

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 17th September Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers

We have enjoyed a fantastic week at TQEA with students settling back into our "new normal" and appreciating a full and ambitious curriculum once more. What has been very clear is that both colleagues and students are much happier being in specialist classrooms once more and having the freedom to use the full facilities.

It has also been wonderful to see the unfurling of Curriculum 2021 – our new ambitious curriculum. This has led to lessons with much greater focus, pace, engagement and challenge, whilst maintaining the high levels of learner support that we are proud of. Our curriculum now focuses on key employability skills such as oracy, reading, writing, reasoning and problem solving and it has been great to see so many lessons in which these key skills are being developed. There is a great "buzz" of excitement in our classrooms.

One such "buzz" was seen this morning with our new Year 7, who have settled in tremendously well, having a great Languages phonetics lesson with Miss Hargadon. The smiles, the enthusiasm, the engagement and the learning was truly great to behold and was witnessed by Mrs Webb, our Local Academy Committee Chair, as she toured the academy with me.

Added to this has been the launch of our lunchtime and extended day clubs. Staff are running over 47 clubs in the fortnight to ensure students learn new experiences and belong to our academy. These include Come Dine with Me, The Apprentice, Circus training and Yoga alongside the great opportunities in PE. We want all students to join and participate in these clubs which will lead to them receiving character recognition and awards. I would ask parents and carers to study the programme with their child and encourage them to join in with these opportunities. They are so important in developing young people and provide an important alternative experience to that in school.

Finally, we are always looking for parents and carers to support our academy as members of our Governing body – the Local Academy Committee. If you have a set of skills which could add value to our Governance and are interested in volunteering to help to develop our academy then please contact our Chair of Local Academy Committee, Mrs Ann Webb, using her email: - a.webb@tqea.org.uk. I am sure she would welcome a conversation with you about what Governance at TQEA entails and your interest would be very welcome.

Wishing you all a great weekend and thanking you for your amazing support.

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

8DJD – Charlie Field

8GXJ– Demi Lee Eggerton

8JRW – Summer Hamilton & Logan Veasey

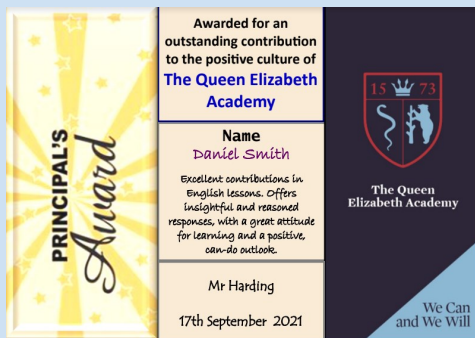
8MXH– Jade Stokes

8SJ– Corey Charteris, Kenzie Dickinson, Kian Douglas, Shreekar Koduri & Frankie Lees

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Showing great resilience in working on with both her digital literacy and computer science studies. She is self Motivated and pushing beyond what most of the groups have achieved.



He has been outstanding in Science, very helpful and polite. Fully engaged in lessons, producing high standards of work.

She has gone from working at a grade 1 on her trumpet to a grade 5!!



Student Achievements for week 6th September- 12th September

Top Year 7 Students

Christopher John Boss 7GXB —13 points
Kaden Cursley 7GXB—13 points
Albert Gniewek 7NEH—13 points

Top Year 9 Students

Seamus Aherne —9NMP 15 points
Freya Douglas —9RM 15 points
Alexander Parry —9JXP 15 points

Top Year 11 Students

Jed Handley—11MRB 20 points
Liam Holland—11KXS 16 points
Harry Bird—11MRB 12 points
Luke Cheshire—11MRB 12 points
Leo Davies—11MRB 12 points
Kiera Gisbourne—11MRB 12points
Alisha Miles—11MRB 12 points
Jamiel Moss—11MRB 12 points
Elizabeth Porter—11MRB 12 points
Elisha Telford—11MRB 12 points
Matty Wraxton—11MRB 12 points



Top Year 8 Students

Jade Stokes 8MXH—29 points
Corey Charteris 8SJ—23 points
Kenzie Dickinson 8SJ—23 points
Kian Douglas 8SJ—23 points
Shreekar Koduri—8SJ 23 points
Frankie Lees—8SJ 23 points
Alfie Perkins—8MXH 23 points

Top Year 10 Students

Dareon Blundell —10KJW 17 points
Mia Povey —10RJG 15 points
Lexie Taylor Lane—10RJG 15 points
Taylor Gore—10RJG 14 points
Louie Whitehead—10RJG 14 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

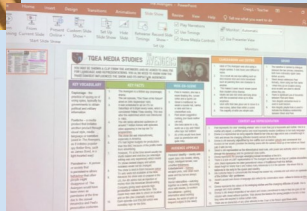
8SJ 409 points
8MXH 351 points
10RJG 304 points

Total Achievement Points

Year 8 1431 points
Year 7— 887 points
Year 9 —798 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

From around the Academy this week



Mckenna has gone from working at a grade 1 on her trumpet to a **GRADE 5!!!** This is an incredible achievement and I'm blown away with how dedicated she has become to her music studies and the hours and hours of practice she has put in!! Both her brass teacher and I are totally in awe of her!

