A 25 points  
Mackenzie Aston – 11E 16 points  
Dylan Zeslawski – 11E 16 points  
Matthew Asson– 11E 15 points

### **Top Year 8 Students**

Liam Myatt– 8C 31 points  
Liam Warren– 8C 29 points  
Jude Thorpe – 8A 28 points  
Poppy Sweet —8B 26 points

### **Top Year 10 Students**

Oliver Birt – 10E 38 points  
Tiegan Evans – 10E 36 points  
Tamzin Douglas – 10E 31 points  
Oliver Kok – 10E 29 points  
Jessica Newbury – 10B 29 points  
Lacey-Anne Turner – 10A 29 points

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

Year 7D 844 points  
Year 7E 498 points  
Year 10E 456 points

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

Year 7D—10,060 points  
Year 8A—8863 points  
Year 7A—8425 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
87.8	93.7	91.3	92.0	89.8

**Top Tutor Group in each Year**

7A

8B

9E

10B

11C

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> prize = £20 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

