

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 9th July Issue 38

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful last night to meet so many parents and carers of our new Year 7 in our virtual transition evening. Of course, we would have preferred it to be face to face with our hall buzzing with excited parents and students looking forward to the move to secondary school.

We understand that the transition process is really important to our parents and students. We never forget how big a deal it is to our community and how crucial that rite of passage is. In our experience students are keen to meet their new tutors, teachers and to experience the school building. The usual questions about food and toilets are often to the fore! Parents and carers are always involved in support the academy and their child, understanding how the academy works and what our policies are. At the forefront of our minds is that crucial parent partnership which research indicates has so much impact on a child's success in school.

Alas, Coronavirus has meant that we have had to do transition differently again in 2021. Last night we held our tutor meetings and what struck me, as I joined Mrs Hargadon's tutor group, was how excited our parents and carers were at the prospect of their child joining TQEA as well as how wonderfully supportive they were. As Principal working in this community now and, when I started my career at The Queen Elizabeth School 26 years ago, is how brilliant our parents are!!!

On our website we have a Transition 2021 page (<https://tqea.atrust.org.uk/admissions/transition-2021/>) which has our virtual tour (parents, carers and students can experience the academy), key messages from staff and information for parents and carers to support transition. Many students are joining our summer school from Monday 9th August until Friday 13th August and it will be great to work with them as part of this transition process. Last night tutors shared their email addresses with parents and carers and it is important that you contact them if you have any queries prior to your child joining us in September.

This weekend, of course, marks the final of the Euro Championships 2020 (yes, another Coronavirus altered event). What has struck me about England's success, as a long-time follower of football, is how this team all work together, pull together and support one another. As a result the team celebrates success together and is there for one another when things get tough as they inevitably do from time to time. In my mind this side exemplifies the Atherstone community during this time of national crisis. Pulling together, supporting one another, celebrating success and working together to make things better when it gets tougher!!! It also represents the success on which TQEA has been built on over several years.

Have a great weekend and come on England!!!!

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 IS NOW OUR MAIN CHANNEL TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU, IF YOU HAVEN'T YET PLEASE GET IN CONTACT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO DOWNLOAD.*******

Feel Good Friday



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



FGF Quiz (Summer Week 10).pdf

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 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

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 – Lewis Jones & Violet O'Meara

9B – Mckenna Gallemore & Amelia Moore

9C – Jack Palmer

9D – Emily Horton

9E – Olivia Evans

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Amazing efforts and positive attitudes in his maths lessons.



For consistent high standards, helping others with revision and generally being an all round good egg.



Working hard and great participation in French recently.



Commitment to sport, supporting and encouraging year 7's consistently in breakfast and lunchtime clubs. Positive attitude in all PE Lessons.



SHAKESPEARE IN THE SUN



Reading and performing
Shakespeare in the sun.

What a glorious day for Y9!



Student Leadership Team

Weekly focus...



'It's my job to be a goalkeeper and keep the ball out of the net, and that's what I've done.'

Jordan Pickford

'If you are not constantly improving and learning, then you are going to be stuck and not progress.'

Gareth Southgate



URBAN BRAIN-STORMING!



Across the school in PSHE this week we have all been learning about County Lines and the implications of criminal gangs in communities.

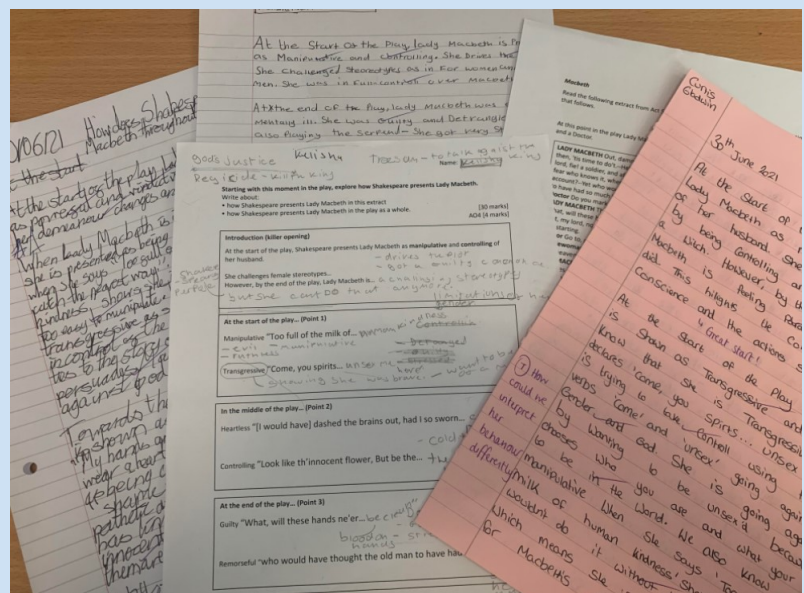


The students have worked very hard and had many great ideas of how this activity could be tackled.

