

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 22nd October Issue 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a busy half term I want to thank all parents and carers for your unwavering support of us as an academy and community.

On Monday and Tuesday next week the academy is open to Year 11 students with some revision support sessions happening in subjects such as MFL and Sociology. Year 11 after school interventions have continued all term and students should be preparing fully for their mock examinations after half-term. We have stressed to our Year 11 that these mock examinations are important since they need to have a firm understanding of their performance, their strengths and the gaps that they need to close. We also are expecting a normal sitting of GCSE examinations in the summer, but we should expect that anything is possible after the experience of the last two years.

Year 11 charity work took place this week with our Senior Student Leadership team handing over items that they had collected to support Edible Links. Year 11 decided that they wanted Edible Links as their chosen charity, since it provides support for people in our community. It is important that our students engage in social action and it will be interesting to see the charities and events that other year groups put on this year.

It has been really wonderful to see the return of our practical and creative subjects this term since bubbles have been lifted in academy. On my regular travels around the academy this week I have enjoyed seeing the delight on our students' faces whilst participating in Science experiments, cooking meals, building robots and composing music. This week I even heard a small group of year 11s playing songs by The Smiths rather well! It brought back days of my youth!!!

As we have now completed half a term I wanted to highlight how impressed we are with the transition of our Year 7 since September. They have fitted in wonderfully well and are contributing to our community every day. It feels as if they have been here for years and, most importantly, they have been happy and smiling. Well done, Year 7. I imagine they are looking forward to a weeks' rest.

Can I make a plea please, now that the weather is becoming more autumnal, that you send your child to the academy each day with a coat. This week we have seen some rather cold and wet weather and students have been arriving to the academy wet and shivering from the journey into school.

Please enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing students back in the academy on Monday November 1st.

Mr N Harding
Principal

Twitter:- @TQEA_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.

PARENTS' GUIDE TO GCSE REVISION

This useful guide lets you know exactly how and when your child should be revising

gcsepod
education on demand

EXAM SUCCESS

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



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.

8MXH– Evie Horton & Vanessa Moffitt

8DJD– Grace Francis

8SJ– Corey Charteris, Jessica Cheetham & Liv Haddon

8GXJ– Scarlet Neal

8JRW– Jake Breakwell

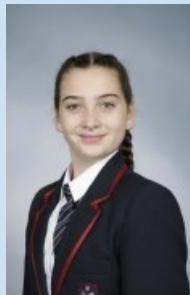
Keep up the Good Work!

Principal's Picks of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



A very keen historian and an extremely helpful student.



Outstanding progress in History thanks to her hard work and mature attitude.



Resilience in maths, always looking to improve.



Showing superb organisation in her assignment and supporting peers to aim for higher in sport tech lessons.



Fantastic progress made this half term in English.
Testament to his hard work.



Student Achievements for week 11th October- 17th October

Top Year 7 Students

James Ford 7NMT —14 points
 Sahib Sangha 7NEH —14 points
 Ethan Tonks 7RRC—12 points
 Harvey Creek 7NMT—11 points
 Sienna Wattis 7NMT—11 points

Top Year 9 Students

Kieran Fowler 9LXC - 9 points
 Owen Russell 9RM— 9 points
 Freya Douglas 9RM -8 points
 Maggie-Mae McClean 9RM -8 points

Top Year 11 Students

Chloe Henwood 11LD –17 points
 Bobby Bendle 11SDS- 16 points
 Lacey-Anne Turner 11SDS – 16 points
 Marshall Deeming 11LD— 15 points



Top Year 8 Students

Emerson Smith 8MXH—25 points
 Reuben Hargreaves 8MXH—21 points
 Sophie Barnes 8MXH—19 points
 Layla James 8MXH —19 points
 Leo Mckerlie 8MXH—19 points

Top Year 10 Students

Sophie Baker 10KJW—21 points
 Holly Nicholson 10KJW—21 points
 Violet O'Meara 10KJW—20 points
 Ruby Butcher 10KJW— 19 points
 Reuben Hall 10KJW—19 points
 Lewis Jones 10KJW—19 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

10KJW 334 points
 8MXH 277 points
 8SJ 238 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups (year to date)

8SJ 1951 points
 7NMT 1896 points
 9RM 1765 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

