

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 10th December 13

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this academic year we are focusing on providing tangible rewards for our students and this week we were excited to take delivery of a book vending machine. Alongside our half-termly voucher prize draw and our attendance rewards will be the weekly Principals' reward with students being given a token to choose a book from the vending machine which they can keep as a gift. Today saw our first book winners being announced and it was a fantastic to see Rowan, Jake, Layton, Ella and Hannah all receiving their books for being this weeks' Principals Award winners.

Parents evening last night for Year 11 was a success with a record turnout for a remote event. There is a strong sense of purpose to a Year 11 parents evening at this stage, as it is important for parents and staff to work together to ensure students reach their potential. We know how important GCSE and BTEC qualifications are to open doors in the future and to allow our young people options in their career later in life. We look forward to seeing the progress our Year 11 students make in the coming weeks and months as they prepare to sit their GCSE examinations.

Today we are releasing letters to parents and carers about our end of term finish next Friday and also our plans to return in January 2022. Firstly, we end term next Friday December 17th and close at 1:10pm. Students will be in lessons all morning and will be offered lunch before they depart. Details are contained within the letter.

For our January return and the beginning of the Spring term we are expected by the government to test our students on site again. We would like parents and carers to support us by undertaking a Lateral Flow test on the day before they return to the academy to ensure that they are clear to attend and they will then be subsequently tested in the academy when they return. Government guidance has indicated that a staggered start to the term allows for schools to manage testing successfully and, therefore, at TQEA we expect students to return on the following dates: -

Tuesday January 4th 2022 – All Year 11, 10 and 9.

Wednesday January 5th 2022 – All Year 8 and 7.

A letter has been sent to parents and carers today explaining the testing regime and what parents and carers can do to support the safe return of our young people to the academy.

Finally, our Christmas Concert is still going ahead next Tuesday 14th December, albeit remotely. This decision has been taken in light of the new Coronavirus variant and my wish to ensure that all families can enjoy their Christmas safely. Our students have worked hard on their performances and will be recorded especially for a show which ticket holders will have a link to access. Although they will not be having a live audience, our students are excited to perform and show their talents. It will be a great evening!

Have a great weekend and please stay safe!

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

9JXP– Alfie Aldridge

9LXC – Georgina Evans

9NMP– Seamus Aherne

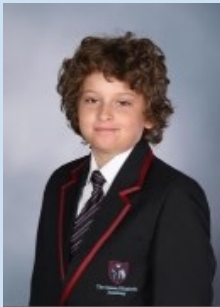
9RM – Millie Bilson

9RZC– Ava Jackson

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

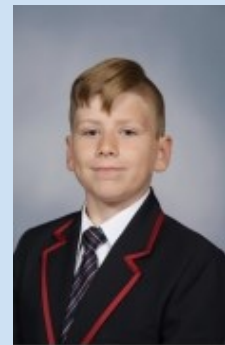
Here are this weeks worthy winners.



For exceptional effort in French and always asking for extra tasks to further his understanding.



Consistent and founding member of creative writing and volunteered to read a poem made in Creative Writing Club for the Church Service.



Always working hard and being helpful in French lessons.



Awesome attitude and approach to each school day, uniform behaviour and attendance is excellent. Ella has also shown quiet bravery over the last couple of weeks and is always an awesome student including incredible endeavour in maths.



Being an absolute legend—coaching and supporting younger students in Netball, developing her skills, leadership, organisation and coaching while being a role model to all those she works with.



Student Achievements for week 29th November to 5th December

Top Year 7 Students

Nicola Kastelik 7RRC—31 points
 Hannah Pardoe 7RRC—30 points
 Noah Miller 7RRC—29 points
 Beau Huxley 7RRC—28 points
 Daniel Smith 7RRC—28 Points



Top Year 8 Students

Demi-Lee Egeerton 8GXJ—33 points
 Reuben Hargreaves 8MXH—33 points
 Scarlett Neal 8GXJ—32 points
 Amy Preece 8GXJ—32 points
 Romily Taylor-Lane 8SJ—32 points

Top Year 9 Students

Bethany Batchelor 9LXC—25 points
 Millie Bilson 9RM—22 points
 Brett Dicken 9RM—21 points
 Freya Douglas 9RM —19 points
 Sophie Newton 9LXC –19 points



Top Year 10 Students

Riley Dyde 10KJW —23 points
 Violet O'Meara 10KJW—21 points
 Ruby Butcher 10KJW —18 points
 Alfie McDonnell 10KJW—18 points
 Holly Nicholson 10KJW—18 points

Top Year 11 Students

Tamzin Douglas 11DK—20 points
 Curtis Prime 11MRB —20 points
 Ewan Cartwright 11DK —16 points
 Luke Cheshire 11MRB—15 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