Magnificent Macbeth

Is this success I see before me?

Year 9 have been working really hard to complete their end of term assessment on the character of Lady Macbeth. They have demonstrated a fantastic understanding of the play across the term and have produced some excellent responses as a result. These are just a few from Mrs Balham's class. Well done Year 9!



Year 10 vs Staff Rounder's Match

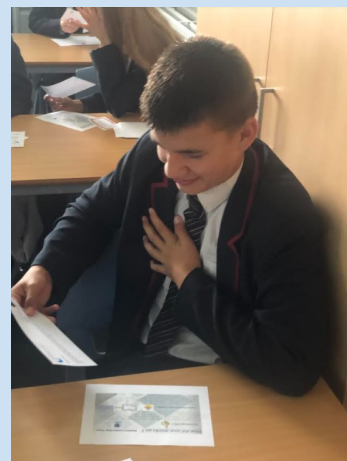
Whilst we absolutely destroyed the students 16-5 with half their number, it was a so much fun for all students participating and watching. This meant a lot to them and a nice way to end their first exam period.



Year 10 Mock Exam Results

We have had a lovely morning with the Year 10 students celebrating their mock exam results.

A huge well done for all their hard work!





Dates for the diary:

Monday 12th July– Y10 Geography Field Trip

Wednesday 21st July–Break up for summer Holidays



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.

Does Community Matter to YOU?
Are you aged 11-18 years?

Do you hate seeing your community looking shabby or is their litter everywhere and no bins to put it in?

Do you feel safe in your community?

Sick of people letting their dog mess all over the pavements?

What would you do to change things?

Do you love being part of your community?

Want to know why there is a lack of public transport in the area?

Do you know what's going on in your community?

Do you like public speaking or listening to others ask important questions to people in the know?

If you have answers to all the above and would like to speak up for young people in your area

WE NEED YOU!

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Become a member of our North Warwickshire Youth Forum

Please contact Youth Worker
charlottecarr@warwickshire.gov.uk / 07825862728

Notification of bus number change 2021/22



966 to 766 Parent Letter.pdf

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Kinva (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 28th June- 4th July

Top Year 7 Students

Liam Rowley—7D 56 Points
Jack O'Meara—7D 46 points
Scarlett Neal—7D 45 points
Corey Charteris— 7C 40 points



Top Year 8 Students

Sonny Whitehead— 8A 27 points
Cameron Hargreaves— 8A 26 points
Georgia Rose – 8A 23 points
Isabelle Gurney- 8A 25 points
Ethan Rose—8A 25 points

Top Year 9 Students

Olivia Evans — 9E 25 points
Kelisha Marven Parnell— 9E 22 points
Mia Povey – 9E 20 points
Ruby Duignan —9E 19 points

Top Year 10 Students

Bobby Bendle—10A 34 points
Harry Lee – 10E 33 points
Tamzin Douglas—10E 27 points
Aleighsha Read - 10E 27 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

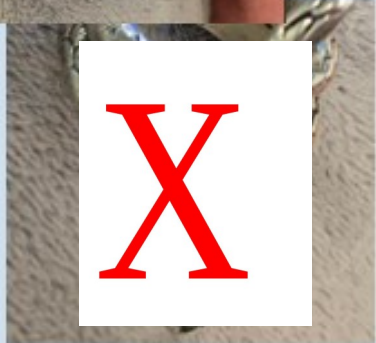
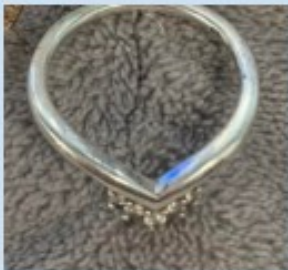
Year 7D 717 points
Year 7C 636 points
Year 8A 494 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D- 14,166 points
Year 8A—13,413 points
Year 7A—11,840 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

Lost Property





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
89.7	89.8	92.4	85.5	

Top Tutor Group in each Year

7D

8E

9C

10D

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.