Mrs Deeley—Curriculum leader for Music

Cultural Experience

This week in the academy we began our lunch and after school activities as advertised in last weeks newsletter. We have had a wonderful response and the students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Below are a few pictures from the activities which this week has included : Come dine with me, where the students have made a pasta bolognese, Sewing Bee—where they made small bags, Circus Circus which is teaching them how to use the aerial hoop, Yoga for the mind and body, Yr9 football and Musical Theatre. Please see the guide and timetable in this newsletter for more details.



Engineering in a pandemic

STEM Badges

Complete the 'Engineering in a pandemic' challenges and earn digital STEM badges.

- Create models of viruses
- Investigate what happens in an outbreak
- Build a testing device for air filters

To start claiming your badges go to:
<https://stemresources.raeng.org.uk/engineering-in-a-pandemic/>

Royal Academy of Engineering

ENGINEERING IN A PANDEMIC 7 CHALLENGES

ENGINEERING IN A PANDEMIC 4 CHALLENGES

ENGINEERING IN A PANDEMIC 2 CHALLENGES

THIS IS ENGINEERING

Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge

A journey of exploration & fun



STEM CLUBS

Year 7: Royal Academy of Engineering—Engineering in a pandemic—Tuesday Week 1 in G16/18

Year 8: Robotics Challenge—Wednesday Week 1—starts 6th October in G16

Year 9/10/11: Sewing Bee—Thursdays in G18

See Mrs Trewin in G16/18 to sign up





science

engineering

technology

mathematics



Sign up sheets in room 2-16 & 2-12

£5.00 per person for Bronze Award (10 hour project, certificate given if success & Criteria met)

Open to all Year 8 and 9 pupils

Wednesday Week 1

After School in Room 2.16

CREST AWARD

OPEN EVENING 2021

The Queen Elizabeth Academy
warmly invites you to our

Thursday 23rd September 2021

Doors Open 5:15pm - 7:30pm

Welcome talks at 5.30 and 6.30

Tours also available at our coffee morning
on Friday 24th, call school reception to book

See our facilities, meet the team,
experience the curriculum

#WECANANDWEWILL #TRANSFORMINGLIVES

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CIRCUS CIRCUS

- Yr 7 and 8 Tuesday Week 1
- YR 9,10,11 Thursday Week 2
- 3.15 - 4.15
- G15
- You MUST bring leggings or joggers and socks to wear

NOTICE BOARD

Dates for the Diary

Open Evening (2022) Intake—23rd September

Year 7 Tutor Evening—27th September

SEN Coffee Morning—11th October

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.



Activity	When	Where	Who	What	Lead	Cost	Notes
Year 7 Tutor Evening	27th Sept	Year 7	All	Tutor	Miss Wilson	Free	
Open Evening	23rd Sept	Open	All	Open	Miss Wilson	Free	
SEN Homework Club	Tues, Wed, Thurs	Learning Support	SEN	Homework	Miss Wilson	Free	
Leadership Award School Games	3.05-4.05	Year 7 & 8	All	Games	Mr Morgan	Free	
After School Club	3.10-4.10	Year 7 & 8	All	Football/Netball	Mr Morgan	Free	
Lunch time club	1.35-2.00	Year 7 & 8	All	Cricket	Mr Morgan	Free	
Breakfast Club	8.00-8.30	Year 7 & 8	All	Badminton	Miss Wilson	Free	

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



Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30 Only Trainers needed	Who: All years What: Badminton Lead: Miss Wilson	Who: All years What: Handball Lead: Miss Wilson	Who: Year All years What: Futsal Lead: Mr Slinn	Who: All years What: Basketball Lead: Mr Webb	Who: All years What: Dodgeball Lead: Mr Morgan
Lunch time club 1.35-2.00 Only Trainers needed	Who: Year 7 and 8 What: Cricket Lead: Mr Morgan	Who: All years What: Badminton Lead: Mr Webb	Who: All Years What: Netball Lead: Mr Morgan	Who: GIRLS all years What: Futsal Lead: Miss Wilson	Who: All years What: Futsal Lead: Mr Webb
After School club 3.10-4.10 Full PE Kit needed	Leadership Award-School Games run 3.05-4.05	Who: Year 7 and 8 football All years What: Football/Netball Lead: Year 7 Mr Morgan Year 8 Mr Webb Netball - Miss Wilson	Who: Year 9+10 What: Football Lead: Mr Slinn	Who: All years What: Badminton Rugby Lead: Mr Webb-Badminton Mr Morgan - Rugby	No Clubs Staff training Early Finish

Trainers needed at breakfast and lunch clubs - full kit needed for after school

UNTIL XMAS HOLIDAYS



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
96	83.4	91	92.2	89.4

Top Tutor Group in each Year

7RRC

8JRW

9JXP

10ECT

11KXS

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.

