

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have launched our Futures Strategy with colleagues and students. The purpose of this strategy is to provide focused opportunities for our students to reconnect with us, their academy and their friends. Part of this is to ensure our young people can voice their feelings and their ideas as we continue to develop confident speaking in our community. The ability to express our ideas with eloquence and reasoning is so important in life and is a valuable employability skill. We are also engaging in the focused mentoring of students, particularly those in Year 10, with regard to their futures and the opportunities we can give them. I have had my initial mentoring sessions this week, as have other colleagues, and it is great to listen to students talk about their ambitions as well as describe areas in which we will be able to help them. In return they are giving their full focus and efforts in ensuring that they take these opportunities and make something of themselves!

In writing about opportunities it has been wonderful to see extended day clubs and lessons gather pace once more as Coronavirus restrictions are beginning to be relaxed. Apart from the daily extended learning programme we have for year 11, which will soon be extended to year 10, I have observed our after-school sports clubs and our wonderful new Astronomy club this week. As well as being a sign that we are returning to some normality, it is wonderful to see our students participating and enjoying outdoor activities and team sports once again. Furthermore, the new Astronomy Club is a really exciting venture added this year by Mr Slinn and Miss Rowan. Developing these learning opportunities within our curriculum is such an important aspect of our work as we broaden horizons and light the fires of wider experiences.

In previous newsletters I have been clear on our focus to develop leadership and responsibility in our young people. It has been exciting to launch the Junior and Senior Leadership teams in recent weeks and it has been a pleasure to see the way they have represented our academy. The Junior Leadership Team were involved in interviewing candidates for a post in our academy for September last week and their professionalism and insights were fantastic. As always it is the young people that ask the right questions and are spot on with their thoughts. They played a crucial role in the appointing of an excellent candidate. All of the candidates on the interview day commented on the conduct and manners of all of our young people they met in the academy. The Senior Leadership Team have started their duties in supporting the running of the academy and our Form Captains, who will serve as Prefect leaders, are being interviewed shortly. This hierarchy of student leadership and responsibility at TQEA will also be part of our mission to build our character values in our young people. Further to this I was excited to see the agenda for our first Student Council meeting, which will be led by the Senior Leadership Team. This will be a real voice for action and change in order to improve our academy in the future and I was pleased to see that students had put inclusion and diversity as agenda items along with charity and environment. Such mature and wide ranging topics!

Finally, Year 11 are gearing up for their final assessments next week in order for us to derive the evidence for the awarding of Centre Assessed grades. I am so proud of the way Year 11 have navigated the challenges of the previous year or so. They are a wonderful year group and we wish them the very best of luck in the next two weeks. Further to this we have an offer for Year 11 to purchase TQEA Leavers' hoodies using the link below and we are planning some form of a leavers' event for Year 11 to say farewell properly in the next few weeks.

<https://www.elitegymwear.co.uk/gym-clubs/the-queen-elizabeth-academy.html>

Thank you for your support and please remember that the academy is closed on Monday due to the Bank Holiday.

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.



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

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

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

73%
of videos are watched out of school

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

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

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

8A – Trinity Millington—York

8B – Julia Balasa

8C – Harrison Snell

8D – Jack Carter

8E – Isabella Rollason

Keep up the Good Work!

Understanding Your Teenager

A 2-hour virtual workshop for parents and carers in Warwickshire

Available on:

Being a parent/carer of a Teenager can be hard at times. The aim of these workshops is to enhance Parent / carer relationships with their teenagers and to gain more of an understanding around the changes involved in the transition to adolescence.

The titles of these workshops will be as follows:

10.06.21 (Week 1): What to expect from your teenager

17.06.21 (Week 2): Understanding your teenager

24.06.21 (Week 3): Communicating with your teenager

01.07.21 (Week 4): Enjoying your teenager and empowering them

To check availability and book a place, please follow the link below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/warwickshire-children-and-families/>



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.



Working quietly and diligently all year. Polite and respectful student who is not always obvious but has done some lovely work throughout the year.



Massive improvement in confidence and focus-working above her target grade in class, Really engaged with the starter and answer questions



An absolute diamond. Consistently high standards in all aspects of school life.



Fantastic Community spirit in support of a student having a seizure in lesson.

Delivering an incredible leadership session to a whole class of peers.



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, Business & Drama

Dates for the diary:

Monday 3rd May — Bank Holiday
School is closed.

Tuesday 4th May — Year 11
Assessment Opportunity 2 begins

Friday 28th May = 15:05 break up for half term

Exciting Opportunity

We have a great opportunity for a paid internship is available with the BBC for Media Studies students (4 are available in the Midlands, within 20 miles of Atherstone)

[https://careerssearch.bbc.co.uk/jobs/job/Production-Apprenticeship-Fast-Track-England/52889?](https://careerssearch.bbc.co.uk/jobs/job/Production-Apprenticeship-Fast-Track-England/52889?fbclid=IwAR2dj258sRjxMXfaZbgH4-x-lrraMJYVNxYI4igDnzm6KMLsXLVteD_XIA)

[fbclid=IwAR2dj258sRjxMXfaZbgH4-x-lrraMJYVNxYI4igDnzm6KMLsXLVteD_XIA](https://careerssearch.bbc.co.uk/jobs/job/Production-Apprenticeship-Fast-Track-England/52889?fbclid=IwAR2dj258sRjxMXfaZbgH4-x-lrraMJYVNxYI4igDnzm6KMLsXLVteD_XIA)

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/booksandprescription

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/wbh 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.cerise.com/home

Find out more at warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth
@WCCPublicHealth facebook.com/PublicHealthWarwickshire

Warwickshire County Council Working for Warwickshire

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



Year 7 Science Homework Club

Year 7 Science Homework Club – Room 209 (Library)
Every Thursday will be restarting on 13th May.



Student Achievements for week 19th April - 25th April

Top Year 7 Students

George Cardall – 7B 52 points
Jack Cressey – 7B 49 points
George Coyle– 7B 47points
Brooke Lucas— 7B 45 points

Top Year 9 Students

Lexie Amies— 9B 27 points
Jorgia Downing— 9B 27 points
Miya Kaur – 9CB 27 points
Ashton Evans—9A 26 points
Mckenna Gallemore—9B 25 points



Top Year 11 Students

Jessica Pardoe– 11B 75 points
Joseph Birkett—11B 51 points
Tom Bishop – 11B 50 points
Luke Brown – 11B 50 points
Shane Harris—11B 50 points
Harriet Townsend – 11B 16 points

Top Year 8 Students

Harrison Snell– 8C 23 points
Freya Douglas– 8C 22 points
Julia Balasa – 8B 21 points
Lois Dawe—8C 21 points

Top Year 10 Students

Bobby Bendle– 10A 22 points
Ewan Cartwright– 10E 20points
Tiegan Evans– 10E 20 points
Tamzin Douglas– 10E 19 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 7B 874 points
Year 8C 445 points
Year 9B 399 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D—10,513 points
Year 8A—9737 points
Year 7A—9307 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
92.1	92.3	93.5	93.3	90.9

Top Tutor Group in each Year

7B

8E

9C

10E

11E

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

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.

