

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 19th November Issue 10

Dear Parents and Carers

Social action has been at the forefront of our work this week as students have volunteered to hold bake sales and wear odd socks in aid of Children in Need. It really helps young people to understand the world around them and the plight of others when they undertake this action. Brave colleagues are also doing this with their Movember quest in support of suicide prevention and the reduction of male cancer. We are keeping you posted with pictures each week of their developing facial hair and I am pleased to report that £120 has already been raised for these good causes. Finally, I was delighted to see that the Sewing Bee extended day club have donated drainage bags to the George Eliot Cancer Ward in Nuneaton. Social action at its best with some lovely bag designs too!

I am proud of our academy and what it represents in the Atherstone community and area. Today we were visited by Craig Tracey MP in order to talk about the strategic direction of our Trust, Academy Transformation Trust, and our academy. Of course, our academy facility is one to be proud of and we are keen to expand our Year 7 entry to accommodate the increasing demand for places in Atherstone and our local area. However, what was the most crucial part of the visit for me was for Mr Tracey to see our wonderful students, in the classroom, being taught by committed, passionate teachers. The relationships between students and teachers is a strength here and it is one of the reasons that students at TQEA have made well above national average progress in the past few years. That was very evident in Mr Tracey's visit as were the manners and politeness of TQEA students who went out of their way to ensure Mr Tracey felt at home on his visit.

Our extended day clubs are growing in participation and this week we have showcased the wonderful Mindfulness group. The Duke of Edinburgh team have started their survival skills work and the Business & Enterprise (The Apprentice) teams are about to launch their businesses. Please be reminded of our extraordinary extended day offer in which there is literally something for every child to take part in whether it be sport, creative work, science, engineering or mindfulness. I am also pleased to announce that we are expecting some new additional clubs to be added in the coming weeks.

We are also starting to offer our cultural experiences programme and have trips planned for the end of term: - Year 7 to church for a Christmas service and Year 11 to the theatre in English. Both of these visits enhance the curriculum and support learning. We ask that parents and carers support us by returning their permission slips in order for us to plan these visits. It goes without saying that our best memories of school are often those visits we participated in so I am pleased, after a while not being able to have the freedom to do cultural visits, that this is slowly returning.

Have a good weekend

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.


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




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. If you have any issues with this or have not yet accessed your account, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's Head of Year. ***** CLASS CHARTS NOW HAS THE FUNCTION TO REPORT AN ABSENCE, PLEASE USE THIS FROM NOW ON. MY ED HAS NOW BEING CLOSED AND WE MAY NOT RECEIVE YOUR MESSAGE*****



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.

11KXS – Kira Perkins

11MRB – Luke Cheshire

11DK – Ruby Dalton

11LD – Joe Strickland

11SDS – Olivia Rollason

Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



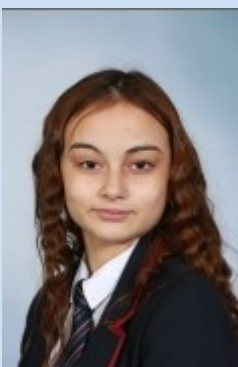
Doing an amazing deed in helping a fellow student who needed medical aid.



Dedication to his music studies, attending extra curricular clubs in an effort to improve his classwork.



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Massive improvement in History. It's great to see her being such a positive member of the class.



Successful completion of a very intense GRIT program.



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Student Achievements for week 8th November to 14th November

Top Year 7 Students

Nikola Kastelik 7RRC—35 points
 Kayleigh Walpole 7NMT—35 points
 Jamie-Lee Moore 7NMT—34 points
 Ryan Smith 7NMT—32 points



Top Year 8 Students

Evie Horton 8MXH—34 points
 Faye Read 8SJ—29 points
 Cherry Thompson 8GXJ—25 points
 Sophie Barnes 8MXH—20 points
 Daniel Cheshire 8SJ—20 points

Top Year 9 Students

Evie Benton 9NMP—38 points
 Baye Cooke 9NMP—33 points
 Layton Mobley 9LXC—21 points
 Seamus Aherne 9NMP—20 points



Top Year 10 Students

Thomas Cope 10VK—18 points
 Ella Seiyaboh 10KJW—17 points
 Conan Millington -York 10RJG—16 points
 Ezra Stuart 10RJG—16 points

Top Year 11 Students

Bobby Bendle 11SDS—19 points
 Siorsa Dunn 11SDS—13 points
 Grace Taft Heath 11DK—10 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

7NMT - 415 points
 9RM—342 points
 7GXB—328 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

7NMT—3373 points
 9RM—3107 points
 8DJD—2961 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

Student Leadership Team

Weekly focus...