Open Evenings

Access Creative Birmingham—Monday 25th October

Higham Lane: Virtual Open Day - 4th November

Moreton Morrell College: 13th November

St Thomas Moore : 17th November

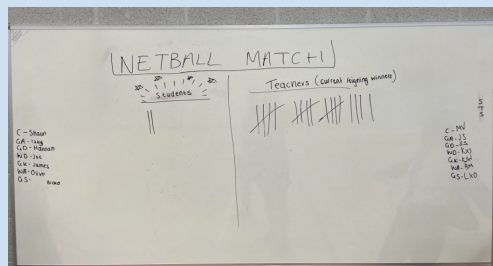
KEC Nuneaton : Thursday 18th November 3:30—8:00pm, 20th November 09:30-12:30pm

MTC Engineering Apprenticeships: Thursday 18th November 6:30-8pm Tuesday 15th February 2022 6:30-8pm

NWSLC : 22nd November—Hinckley Campus

NWSLC : 25th November—Harrowbrook and Nuneaton Campuses

Students Vs Staff



Following on from the success of the students vs staff Cricket game and as part of Well being Friday last week some of our Year 11 students challenged the staff to a Netball Match. The students fought a hard game, however they could not defeat the reigning staff champions.




Stem Club


This week in Stem Y8 Robotics Challenge the students have been trying to make a solar powered robot.

The Year 7s who take part in the Royal Academy of Engineering have been studying Engineering in a pandemic. They have been making model viruses with thermoforming polymers.


The Year 9/10/11 Sewing bee's have been also working hard this week.



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.org.uk/engineering-in-a-pandemic/>
Royal Academy of Engineering



Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge
A journey of exploration & fun



THE GREAT BRITISH Sewing Bee


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





Rewards Time



The Queen Elizabeth Academy

**Endeavour
Resilience
Pride
Kindness**



Rewards raffle

Students receive a ticket in the raffle for each week that they do not receive any Behaviour Points.

Winners of the raffle will receive a £25 **One4all** voucher. Each year group will receive 4 x £25 vouchers each half term.



To explain it as simple as possible...(I hope!)

During each half term...

If you have **no behaviour points or late marks** at the end of each week you get a ticket in the raffle. These tickets are collected by your Head of Year each week.

At the end of the half term, **4 names** will be drawn out and each will receive a £25 voucher from One4all. (£100 per year group!!!)

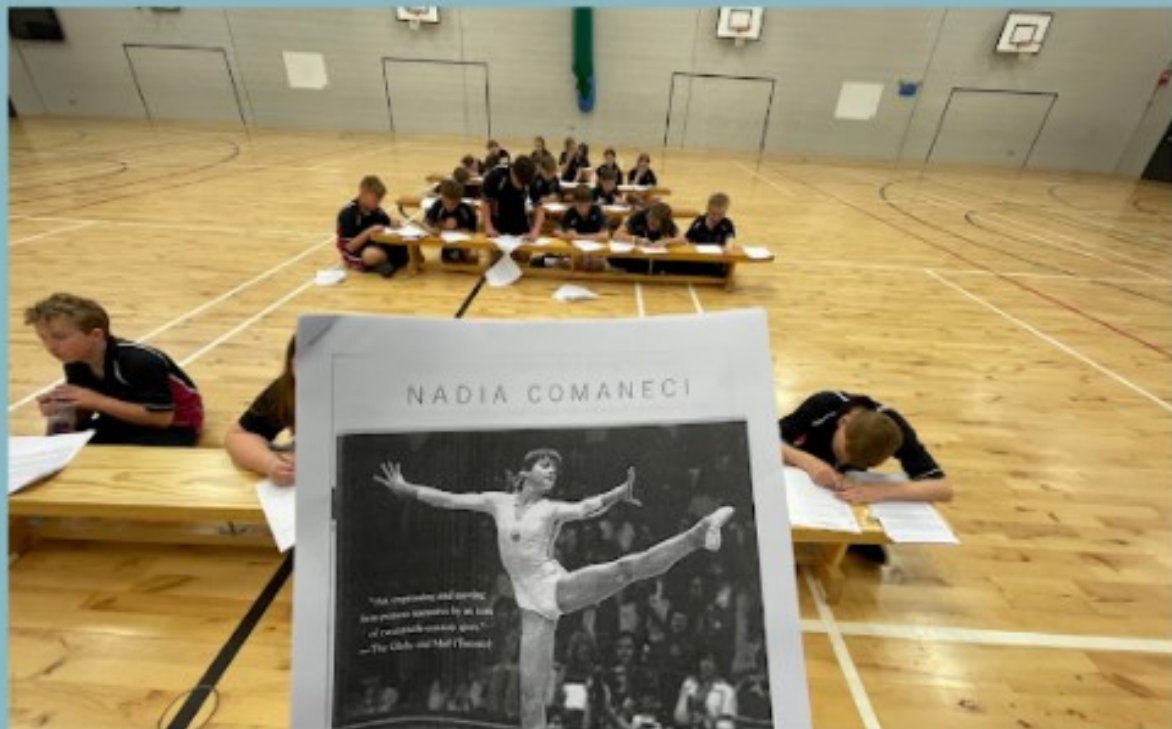
Having a bad week...you have an opportunity to reset, get your ticket for next week!
You only have to be in it to win it!!!

