

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 12th November Issue 9

Dear Parents and Carers

On Thursday we fell silent as an academy at 11 am to mark Remembrance Day 2021. This is a significant event at TQEA as we mark the lives lost in conflict during numerous wars in our history. We invited students representing the services to attend wearing their uniforms proudly. They, along with Form Captains, left crosses which they had written messages on at the foot of the memorial tree that we planted during the first lockdown.

The tone for the event was set by a wonderful rendition of "The Last Post" on the Flugelhorn played beautifully by Mckenna Gallemore. As she stood in the atrium area of the academy her playing could be heard throughout and really added to the emotion of the occasion. My appreciation goes to Mckenna, our service students, Mr Kinvig and Mrs Morris for ensuring that the occasion is rightfully poignant.

We were also visited by the Atherstone Mayor, Ray Jarvis, for the judging of the Mayors' Christmas Card competition. We have three finalists and, in the toughest decision imaginable, Mr Jarvis selected the design by Nicola Kastelik (Year 7) to adorn the cover of the Mayor's Christmas Card 2021. However, such was the quality of entries Mr Jarvis was moved to adopt the entries by Lexie Amies (Year 10) and Imogen Faulkner (Year 7) as separate designs on the inside of the card.

Year 11 mock examinations have been going extremely well and I would like to thank Mrs Swaby, Mrs Williams and the invigilation team for their work. Year 11 Progress Evening is on December 9<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to meeting parents and carers to discuss your child's progress.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

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

10KJW– Sophia Jabra

10VK– Thomas Cope

10JYS– Rosie Mitchell, Cameron Reid & Alexander Reynolds

10ECT— Adam Ratcliffe

10RJG– Conan Millington-York & Ezra Stuart

**Keep up the Good Work!**

## Principal's Picks of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Excellent attitude towards learning in Science and always representing the tutor group well with a great number of achievement points.



Outstanding book work in maths. The details, reflecting on learning and pride shown is amazing.



Always having a positive attitude in French and always works hard.



Outstanding work completed in a complex topic understanding the internal architecture of a computer.



Showing real resilience in times of adversity, showing a desire to achieve during the mock examination period.



## **Student Achievements for week 1st November- 7th November**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Thomas Dawe 7NMT — 44 points  
James Ford 7NMT — 38 points  
Sammy Kirkham 7NMT— 38 points  
Emily Lindner 7NMT — 38 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Charlie Dennis 9LXC - 48 points  
Georgina Evans 9LXC— 43 points  
Caitlyn Major 9LXC —43 points  
Tara Loma 9LXC —38 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Bobby Bendle 11SDS—54 points  
Ben Brewin 11SDS - 43 points  
Ted Fulleylove 11SDS – 42 points  
Jessie Bradley 11SDS— 34 points



### **Top Year 8 Students**

Jikei Ye 8GXJ—25 points  
James Wood 8DJD—22 points  
Emily Bartlam 8DJD —19 points  
George Coyle 8DJD—19 points  
Lily Thompson 8DJD—19 points

### **Top Year 10 Students**

Ella Seiyaboh 10KJW—14 points  
Sage Green 10KJW —12 points  
Holly Nicholson KJW—12 points  
Olivia Embleton 10VK— 11 points  
Geitung Ye 10KJW— 11 points

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

7NMT— 747 points  
9LXC— 696 points  
7GXB— 541 points

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

7NMT— 2958 points  
8DJD— 2876 points  
9RM— 2765 points

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!**



### College Open Evenings

St Thomas More : 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



# In Remembrance

We fell silent at 11am on Thursday in honour of those who gave their lives. In a ceremony marked by Mckenna playing the 'Last Post' we laid out tributes at the foot of our memorial tree.



# Whats happening in PE?

## Local champions



On Thursday year 7 attended the local dodgeball tournament. Entering 2 teams. Team A ended up winning the local competition!! This now means they will progress to the county finals tournament! Well done!!! Showing the best honesty, determination, teamwork, self belief, passion and respect.

## Stars of the week

WELL DONE TO ALL STUDENTS FOR PUTTING MAXIMUM EFFORT INTO THEIR LESSONS DURING YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU DRESS APPROPRIATELY WITH THE CURRENT WEATHER CONDITIONS ALONGSIDE OUR SCHOOL POLICY.

Our stars of the week  
this week go to our fantastic  
Year 7 dodgeball team!!