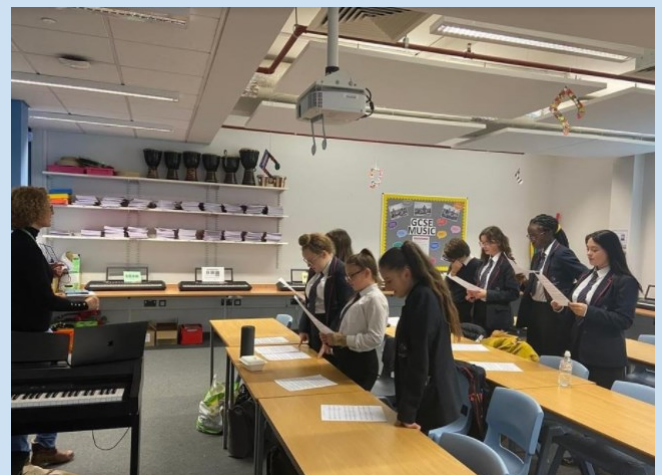
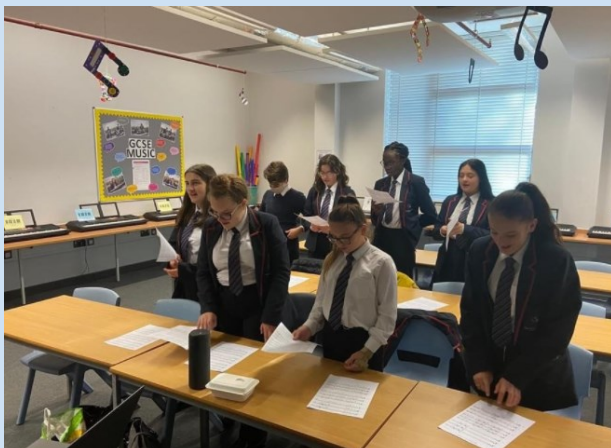
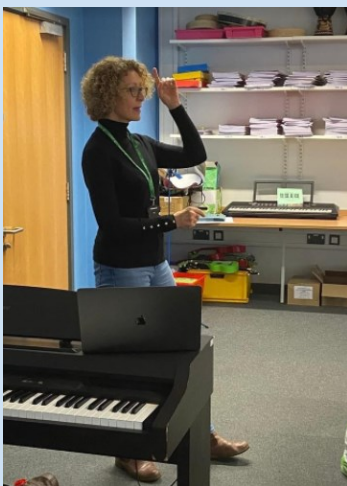
"Religions are many and diverse, but reason and goodness are one." Elbert Hubbard

"The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion." Thomas Paine



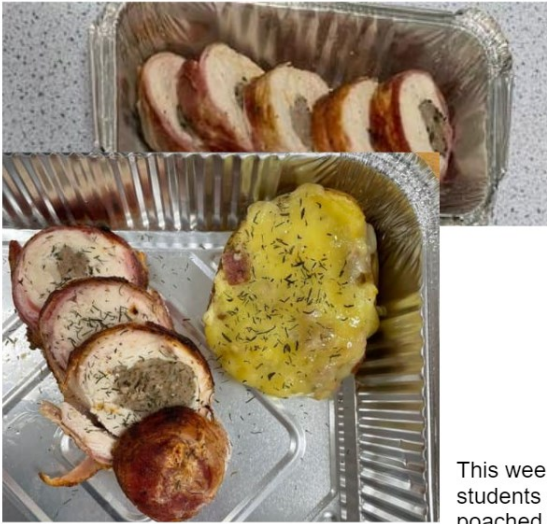
Singing Sensations

It was lovely to see students during choir rehearsal on Wednesday lunchtime.



TQEA Food Department

Thursday's Master Classes



This week students made a poached chicken

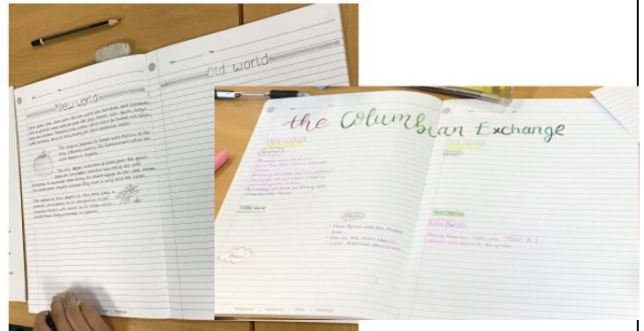
ballotine, demonstrating distinction level skills.

All GCSE students will be invited to attend Master classes at various times.

What's cooking?

Year 7	Starchy carbohydrates: savoury rice
Year 8	New World foods: twice baked potatoes
Year 9	Fairtrade Foods: hairy Biker's sweet and sour chicken

The Columbian Exchange



Year 8 is combining Food and History and learning about how the discovery of the Americas made a whole range of new foods available.

Year 7 and year 9 have homework tasks on TEAMS this fortnight.

Remember, Remember its time for November

Our Mo team...getting hairy! (Week 3 update)

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THE PROBLEM

MENTAL HEALTH

It's your mood, how you're feeling, how you're coping with day-to-day and life events. Too many men 'tough it out' and struggle alone

3 OUT OF 4

Suicides are men

MEN AGED 15-29

Globally, suicide is the leading cause of death

Click here to donate

Next week we have our first ever year 7 and 8 3 v 3 basketball tournament. Don't forget basketball club is on Thursday morning.

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**CLUBS WILL RETURN
BACK TO NORMAL ON
MONDAY STARTING
WITH BADMINTON AT
BREAKFAST CLUB!!**

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Dates for the Diary

22nd November—Year 9 Photos

8th December—Year 11 photos

14th December—Yr7-11 Nasal Flu vaccinations

College Open Evenings

KEC Nuneaton—20th November 09:30—12:30pm

NWSLC—22nd November—Hinckley Campus

NWSLC—25th November—Harrowbrook and Nuneaton Campus

MTC Engineering Apprenticeships: Tuesday 15th February

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

7NEH

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

