

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 8th October Issue 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are always focused on the mental health and well-being and this week was no exception. Today staff have committed to wearing yellow items of clothing to show students their support for the Young Minds charity. Colour was also brought to the students' day this week when we have a visit and a live concert from the social media sensations, New Rules. The purpose of their concert was not only to treat students to live music, but to talk to them about the importance of being in touch with their feelings and having the space to talk about them. Messages like these are always well delivered and tend to hit home when they come from other young people and I have to say that New Rules were as impressed with the maturity and engagement of our students as the students were in their music!

Year 11 are being prepared for their mock examinations in a few weeks' time and they are starting to explore their post-16 options in earnest. Students will have to start applying for their post-16 colleges and apprenticeships in the next two to three months and, in support of that, we held two important events this week. Firstly, students were escorted to college to explore the courses on offer and the opportunities that exist locally. What struck the members of staff in attendance that evening was how good the questions asked by our Year 11s were. They were very much focused on the content of these courses, the qualifications they would receive as a result and the career pathways it would eventually take them to. One student even had an on-site interview and was offered a place as a result.

We also started our round of local sixth form visits and presentations this week with one local college delivering a good presentation about the A levels and BTEC L2 and L3 courses on offer. Once more it was good for the college presenters to help the students understand what grades they would need to be able to take A level subjects and BTEC qualifications. All of this helps students to make informed choices and, since many colleges are offering Open Evening to parents and carers in the next 6 weeks, we will be advertising these for you to experience everything the various local post-16 colleges have to offer. As a parent of a Year 11 daughter I know how important these moments are to our children and how crucial our support is in making these all important decisions.

Shortly, parents, carers and students will be receiving their Year 11 mock timetable for examinations that take place next month. We wish our Year 11 every success and urge parents and carers to support us by ensuring that their child takes these examinations seriously as an opportunity to improve on their Year 10 grades, to find out and understand what they need to do to close the gaps in their learning and to build that all important confidence.

On a final note our extended curriculum sessions are being attended well and I urge you, once more, to look at our programme and encourage your child to participate in some of these activities. This week our Come Dine With Me club guest chef was Kyle Stewart who modelled a Nigella Lawson recipe for the students to prepare. Interestingly we posted the dishes our students had made on social media and Nigella herself responded by telling us how wonderful they were! High praise indeed.

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



**“** The highest achieving students each watched on average **102 Pods** so there is a clear correlation between GCSEPod and results. **”**  
Principal

**“** Our top users exceed their target grades in many areas. **”**  
Principal

**“** I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that GCSEPod be used all year round, not just for revision, for maximum impact. **”**  
Parent

**“** It's the best thing you can have to revise and make sure you are ready for the exam. **”**  
Student

**“** GCSEPod played an important role in helping me achieve A\*. I would definitely recommend it. **”**  
Student

**73%** of videos are watched out of school

**CREATE A PLAYLIST**  
Identify the areas which are most challenging and create a playlist to focus learning

**20 MINUTES**  
Little and often is best, so try to keep sessions around 20 minutes to get the best results

**WATCH 10 PODS PER WEEK**  
During exam time aim to watch 3 Pods per day



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!

# HEAD OF YEAR

## Special Recognition

Congratulations Year 11 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week.

**11DK**– Jack Brickley & Oliver Kok

**11KXS**– Thomas Worrall

**11LD**– Peter Michail & Joe Strickland

**11MRB**– Reece Percival

**11SDS**– Bobby Bendle

**Keep up the Good Work!**

## Principal's Picks of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Fantastic effort and focus in French lessons. Demonstrating very conscientious approach to work.



Amazing start to drum lessons, picked it up very easily and doing incredibly well.



Great start to the year in history, mature approach to work and excellent knowledge shown.



Massive improvements in her maths work and for having a positive mind set in being able to achieve.



Consistently hard-working in English, with excellent contributions. He achieved the highest mark in the class on his assessment last week.



## **Student Achievements for week 27th September- 3rd October**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Nicola Kastelik 7RRC —25 points  
Harvey Creek 7NMT —21 points  
Darcie Kellegher 7GXB—20 points  
Andrea Postelnicu—20 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Alfie Cooper —9RM 44 points  
Jake Curley —9RM 38 points  
Jack Hollis —9RM 38 points  
Harrison Snell — 9RM 37 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Bobby Bendle 11SDS –40 points  
Sonia Kadelska 11KXS- 29 points  
Thea Haywood 11SDS– 25 points  
Ted Fulleylove 11SDS— 22 points

### **Top Year 8 Students**

Connor Matthews 8SJ—26 points  
Jack Cressey 8DJD—23 points  
George Cardall 8DJD—23 points  
Kenzie Dickinson 8SJ—23 points



### **Top Year 10 Students**

Sophie Baker 10KJW—25 points  
Jorgia Downing 10VK—19 points  
Chester Cousins 10RG—18 points  
Conan Millington-York 10RJG– 15 points



### **Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week**

8DJD 497 points  
9RM 427 points  
7NMT 311 points

### **Top 3 Tutor Groups (year to date)**

9RM 1404 points  
8SJ– 1381 points  
7NMT 1279 points

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!**

# Music for the mind

On Tuesday 5th October the music department had a boy band come into school and performed for years 8 and 10. The students watched a unique and entertaining performance from the band, which was followed by a mental health message. The main message of the presentation was to empower the students to make healthy life choices, as well as providing them with real life stories and sound advice. The messages around mental health were aimed to empower students with confidence to speak about their state of mind, tools to recognise when to reach out and who to talk to.



