

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 24th September Issue 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write this after enjoying a fantastic Open Evening at TQEA last night.

Of course, due to the times we live in, safety was at the forefront of our minds in putting on this event with additional cleaning, sanitiser stations filled to the brim, ventilated rooms being used and masks being offered to all of our visitors.

It was very much a momentous occasion for us, and particularly for me, since this was the first face to face parent or open event that had taken place at TQEA since my arrival in March 2020.

Attendance at the event was very strong indeed and was higher than in previous years. This is a testament to the growing reputation of TQEA as a school with excellent education provision and strong pastoral care. As the only secondary school in Atherstone it was not surprising that many from our local community were present, but what was surprising was the high numbers of families outside of our catchment who, having met our pupils, staff and seen the academy facilities, were committed to making TQEA the first choice for their child.

Feedback from our visitors was excellent and, quite rightly, they commented on two aspects. Firstly, to a person, prospective parents remarked on how smart, confident and well mannered our students were. It was particularly noticeable they repeated that students loved their academy and their community. This was very special praise indeed and made me proud, as I am every day, of our wonderful students. Secondly, they commented on the commitment of TQEA staff, their care of every child and their passion for their subjects and their curriculums. It was also not a surprise to me that our SEND department also received much praise for their compassion and their interest in giving their all to support every child.

It was a stunning evening with such a wonderfully positive atmosphere. It was a reconnection with our great community and a reminder that we exist to serve and, in the words of Ann Webb our Local Academy Committee Chair, that we are, "here to give the young people of Atherstone the education they deserve".

As I stressed to prospective and current parents and carers last night. We never take for granted your support or your trust in us and always work together because we want the same thing; the best for our children.

Have a great weekend.

Mr 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 9 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week.

9JXP– Alexander Parry

9LXC– Ellie Williams

8NMP– Seamus Aherne & Chloe Shemmans

9RM– Freya Douglas

9RZC– Gracie Hughes

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Excellent attitude in lessons and around school.



For coming top of the class in her music test!!



Excellent attitude and composure in lessons.



For his exceptional positive and caring attitude in all aspects



Student Achievements for week 13th September- 19th September

Top Year 7 Students

James Ford 7NMT —26 points
 Arwen Holland 7NMT—26 points
 Sammy Kirkham 7NMT—25 points
 Emily Linder 7NMT—25 points

Top Year 11 Students

Sonia Kadelska—11KXS 27 points
 Sophie Caddy —11MRB 26 points
 Tamzin Douglas—11DK 26 points
 Oliver Kok—11DK 23 points



Top Year 8 Students

Brian Gilliver 8MXH—32 points
 Alfie Turner 8SJ—28 points
 Cade Webb 8JRW—24 points
 Hatty Mangan 8JRW—23 points

Top Year 9 Students

Jake Curley —9RM 26 points
 Jack Jones —9RM 26 points
 Harrison Snell —9RM 25 points
 Oliver Williams — 9RM 25 points

Top Year 10 Students

Macie Stephen —10RJG 29 points
 Grace Stephen —10ECT 25 points
 Emily Horton—10ECT 24 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

9RM 488 points
 8NMT 476 points
 10RJG 470 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups (year to date)

10RJG 774 points
 8SJ- 755 points
 9RM —715 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

Come Dine with Me

Our come dine with me club has this week made Japanese Katsu Chicken it was so tasty!



Hi everyone!

I've just started at TQEA and thought it would be a great idea to share my experience so far.

Before I arrived at secondary school, I was feeling apprehensive. It's a daunting time for every year 7 as it's never easy starting a new school but now I'm here, I really don't know what I was worrying about! I was lucky enough to attend the summer school before I started and it helped to ease my worries and I got to make some new friends along the way.

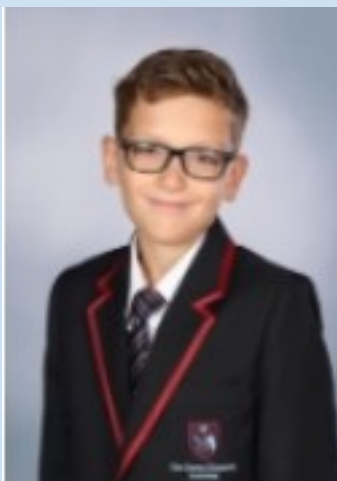
After 3 weeks, I'm starting to feel a lot more settled but the stairs are a killer– my legs have never ached so much! I've familiarised myself with my teachers and I've done a lot more of my favourite subjects such as History and Geography.

One of the best things about this school is the variety of clubs available for us to join. I am very excited to be part of the BBC Young Reporters club which not only aims to improve your journalism skills but also helps to build confidence along the way. Each week, we'll be reporting on the news that matters most to us and publishing it in our school newsletter. If you fancy joining us, why not come along and learn skills that that could enhance your future? We meet in 1-08 every Tuesday after school. It would be a shame if you missed out!

I can't wait to report on the future!

George

The beginning of a new chapter.



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



CREST AWARDS

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

Humanities lovers we need you!!!

BE PART
OF THE
TEAM!



EVERY WEEK TWO TUESDAY JOIN
YOUR HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND
RE TEACHERS IN ROOM 226 AFTER
WORK.

WE WILL BE CARRYING OUT FUN
ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOU
EXPLORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
PAST, THE EARTH AND
RELIGIONS.



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



Dates for the Diary

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, residential, 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	
SEN Homework Club	Tues, Wed, Thurs	Learning Support	SEN	Homework	Miss Wilson	Free	
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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

Top Tutor Group in each Year

7RRC

8DJD

9JXP

10VK

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.