7RRC - 471 points
 8GXJ—463 points
 7NEH —438 points

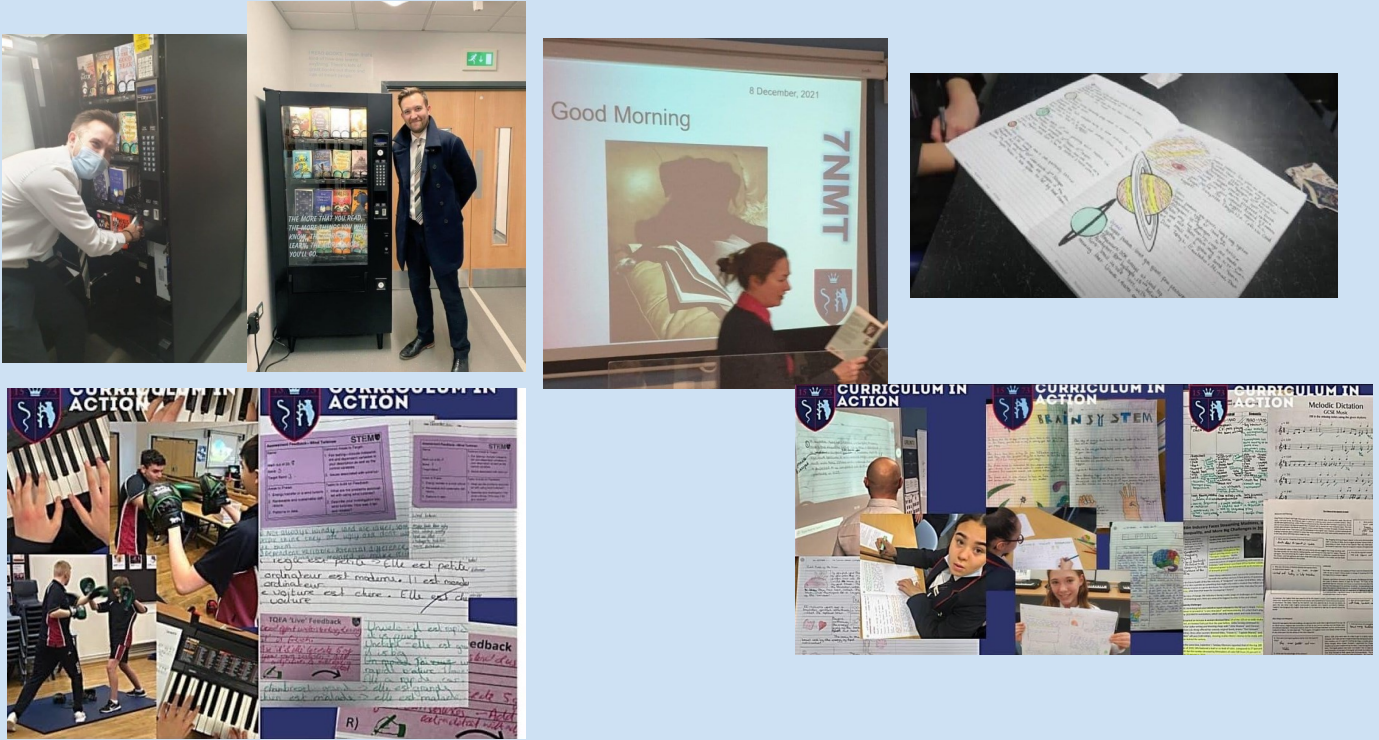
Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

7NMT—4531 points
 7GXB—3976 points
 9RM—3931 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

Around the Academy

This week the academy took receipt of our new book vending machine which is stocked with Carnegie winner, Booker nominees and literacy classics, Thank you Mr Armishaw. Continuing with reading Mrs Trewin and her special guest read 'Kes' with her tutor group on Thursday. The extended day club has produced some stunning and deep thinking work, some of our students are working so hard they have been entered for an additional GCSE qualification. This weeks curriculum in action has had Extended writing in Geography, beautiful work in PHSE, reading in Music, Student coaching in PE and feedback in Engineering.



Careers

It has been a busy fortnight for year 11 with them receiving some top tips about how to be successful in the future. They have all attended a 'why university' assembly delivered by ThinkHigher, a university outreach organisation. The assembly informed students about the positives of attending university and explained some misconceptions about the perceived financial implications. ThinkHigher then delivered a 'don't be passive' workshop to all year 11 students in their PHSE lessons. The workshop explored passive attitudes to education and the impacts this had on career paths. Students have had the chance to listen to real life examples of people who have suffered the consequences of a passive approach and also reaped the benefits of taking a more active and engaged approach to their education. It has been great to speak to nearly all of our year 11 students the past week and find that most have applied to their chosen sixth form or college and have a clear idea of what they want to do next year. We have noticed a real change in the attitudes and the focus of students in this position and they now seem to be working hard to achieve their goals. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's next steps in education when they leave TQEA then please contact me on the below email address Mr Webb m.webb@tqea.org.uk



Whats happening in PE?



Stars of the week

Great to see our club numbers improving week by week. Bring your trainers and bring a friend!

No fixtures this week but we return after Christmas with girls football tournaments, rowing and trampolining



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

Club	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Girls' Football	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
Girls' Basketball	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00
Girls' Badminton	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00
Girls' Table Tennis	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00
Girls' Rowing	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00
Girls' Trampoline	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00

PE CLUBS



Dates for the Diary



Yr7-11 Nasal Flu vaccinations—14th December

A Christmas Showcase VIRTUALLY—14th December

School closes for Christmas—17th December

School re opens—January 4th 2022



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

7BXM

8GXJ

9JXP

10JYS

11DK

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