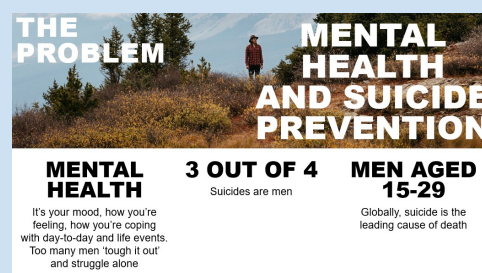
WELL DONE

UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS ALL CLUBS WILL BE POSTPONED FOR NEXT WEEK ALSO AND RESUME ON THE 22ND NOVEMBER. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL BACK IN CLUBS WHEN WE RETURN!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 PE 10:00-11:00 PE Club 11:00-12:00 PE Club 12:00-13:00 PE Club 13:00-14:00 PE Club 14:00-15:00 PE Club 15:00-16:00 PE Club 16:00-17:00 PE Club 17:00-18:00 PE Club 18:00-19:00 PE Club 19:00-20:00 PE Club 20:00-21:00 PE Club 21:00-22:00 PE Club 22:00-23:00 PE Club 23:00-24:00 PE Club	Year 7 PE 10:00-11:00 PE Club 11:00-12:00 PE Club 12:00-13:00 PE Club 13:00-14:00 PE Club 14:00-15:00 PE Club 15:00-16:00 PE Club 16:00-17:00 PE Club 17:00-18:00 PE Club 18:00-19:00 PE Club 19:00-20:00 PE Club 20:00-21:00 PE Club 21:00-22:00 PE Club 22:00-23:00 PE Club 23:00-24:00 PE Club	Year 7 PE 10:00-11:00 PE Club 11:00-12:00 PE Club 12:00-13:00 PE Club 13:00-14:00 PE Club 14:00-15:00 PE Club 15:00-16:00 PE Club 16:00-17:00 PE Club 17:00-18:00 PE Club 18:00-19:00 PE Club 19:00-20:00 PE Club 20:00-21:00 PE Club 21:00-22:00 PE Club 22:00-23:00 PE Club 23:00-24:00 PE Club	Year 7 PE 10:00-11:00 PE Club 11:00-12:00 PE Club 12:00-13:00 PE Club 13:00-14:00 PE Club 14:00-15:00 PE Club 15:00-16:00 PE Club 16:00-17:00 PE Club 17:00-18:00 PE Club 18:00-19:00 PE Club 19:00-20:00 PE Club 20:00-21:00 PE Club 21:00-22:00 PE Club 22:00-23:00 PE Club 23:00-24:00 PE Club	Year 7 PE 10:00-11:00 PE Club 11:00-12:00 PE Club 12:00-13:00 PE Club 13:00-14:00 PE Club 14:00-15:00 PE Club 15:00-16:00 PE Club 16:00-17:00 PE Club 17:00-18:00 PE Club 18:00-19:00 PE Club 19:00-20:00 PE Club 20:00-21:00 PE Club 21:00-22:00 PE Club 22:00-23:00 PE Club 23:00-24:00 PE Club



# Remember, Remember its time for Movember!!



**Week 2 progress**

## George and Danyl report

Welcome to another edition of George and Danyl report.

This half term is already set to be a busy one with many interesting news features lined up. This week the focus is on Remembrance Day, a time when we look to celebrate the sacrifices that millions of brave soldiers and civilians made to uphold global democracy.

Remembrance Day was first held in 1919, a year after the first world war. It included the first two-minute silence which we still uphold 102 years later. The introduction of wearing poppies started in 1921 following the lead of Moina Michael who was inspired by the poem In Flanders Fields by John McRae. They are worn to symbolise the poppies which grew on the battlefields of World War One.

Here at TQEA, we celebrated the day by honouring the two-minute silence at 11am on Armistice Day and reflecting on the efforts of the fallen and many communities which served alongside the British in tutor time. Mr Kinvig, a member of the History department, also organised for all form tutor representatives to lay a cross as a sign of our respect and appreciation.

May they never be forgotten.

## From inside the Academy this week



## Christmas Card Competition

This week we had the company of the Major who along with Mr Harding and Mrs Bennett chose the winner of our Christmas Card design. They chose Imogen but it could have been any one of them.





## Dates for the Diary

Year 11 Mock Exams—Continue W/c 15th November

Year 9 Photos—22nd November

## 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.

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

Activity	Time	Day	Lead	Notes
Breakfast Club	8.00-8.30	Monday	Miss Wilson	Only Trainers needed
Lunch time club	1.35-2.00	Monday	Mr Morgan	Only Trainers needed
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Breakfast Club	8.00-8.30	Tuesday	Miss Wilson	Only Trainers needed
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Breakfast Club	8.00-8.30	Thursday	Mr Webb	Only Trainers needed
Lunch time club	1.35-2.00	Thursday	Miss Wilson	Only Trainers needed
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Breakfast Club	8.00-8.30	Friday	Mr Morgan	Only Trainers needed
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## Year 11 Mock Exams

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

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<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

**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

7GXB

8DJD

9JXP

10RJG

11KXS

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council

**It is important to note**, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority**

**Warwickshire School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019**

