

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 26th November 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Local Academy Committee are such an important part of our work to improve our academy. Not only is the committee formed with talented individuals in their fields, but many of them exist as members of our local community. I am delighted to announce that following our parent/carer elections that Dee Stanton and Craig Bird have been elected as our new parent governors. They will be joined by our new community governors, Sarah Bishop and Jill Thomas. The Local Academy Committee work very closely with us with Ann Webb, LAC Chair, at the helm. They support the work we do and hold me to account in equal measure. Congratulations to our new governing body members and thank you to all of our governors who volunteer their time to support academy improvement for our children.

A highlight of the week was the visit of the Warwickshire Include Me Too project this week, which worked with a focus group of students considering how we can improve inclusivity in the academy. The focus group articulated brilliantly their ideas and created a very packed ideas board. What impressed me, Mrs Ressel and our Include Me Too guest was how passionate our students were about these issues (quite rightly!) and how desperate they were to share their point of view. There was certainly no reticence on show here! As with all student voice we will take their considerations very seriously and we will continue to work with this amazing focus group!

On Monday night our Sports Leadership Academy hosted an event for primary school children from our feeder schools. The job of the sports leaders was to create and run sports activities for these youngsters. The event was very well attended by students and parents with our Sports Leaders doing an incredible job in ensuring that all of their primary school counterparts had a good time. They led the session in an exemplary fashion and parents and carers commented on their politeness and good manners. It was lovely to see our future TQEA students, having had a brilliant time with our Sports Leaders, beaming as they were collected at the end of the session.

Please note that we have some upcoming events for your diary. Parents and carers of Year 11 students have their Parents Evening on Thursday December 9th. Following our mock results day this will be a really important opportunity for you to understand how your child is doing at school and how we are supporting them to reach their potential with GCSE examinations less than 6 months away. This evening will be held remotely through our Class Cloud platform and you will be invited to sign up for appointments shortly. On December 14th we have our Christmas Music Extravaganza and tickets for this event are free of charge. At present we do not know whether this will be a face to face event or recorded with the access link being shared with parents and carers for them to join the event remotely. A decision will be taken nearer the time based on Coronavirus infection rates at the time.

Finally, Coronavirus infection rates are still high nationally and we ask parents and carers to support us by ensuring their child completes a lateral flow test mid-week and each Sunday before returning to the academy on Monday. Your support in managing Covid locally and nationally is much appreciated by all of us.

Have a great 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 7 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week.

7BXM – Kaden Wright

7GXB – Willow Blore & Kaden Cursley

7NEH – Logan Allan -Stubbs

7NMT – Emily Lindner

7RRC – Thomas Watson

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

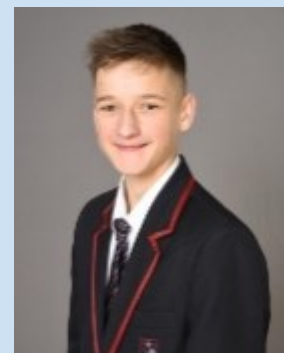
Here are this weeks worthy winners.



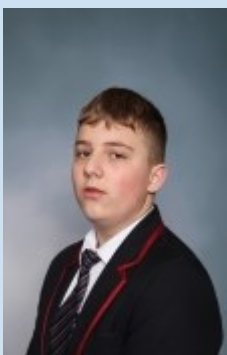
Always 100% effort in Music and PHSE Lessons. Beautiful work and a pleasure to teach.



Outstanding effort in English lessons– a real improvement in focus, and clear increase in confidence.



Excellent attendance, effort and progress with his drum lessons.



Significant improvement in attitude and endeavour in maths this year.



Excellent attitude and effort with her learning so far this year.



Student Achievements for week 15th November to 21st November

Top Year 7 Students

Thomas Watson 7RRC—43 points

Harvey Creek 7NMT—33 points

Jamie-Lee Moore 7GXB—33 points

Masie Howitt 7GXB—33 points



Top Year 8 Students

Jade Stokes 8MXH—44 points

James Horton 8MXH—36 points

Evie Horton 8MXH—33 points

Vanessa Moffitt 8MXH—32 points

Top Year 9 Students

Isabelle Gurney 9RZC—21 points

Sonny Whitehead 9RZC—21 points

Grace Caddy 9RZC—19 points

Trinity Millington-York 9RZC —19 points



Top Year 10 Students

Patrick Djonkoue 10ECT —17 points

Leevi Harris 10JYS—17 points

Emily Petch 10JYS —17 points

Top Year 11 Students

Ruby Dalton 11DK—16 points

Oliver Birt 11DK—10 points

Stephen Murphy 11DK—10 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

7GXB - 509 points

7NMT—457 points

7RRC —451 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

7NMT—3830 points

7GXB—3411 points

9RM—3389 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

TQEA Food Department

Come Dine with Me: we made Nachos on Tuesday



What's Been Cooking?



