

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers

This morning our Brilliant Club graduates in Year 10 were awarded their certificates for their university style submissions of work. It was fabulous to see 2:1 and 2:2 grades awarded in a process which, in normal times, includes a graduation style ceremony and a university visit. We are launching more Brilliant Club cohorts in Year 9 and Year 10 from September, led by Mrs Gibson and Mr Dawkins. It gives our students the chance to experience how working at higher education level really benefits young people and provides aspiration for the future.

Aspiration and working for the future has been very much on the minds of our Year 11 cohort this week as they have started their assessments, which will help support the evidence for the awarding of Teacher Assessed GCSE grades this summer. I have to say that they have been spectacular in their maturity, their focus and their conduct this week when completing robust GCSE style assessments in English Language, History, Mathematics, Religious Studies, Biology, Geography, Computer Science and Physical Education. Next week we will see assessments being completed in English Literature, Media, Chemistry, Modern Foreign Languages, Business Studies, Drama, Physics, Digital Literacy, Statistics and Music. In reading this list I marvel at the broad Ks4 curriculum that we provide at GCSE and also feel admiration for the way our young people tackle the challenges of the normal, but intense examination period. This year 11 cohort continue to be spectacular young people in this regard and many others.

As you would expect TQEA have followed JCQ guidelines to the letter in our practice and processes for awarding Teacher Assessed Grades. You will find our Centre Policy which sets out our aims, standards and practice in this regard on our website. You will also find our assessment plans which indicate that our assessments are robust and in line with the requirement that students should be assessed on taught work alone as well as robust GCSE style questions. We also have in place important layers of standardisation and moderation to ensure that students are awarded grades which are fair and proportionate to the evidence in our assessment plans. As part of that we have quality assured internal standardisation moderation processes within TQEA for every subject as well as further standardisation and quality assurance processes with other academies in our Trust, the Academy Transformation Trust. When you add to this quality assurance from our Regional Director of Education and our Executive Principal alongside our Local Academy Committee, you can see how profoundly we are assuming the responsibility of awarding grades fairly and in line with national guidelines. JCQ has made it clear that grades should be awarded on the basis of standards of previous GCSE cohorts to ensure that grades are awarded appropriately and all of these processes will ensure that this happens.

Many students, parents and carers of Year 11 will be enquiring what will happen after students have completed their assessments which finish on the 17th of May. We will be issuing information on this shortly, but Year 11 are expected and needed to be at school each day until May 28th at the very least. This is to ensure that students are here if we need them for further assessment evidence and for signing off their declarations of work. Year 11 will continue to be taught in class and will be covering any course content remaining from the periods of lockdown and the early cessation of courses which occurred to complete the Teacher Assessed Grades process. It is important that we remain true to the values that education is not just about passing examinations and that the substance of education and the importance of knowledge is for life! Students will continue to benefit from this tuition as they prepare for the next stages of their education and vocational aspirations. We will be planning a wonderful event to bid farewell to Year 11 as a whole year group properly. They have been an amazing cohort and will be missed by all of us at TQEA.

We wish you a wonderful 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.

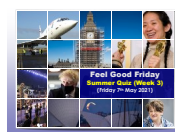
Your support in this matter is much appreciated.



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

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

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

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

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

73% of videos are watched out of school

CREATE A PLAYLIST
Identify the areas which are most challenging and create a playlist to focus learning

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

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

HEAD OF YEAR

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 – Violet O’Meara

9B – Freya Wattis

9C – Rosie Mitchell

9D – Adam Ratcliffe

9E – Chester Cousins

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.



For always getting on with stuff and being a positive influence on others.



Outstanding Work in History assessment and keenness to improve even further.



Consistently demonstrating admirable levels of endeavour, kindness and pride. Making Miss Kiteley’s marking a delight with a piece of creative writing which transported her to a mountainous land.



Exceptional Kindness!

Always says hello ,
Always smiling and asking how the day is going.



For her amazing resilience in returning to school and completing her Assessment 2 papers.



Bank Holiday Bake Off

What else is there to do on a wet and cold bank holiday... One of our lovely year 11 food students Lola Lockton created this masterpiece.