Each half term, **4 names from each year group** will randomly be drawn out. Each will receive a £25 voucher from **One4all**.

The more tickets in the raffle, the more chances you get, simple!



Whats happening in PE?



This week in Core PE we have been focusing on reading. Each year group have focused on extracts from books of athletes and answered questions on the extract.

Stars of the week

**WELL DONE TO THE
YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TEAM
COMPETING AT HIGHAM
LANE ON THURSDAY!
SOME EXCELLENT
FOOTBALL ON DISPLAY!**



**WELL DONE TO THE
YEAR 9 FOOTBALL TEAM
COMPETING AT
NUNEATON ACADEMY
ON WEDNESDAY! SOME
EXCELLENT FOOTBALL
ON DISPLAY!**



Student Leadership Team

Weekly focus... Diversity

"It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength." Maya Angelou

"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the test of our civilisation." Mahatma Gandhi



Year 11 Charity Week

Last week it was the Year 11 charity week, they collect toiletry items for Ediblinks food bank.



Half Term Y11 Revision Provision

Monday 25th	Subject	Room and Staff
10am - 12	Spanish	Mrs Thomas and Miss Hargadon
		T2
1pm - 3pm	French	Mrs Thomas and Miss Hargadon
		T2
Tuesday 26th	Subject	Room and Staff
12 - 2pm	Sociology	Mrs Badham
		T2



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

TQEA Food Department

On Tuesday 5 October Come Dine with Me was led by Mr K Stewart and they made Nigella Lawson's Fish Finger Bharta.



Fame at last as Nigella herself has replied to Mr Stewart's tweet.



What's Been Cooking?

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering have been focussing on frying and presentation skills this week, making American Pancakes and Sweetcorn, Polenta and Chilli Fritters.



Year 7 are continuing to learn essential cooking skills: cupcakes using the creaming method and pasta with tomato sauce on the menu for the next two weeks.

Year 8 have been making cinnamon tea cakes: exploring spices introduced during Tudor times. Next they will be using Chillies and Tomatoes: ingredients that reached England during the reign of Elizabeth 1

Local and seasonal foods have been the focus for year 9. This week we have started making Spaghetti Bolognese using British beef.

Next Wednesday the 13 October the languages club will be in the food room at lunch time for a Spanish food experience. Speak to Mrs Harris if you would like to come.

The second session of 'Come Dine with Me', starting after October half term will be for year 7's. Numbers are strictly limited. See Mrs Johnson to get on the list.



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

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.



Dates for the Diary

Return to School—Monday 1st November

Year 11 Mock Exams—8th November

Year 9 Photos—22nd November

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 mock exams are due to begin in school on Monday 8th March.

Attached is the timetable.



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.

Poppies



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

Activity	When	Where	Who	What	Lead
Leadership Award School Games run	3.05-4.05	Learning Support	Year 7 and 8	Football/Netball	Mr Morgan
SEN Homework Club	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	Learning Support	SEN	Homework	Miss Wilson
Year 11 Mock Exams	Monday 8th March	Classrooms	Year 11	Mock Exams	Mr Webb



Poppies will be on sale in school from the 1st November.

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

7NMT

8GXJ

9JXP

10VK

11DK

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.

