

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 10th September Issue 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first edition of our weekly newsletter for parents and carers. It has been great to welcome our students back into the academy this week. It has been a tremendous week with tutors supporting students with our reconnection programme as well as our return to teaching.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the school by ensuring that their child meets our uniform policy. I have to say that the students look fantastic and they are a credit to you and us. Research shows the positive effect uniform has on self-esteem, confidence and, ultimately, outcomes and that it really benefits children as they prepare for adult life.

Year 7 have started extremely well and have settled really well. They have already shown how polite, kind and enthusiastic they are as a year group. Parents and carers will have received my welcome letter this week.

I would like to introduce new colleagues who are joining us this September. Miss Hargadon joins us in Modern Foreign Languages, Miss Clark returns to us to teach English, Mr Rowlett has started at TQEA as a Computer Science teacher and Miss Crudgington is our new attendance officer. We warmly welcome them to TQEA as they look forward to supporting you and your child's education.

From last Thursday, before we returned to the academy officially, we have been meeting government guidelines in completing Lateral Flow Tests for students. The government have issued new rules for schools and colleges this year regarding Coronavirus. Following these lateral flow tests in school, which we complete today, parents will be asked to ensure that their child undertakes two lateral flow tests per week at home and reports the results. As bubble and mask restrictions are lifted in schools another change is that positive cases amongst students are now not contact traced via the academy, but by NHS Test and Trace. At TQEA we have maintained many of the controls that kept our community safe last year with regular touch point cleaning in the day, sanitisation stations for students, a one-way system and social zones outside to manage the potential for large groups congregating in small spaces.

Please be reminded that our academy day starts at 8:45am and at that time students should be in their classroom ready for learning. From Monday to Thursday sessions at this time are with tutors and on Friday this will be academic lessons. Since we have a handful of students that have arrived late this week I am asking for your support in ensuring that your child is at school on time. From Monday we are continuing our late gates policy with late students being issued an R30 to be served at the end of the academy day. Once more I thank parents and carers in advance for their wonderful support of us in this matter.

Our breakfast club is fully operational and well attended from 8am each morning for any students who wish to have their breakfast in the academy before the academy day starts.

Two dates for the diary. Parents and Carers of our new Year 7 will be invited to a Tutor Evening which takes place on Wednesday 27th September. Letters giving information will be sent to parents and carers soon. Furthermore, we have our Open Evening for prospective parents and students for intake 2023 and beyond taking place on Thursday 23rd September.

Finally, we are sending much of our communications to parents and carers through the Class Charts app. We have sent details about how to log in to the app with your password. Can I urge parents and carers to contact us if there are any issues since the app will be a valuable source of information about your child throughout the year.

Wishing you all a great 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.

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



EXAM SUCCESS



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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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. Class Charts is now our main way of communicating with parents so for those who have still not accessed your details have been posted this week, If you still have yet to receive them please contact your child's 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.

7NEH – Albert Gniewek

7GXB – Kaden Cursley

7RRC – Pagan Bridge

7NMT – Kayleigh Walpole

7BXM – Noah Banner

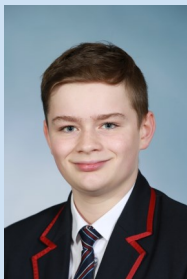
Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

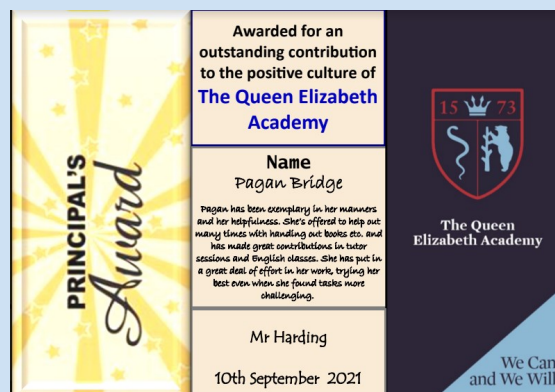
Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Excellent contributions and a great job as our class scribe during the sessions this week.



Polite helpful, organised, reflective, tolerant of others, supportive and honest.



Outstanding behaviour each session, working hard and responding to many questions in class.



Jed has been particularly helpful to others in the tutor group this week and offered some very insightful and purposeful answers with regards to the reintegration sessions'.



Student Achievements for week 12th July- 21st July

Top Year 7 Students

Jack Cressey 7B—105 points

Lexi-Mai Brotherhood 7B—93 points

Edward Kobrin 7B—92 points

George Coyle 7B— 90 points

Top Year 8 Students

Gracie Hughes 8A—33 points

Jude Thorpe 8A—29 points

Mia Sammons 8A—27 points

Maisie Marples 8A—25 points

Top Year 9 Students

Aden Kerr —9E 26 points

Ruby Duignan—9E 25 points

Bobby Kirkham—9E 25 points

Louie Whitehead—9E 24 points



Top Year 10 Students

Oliver Birt —10E 33 points

Aleighsha Read—10E 27 points

Bethany Dicken—10C 26 points

Dylan Fowler—10D 25 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

Year 7B 1604 points

Year 7D 1034 points

Year 7A 587 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

Year 7D- 15,806 points

Year 8A—13,681 points

Year 7A—12,481 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!



Dates for the Diary

Open Evening (2022) Intake—23rd September

Year 7 Tutor Evening—27th September




The Queen Elizabeth Academy warmly invites you to our

OPEN EVENING 2021

Thursday 23rd September 2021
Doors Open 5:15pm – 7:30pm
Welcome talks at 5.30 and 6.30
See our facilities, meet the team,
experience the curriculum

#WECANANDWEWILL #TRANSFORMINGLIVES

The Queen Elizabeth Academy, Witherley Road, CV9 1LZ
Telephone:- 01827 712477 info@tqea.org.uk



Cultural Experience

We are delighted that today we have been able to launch with our students the cultural experiences for this year which will be on offer to all our students. It includes lunch and after school activities, day trips, residentials, and in school opportunities to grow and develop the young people who attend TQEA and develop them as individuals alongside the excellent progress and results. In addition to our Cultural Capital experiences programme we are running an SEN Homework Club which will take place in Learning Support on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3:05-3:45pm. No Sign up required just come along.

Please see the attached guide to what is being offered and we have also enclosed a copy of the timetable.



Activity	When	Where	How	What	When	Where	How	What	When	Where	How	What
1. Open Evening	23rd Sept	TQEA	Open	Open Evening	23rd Sept	TQEA	Open	Open Evening	23rd Sept	TQEA	Open	Open Evening
2. Year 7 Tutor Evening	27th Sept	TQEA	Open	Year 7 Tutor Evening	27th Sept	TQEA	Open	Year 7 Tutor Evening	27th Sept	TQEA	Open	Year 7 Tutor Evening
3. Cultural Capital Experiences	2021-2022	TQEA	Open	Cultural Capital Experiences	2021-2022	TQEA	Open	Cultural Capital Experiences	2021-2022	TQEA	Open	Cultural Capital Experiences
4. SEN Homework Club	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	Learning Support	Open	SEN Homework Club	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	Learning Support	Open	SEN Homework Club	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	Learning Support	Open	SEN Homework Club



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
98	90.9	92.4	92.9	93.4

Top Tutor Group in each Year

7GXB

8SJ

9JXP

10RJG

11LD

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.



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.