Year 8 Twice Baked Potatoes

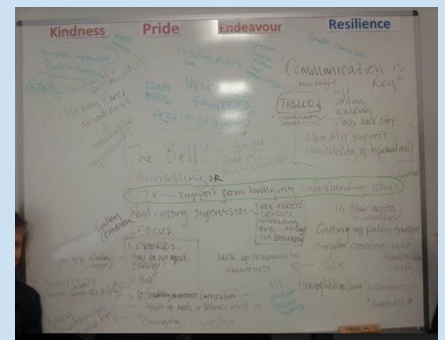
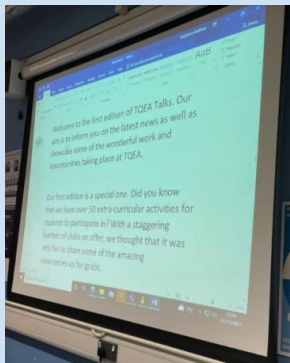
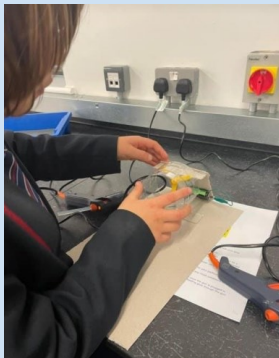


Year 10 Masterclass
Spanakopita (Greek Filo Feta and Spinach Pastries)

Year 7's, 9's and 10's have homework to complete on TEAMS: due Friday 3 December.
BREAKFAST CLUB: it's lovely to have so many students coming into the Breakfast Club but please make sure you are here by 8.25am or you might not get food. We need to start clearing up at 8.30 to get ready for classes.

Around the Academy

This week around the academy the Royal Engineers group were testing masks in Twilight club. The BBC Young report team have been prepping for their first live broadcast for TQEA News. Also the keyboard club met with an amazing attendance yesterday lunchtime, We also had our amazing "include me" team giving honest feedback about how we can improve





Gurparab - 19th November 2021

Gurparab is a Sikh tradition celebrated yearly to commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji (the founder of Sikhism). Prior to this celebration, there is a 48-hour reading of the Guru Granth Sahib (holy book), this is known as the Akhand Path. On the day, Sikhs will gather at the Gurdwara and sing hymns and do prayers together, this is known as Kirtan. We do this to honour the words of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and his teachings. He had 3 key principles: 'Naam Japo' (meditate), 'Kirat Karo' (earn an honest living), and 'Vans Chhako' (share your resources), these teachings help guide us daily. Gurdwaras are decorated in flowers and lights, Prasad (a cooked mixture of sugar, water, wheat flour and ghee) is given out to all those attending. Once the main prayers are done, people head to have 'langar', this is where people will eat together for no cost. To help out, Sikhs may do seva, this is where you would help cook food, wash dishes or give food and money donations, seva is a vital part of Sikhism as it demonstrates belief in equality for all. The donations also helped supply the food, due it being a special occasion, there was domino's pizza, chip-shop chips, samosas and traditional punjabi food.

(People are throwing flowers)

Sharan Yr11

Remember, Remember its time for November

Open with

**Our Mo team...It's tickling!
(Week 4 update)**

Click here to donate

MOVEMBER

THE PROBLEM

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

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

Click here to donate

MEN AGED 15-29

Globally, suicide is the leading cause of death

Whats happening in PE?



Well done to our sports leaders who ran a very successful primary school dodgeball tournament here at TQEA!

8 primary schools
competed during the
event!

They have been working hard on a Monday after school with their leadership skills.

leaders for the future...
well done!

Stars of the week



Well done to our year 7 basketballers for competing at Higham lane for their first ever 3 v 3 tournament!



**CLUBS ARE BACK ON!
PLEASE SEE BELOW AND
IN THE SPORTS HALL
FOR OUR CLUBS WE
OFFER! COME JOIN US
AND BRING A FRIEND!**

WaldCity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Children's Day 10:00-11:00 (Only Walden members) 	10:00-11:00 (Only Walden members) 	10:00-11:00 (Only Walden members) 	10:00-11:00 (Only Walden members) 	10:00-11:00 (Only Walden members) 	
Adults' Club 1:00-2:00 (Only Walden members) 	1:00-2:00 (Only Walden members) 	1:00-2:00 (Only Walden members) 	1:00-2:00 (Only Walden members) 	1:00-2:00 (Only Walden members) 	
Any School child 3:00-4:00 (Only Walden members) 	3:00-4:00 (Only Walden members) 	3:00-4:00 (Only Walden members) 	3:00-4:00 (Only Walden members) 	3:00-4:00 (Only Walden members) 	

Trainers needed at basketball and tennis clubs - full kit needed for after school



Flu Vaccination Consent Form

Nasal Flu vaccinations are available for all year groups 7-11 in the academy on December 14th.

Below is the letter containing the link for consent.

Any questions please email the team on NORTHIMMS@covwarkpt.nhs.uk or call 02476 321 550.



Dates for the Diary

Yr7-11 Nasal Flu vaccinations—14th December

Year 11 photos –8th December

Warwickshire Royal British Legion Atherstone Branch



A Message from the Major

Engine idling is illegal under Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The Highway Code also clearly states rivers should never leave their engines on for no reason. Rule 123 said: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road." The RAC has warned idling engines can produce up to twice as many emissions as an engine in motion.

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 Netball 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

PE CLUBS



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

8MXH

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