We're in Safe Hands

It was fabulous to hear about Frankie's stunning football performance over the weekend. It was Atherstone Falcon's vs Solihull United and from all accounts it was a brilliant game of football, and from the reports the team effort was amazing. Frankie earned herself player of the match for saving not only a penalty but a 1-1 attack as well. Congratulations to all of the Atherstone Rangers Falcons U12 girls team and especially Frankie. #Pride #Resilience #Endeavour



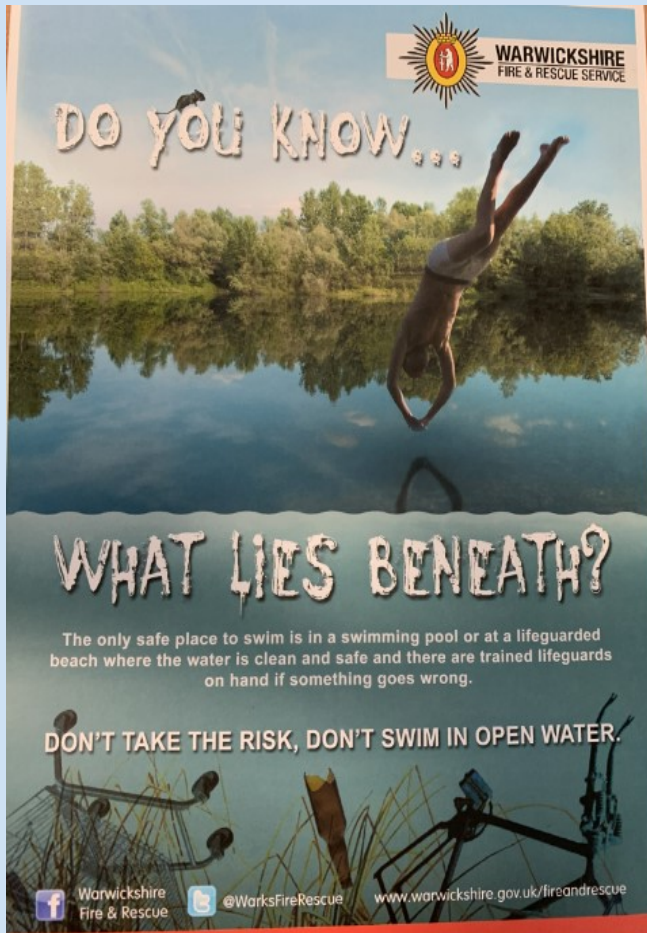
Brilliant Club

We have our first University Graduates!

Over the last 12 weeks, a group of Year 10 Students have taken part in a university research program called Scholars HQ by the Brilliant Club. The Scholars programme provides pupils aged 8-18 from state schools the opportunity to work with a PHD researcher to experience university-style learning. It helps them to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a highly-selective university. Following an online induction with Goldsmiths College, London, our students worked with a University of Warwick researcher on a project entitled "Natural Products": How to make life-saving drugs using Nature's biochemistry". After a series of lectures, the students produced a research paper, which was graded to the university standards of referencing, grammar, sophisticated understanding of the topic – a mammoth task in lockdown! Everyone performed well, however special mentions must go to Akex-Mae Taylor, Brodie Charteris, Shaun Shemmans and Joe Strickland who all achieved Second Class grades. Well Done! This program has given the students a great insight into university level work and the opportunities that follow it and we aim to continue with more students in the future.

Mr Dawkins & Mrs Gibson

An important message from



Student Leadership Team

Weekly focus...



Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way.

Education's purpose is to turn an empty mind into an open one.





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

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	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/wbhv 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.risecare.com/home	

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



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Reminder for Year 8

Parents

HPV vaccination consent form is required to be completed by the 14th May 2021.



HPV Yr8.pdf

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/>



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?fbclid=IwAR2dj258sRjxMXfaZbgh4-x-lIrraMJYVNxY-l4igDnzm6KMLsXLVteD_XIA



Student Achievements for week 26th April - 2nd May

Top Year 7 Students

Alisha Bernard – 7C 30 points
Elliott Fielding – 7D 29 points
Evie Horton– 7A 28 points
Scarlett Neal— 7D 28 points
Alivia Norton—7D 28 points

Top Year 9 Students

Chester Cousins— 9E 33 points
Adam Ratcliffe– 9D 28 points
Erin Southworth – 9E 24 points
Kye Stuart—9E 24 points



Top Year 8 Students

Imogen Jenkinson– 8A 31 points
Caitlin Major– 8D 27 points
Georgia Rose – 8A 27 points
Mia Sammons—8A 27 points

Top Year 10 Students

Ben Brewin– 10A 40 points
Liam Sharp – 10A 37 points
Bobby Bendle – 10A 28 points
Jessie Bradley– 10A 23 points

Top Year 11 Students

Dylan Zeslawski – 11E 35 points
Matthew Asson –11E 25 points
Larissa Phillips – 11C 24 points
Mackenzie Aston – 11E 22 points
Sarah Walker—11E 22 points
Matthew Asson– 11E 15 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 8A 467 points
Year 7D 458 points
Year 7C 434 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D—10,971 points
Year 8A—10,204 points
Year 7A—9653 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
93.7	87.7	88.5	92.3	90.4

Top Tutor Group in each Year

7D

8E

9E

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.

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.