**The band formed in 2020**



**The biggest UK Boyband on TikTok with over 2.5 million followers.**

**Sold out their first headline UK Tour & another later this year!**





## Special Recognition

We are so proud of Mckenna she not only plays for the local Phantom Knights marching band and rehearses twice a week. She has also just been upgraded from Trumpet 4 to Trumpet 1 which is a huge achievement.

The phantom knights are also planning a tour of the south coast which is super exciting!

## Music Production

Theo is currently taking music production lessons with our peripatetic teacher Sam Manville . He is using the music software Logic Pro on the Mac to create his own beats and experimenting with different musical effects such as delay and reverb.







# toiletries

**(11<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER)**

## Year 11 Charity week

### Why ediblelinks?

- Provide food parcels for the lonely
- They provide food and support for local veterans
- Support local schools, including TQEA, providing food for breakfast clubs etc
- During the **COVID 19** pandemic, they have provided much needed support for the vulnerable and those in need.
- They are supporting over 250 families at Christmas alone.
- They support people in the local Atherstone & Warwickshire area.

## How can we help?

Next week, we would like you to donate toiletries:

- Deodorant
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

Let's try and help & support families less fortunate than us.



**Kindness**



Welcome to the third edition of George reports and this week we look back on a whole host of exciting news stories from an Antarctic ice sculpture to Nigella Lawson's love for TQEA cuisine!

## George

## Reports

But first we travel to the colourful land of South Korea which is continuing to positively affect our youth culture and the way we speak. Due to the success of pop groups like BTS, 26 new Korean words have been officially added to the Oxford English dictionary.

These include:

mukbang (A video that features a person eating a large quantity of food and talking to the audience)

hallyu (The increase in international interest in South Korea and its popular culture, represented by the global success of South Korean music, film, TV, fashion and food)

K-drama (A television series in the Korean language and produced in South Korea)



Next up, an Antarctic show sculpture from the zero polar expedition in 1763 is now showing us the effects of global climate change. This sculpture was created by Mr John Watt (a family British scientist) and was created by digging up a pillar of Antarctic ice deep below the icy surface.

Continuing with climate Science, a team of American scientists have created a computer simulation capable of depicting the future effects of climate change on global weather patterns and temperatures. This has won them a 4-million-krona prize which is amazing but what is more impressive is the positive impact that they will have on helping others to do their bit for the planet.

What better way to end this week's edition than with some local news right here at TQEA! This week's 'Fish finger Bhortha dish' made in Come Dine with Me was not only a showstopper but attracted the attention of international super chef Nigella Lawson. She remarked that the food looked 'wonderful!' and we can't help but agree!

It's been a busy week with lots more to come. Stay tuned!

# Come dine with me

This weeks come dine with me club prepped and cooked a recipe from the Nigella Lawson cookbook. Not only did the group have a lovely time making it the lady herself commented on the picture when it was posted on Twitter.



**Kyle Stewart** @Mr\_K\_Stewart · 14h  
My guest spot as food teacher / head chef on the @TQEA\_Principal 'Come Dine With Me' club. The students excelled at making @Nigella\_Lawson's amazing Fish Finger Bhorta. Fun all round and some amazing dishes too! 😊



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**Nigella Lawson** @Nigella\_Lawson  
Replying to @Mr\_K\_Stewart and @TQEA\_Principal  
That's wonderful!

09:21 · 06/10/2021 · Twitter for iPhone

**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/>







Tomorrow's Engineers  
**EFP 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

# 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 Bhorta.



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
- 6.15
- 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

SEN Coffee Morning—11th October

Half Term—22nd October (15:05 finish)

## 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	Notes
Handwriting Club	1.00-1.30	Handwriting Room	All Years	Handwriting	Miss Wilson	
Reading Club	1.00-1.30	Library	All Years	Reading	Miss Wilson	
Chess Club	1.00-1.30	Chess Room	All Years	Chess	Mr Morgan	
Art Club	1.00-1.30	Art Room	All Years	Art	Miss Wilson	
Music Club	1.00-1.30	Music Room	All Years	Music	Mr Morgan	
Leadership Academy	3.05-3.45	Learning Support	Year 7-8	Leadership	Miss Wilson	
SEN Homework Club	3.05-3.45	Learning Support	Year 7-8	Homework	Miss Wilson	

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
<b>Breakfast Club</b> 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
<b>Lunch time club</b> 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
<b>After School club</b> 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

PE CLUBS

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**

7BXM

8GXJ

9JXP

10RJG

11SDS

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> prize = £20 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

