

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have been very much focused around the work we are doing with Teacher Assessed Grades for our wonderful Year 11 cohort. As you can imagine there has been a great deal of additional endeavour required for TQEA staff in terms of administering the assessments, marking the work and meeting to moderate and standardise the papers. On Monday we held standardisation meetings and invited some of the members of our Local Academy Committee to observe the processes that meet the requirements of JCQ, the examinations regulator. What has been evident is the focused professionalism of the TQEA staff in ensuring all of these processes support our students in achieving the grades, which are in line with the evidence produced by students.

On a heart-warming note we are very busy planning an event for Year 11 on Friday May 28th to celebrate their time here. The Year 11s have been consulted and are asking for red carpets, photographs, inflatables and the AstroTurf pitch. We are providing barbecue style food and are very much looking forward to the occasion. After the challenges we have all faced during this pandemic it will be a lovely afternoon for staff and students. Please keep fingers crossed for lovely weather!

At TQEA it is important to us that we develop our staff to the full in order for them to have the largest impact as educators. Mrs Hopkins, our Assistant Principal for Teaching & Learning, has led teachers to engage in independent and purposeful practice with students around the ideas of modelling work for success! I have seen great examples of this in the classroom this week including a PE lesson in which a circle of students were being asked to collaborate, think critically and show leadership to lift a ball with multiple ropes. It was interesting to see how the students related positively with one another to achieve the task and were incredibly motivated to succeed together. Developing leadership habits such as these is so important in young people.

I also wish to go on record this week to thank Mr Jennens for presenting a cheque to Mrs Deeley, Curriculum Leader for Music, and myself from the Atherstone Music Bursary. We are grateful for the award and will be using it to provide much needed musical instruments and music technology to the Music department.

Finally, the vast majority of students at TQEA do not receive any detentions since they exhibit excellent behaviour all the time, but a small number do, from time to time, for breaching our behaviour policy. We operate a same day detention policy here at TQEA which is communicated to parents and carers in real time on Class Charts. The purpose of the same day detention is that it is very effective in helping each student to reconcile their behaviour from that day and have a fresh start the following day. This supports the idea of students reflecting on and modifying their actions moving forwards. We do want to work with parents and carers and on the odd occasion, and for legitimate reasons, can re-arrange a detention when a parent and carer calls to explain the situation. However, please support us by ensuring that any re-arrangements are a rare occurrence to ensure that your child can serve any detentions and can have the fresh start the next day. Your support is most appreciated!

We wish you a fantastic weekend.

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.

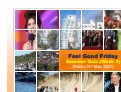
Your support in this matter is much appreciated.



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. ***** CLASS CHARTS NOW HAS THE FUNCTION TO REPORT AN ABSENCE, PLEASE USE THIS FROM NOW ON. MY ED HAS NOW BEING CLOSED AND WE MAY NOT RECEIVE YOUR MESSAGE*****




Feel Good Friday

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



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 **”**

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 **”**

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 – Sophie Barnes

7B – George Cardall

7C – Daniel Cheshire

7D – Evan Povey

7E – Chloe Walker

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

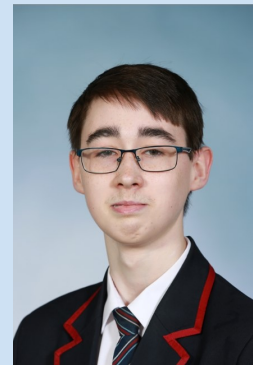
All of our students are settling back into the academy brilliantly, anyone of them could be my pick of the week. Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Setting high expectations for himself everyday. Always offering support to staff and peers.



For showing endeavour and kindness in helping a student in need with such maturity and care.



Stopping to help Ms Parson's pick up some litter, completely unprompted and showing genuine kindness and amazing manners.



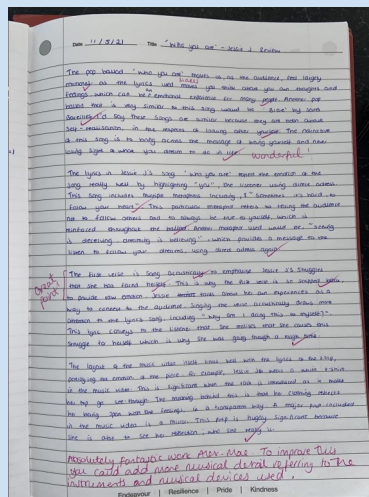
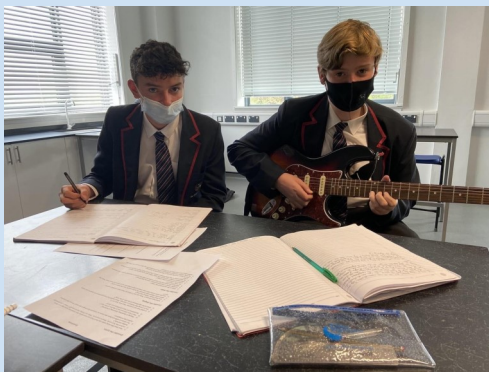
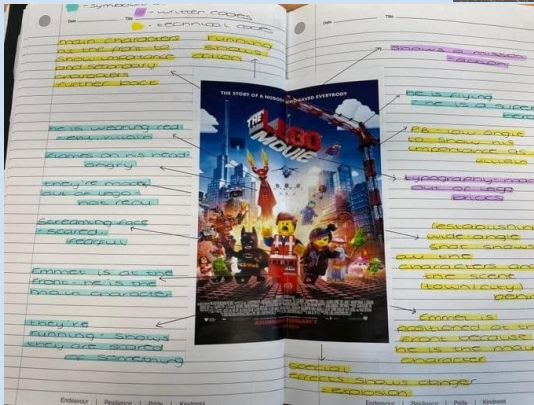
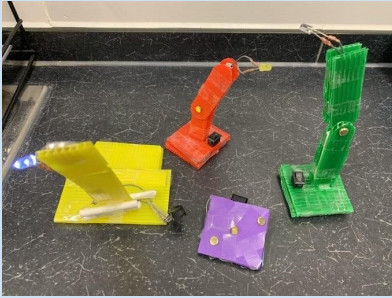
For an amazing character resilience and positive contribution to the school.



For delivering a fantastic spoken language presentation.

Hard Work Forever Pays

Over the last few weeks the students at TQEA have been working really hard and the work they have produced has been outstanding and to such a high standard.



Student Leadership Team

Weekly focus...



**Who are we as human beings if we ignore the suffering of others?
Don't sit back and be silent.**

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right".
- Rosa Parks



#PRIDE



Matthew is the first of our year 11 students to achieve the bronze IDEA award for his post assessment learning. He achieved this by completing different components of his choice and completing each one to collect a medal. Once he had enough medals it was converted to a bronze award. This can be used as an extra qualification in his further studies and career path. Onwards to the silver award now!!! Congratulations Matthew, more year 11's to follow in your path!



Dates for the diary:

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

Monday 7th June—Return to school












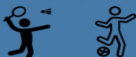


Safeguarding Links

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>



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.

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| Time/Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30 Only Trainers needed | Who: Year 7+10 What: Dodgeball Lead: Miss Wilson  | Who: Year 10 What: Futsal Lead: Mr Webb  | Who: Year 7+10 What: Basketball Lead: Mr Slinn  | 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 Webb  | Who: Year 8 What: Futsal Lead: Mr Morgan  | Who: Year 8 What: Basketball Lead: Mr Morgan  | Who: Year 8 What: Futsal Lead: Mr Webb  | Who: Year 8 What: Futsal Lead: Miss Wilson  |
| After School club 3.10-4.10 Full PE Kit needed | No Clubs Staff training  | Who: Year 8 What: Tennis/ and Football Lead: Mr Slinn (football) Mr Webb Tennis/Badminton  | Who: Year 7+10 What: Tennis and Lead: Mr Kinvig (Tennis) Mr Morgan (Football)  | Who: Year 9 What: Badminton/Tennis and Football Lead: Mr Morgan (Football) Miss Wilson (Badminton/Tennis)  | PE Intervention |

PE CLUBS

UNTIL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Trainers needed



Student Achievements for week 10th May- 16th May

Top Year 7 Students

Sophie Barnes – 7A 36 points
 Leo Mckerlie – 7A 27 points
 Evan Povey– 7D 27 points
 Emerson Smith— 7A 27 points
 Layla James—7A 26 points



Top Year 9 Students

Mia Povey— 9E 29 points
 Olivia Evans– 9E 28 points
 Kye Stuart – 9E 27 points
 Rebekah Jones—9E 26 points
 Louie Whitehead—9E 26 points

Top Year 8 Students

Poppy Sweet– 8B 20 points
 Julia Balasa– 8B 19 points
 Liam Hambridge – 8B 19 points
 William Maynes—8B 19 points
 Owen Russell—8C 19 points

Top Year 10 Students

Ethan Mobley – 10E 19 points
 Oliver Birt – 10E 18 points
 Ewan Cartwright – 10E 18 points
 Stephen Murphy– 10E 17 points
 Jay Rice—10E 17 points
 Ben Richardson—10E 17 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 11D 541 points
 Year 7D 352 points
 Year 7E 348 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D- 11,762 points
 Year 8A—10,846 points
 Year 7A—10,457 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 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 91.1 | 92.9 | 92.2 | 91.5 | 86.2 |

Top Tutor Group in each Year

7B

8D

9D

10C

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.

Dental Check up's/ Routine Dentist Appointments

Just a reminder that dentist appointments are not medical appointments and should be taken outside of school hours. Any Dentist appointment taken during school hours will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

