

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It warmed our hearts and lifted our spirits this week to see the TQEA Christmas Tree grace our reception area. As a celebration of the start of advent there is nothing better than seeing our tree with its purple and silver baubles and decorations crafted in STEM lessons.

On the subject of Christmas, the mayor came to visit with a gift for our Mayors' Christmas Card competition winners. Mayor Ray Jarvis also showed us the finished card with its three TQEA designed images on provided by our students. I am sure our local community will enjoy receiving these in the next few weeks.

With our Christmas Concert being held on Thursday 14th December the rehearsals have been coming thick and fast. There is a section based on A Christmas Carol which saw our students begin to try their costumes on. This will be interspersed with musical interludes by our students and some speeches too! We have not decided at this point whether the concert will be face to face or remote and we will make that decision shortly based on the local infection rates. We will be sure to let parents and carers know as soon as possible, but safety will be at the forefront of our minds in any decision that we take.

We do have a remote parents evening for Year 11 parents and carers next week on School Cloud. This is an important opportunity for us to discuss your child's recent mock examination results and to outline what they need to do to improve and close any gaps. We are clear that at present the plan is for Year 11 examinations to run as expected next May and, when students return in the new year, they will have just 22 weeks to prepare. Whilst that seems like a good amount of time, it will fly by as it does every year! The mock examinations results are released to students on Tuesday morning December 7th and tutors will be on hand to support and congratulate students when results envelopes are opened.

Next week we welcome Mrs Pratt who is joining TQEA as our new Head of Year 7. Mrs Pratt has many years' experience working in secondary schools as a teacher and pastoral leader and she will be a great addition to our fantastic pastoral team. I am sure Year 7 will be delighted to welcome her and that you as parents and carers will be acquainted with her in due course. We also welcome Mrs Kalirai who will be starting work as our full time student councillor next week. Mrs Kalirai comes to us with very high level counselling qualifications and vast experience in student counselling. Her arrival will now give us at TQEA greater capacity and support for our young people. I am certain that both of our new additions will have great impact in their work in benefit of TQEA students and we wish them every success in their new roles.

It is with a heavy heart that I have to mention Coronavirus once more, but schools were instructed by the government on Sunday night that mask wearing would return in communal areas. This started on Monday. Parents and carers who wish their child to be exempt from mask wearing for medical reasons should inform the academy at info@tqea.org.uk. Can I make a plea that parents and carers support us by ensuring that their child has their own mask to wear from home? This week we have issued 1,000 masks to our students who did not have one with them and this is not sustainable long-term. We are grateful for your support in this matter.

Have a wonderful 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 8 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week.

8DJD – Kai David

8GXJ – Scarlett Neal, Amy Preece, Isobel Wickson

8JRW – Poppy Cole

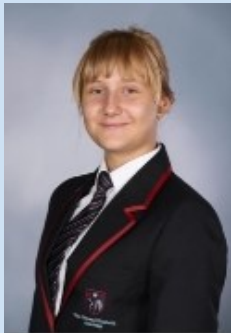
8MXH – Evie Horton

8SJ – Jessica Cheetham

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Fantastic piece of homework for Drama. Emily always goes above and beyond, demonstrating utmost pride in her work. In EAL support lessons she always works hard and with great enthusiasm for learning.



For being an inspirational, encouraging and kind leader supporting other students in their practical work.



An exceptional piece of work in RE, showing excellent thought and consideration of different viewpoints.



Fantastic engagement and commitment shown in the Young Reporters club.



Outstanding effort in science lessons. Really taking pride in his work and striving to complete tasks to the best of his ability!



Student Achievements for week 22nd November to 28th November

Top Year 7 Students

Bethany Benton 7GXB—21 points
 Brooke Haddon 7NMT—20 points
 Darcie Kellegher 7GXB—20 points
 Keira Russell 7GXB—20 points



Top Year 8 Students

Faye Read 8SJ—29 points
 Sophie Barnes 8MXH—27 points
 Evie Horton 8MXH—25 points
 Josh Hanks 8MXH—23 points

Top Year 9 Students

Millie Bilson 9RM—24 points
 Charlie Dennis 9LXC —23 points
 Leah Clark 9RM—22 points
 Nicole Hammond 9JXP —16 points



Top Year 10 Students

Will Burden 10ECT —12 points
 Mckenna Gallemore 10VK—12 points
 Tyler Hall 10VK —11 points
 Ella Seiyaboh 10KJW—10 points

Top Year 11 Students

Tamzin Douglas 11DK—19 points
 Bobby Bendle 11SDS—16 points
 Tiegan Evans 11DK—15 points
 Shaun Shemmans 11LD—15 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

7NEH—333 points
 8MXH—328 points
 7GXB—313 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

7NMT—4140 points
 7GXB—3724 points
 9RM—3645 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

TQEA Food Department

Thursday's Master Classes



This week students made a

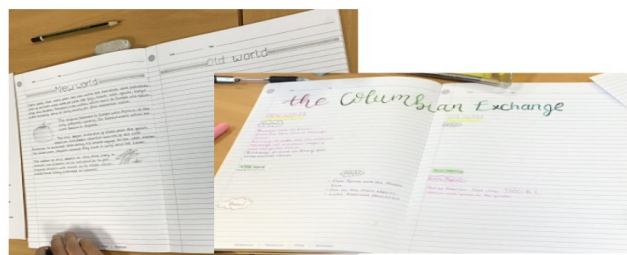
ballotine, demonstrating distinction level skills.

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

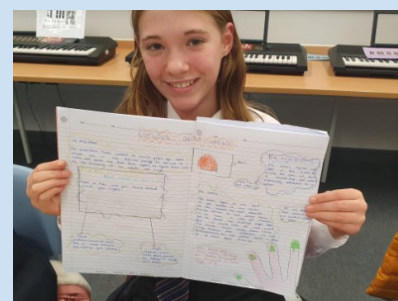
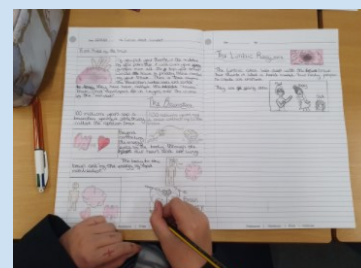
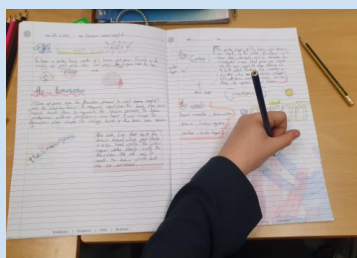


Year 8 is combining Food and History and learning about how the discovery of the Americas made a whole range of new foods available.

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

Around the Academy

There has been some beautiful work this week from our Year 7 students in PHSE surrounding conflict. They had to think hard and craft their ideas with such care. No wonder they have been proud of what they have produced and rightly so. Our students were introduced to the new peripatetic music teacher who will be teaching them beatboxing in the new year, Mrs Gibson got to go in for a sneak peak and was highly impressed.



Until next year... Movember

As we say goodbye to November with it goes Movember. The gentlemen who have taken part have done an amazing job they have raised an amazing £760 towards such a wonderful cause.



Student Leadership Team

Weekly focus...



why are people that are different being treated unfairly than others?

'They're going to kill me,
Please I can't breathe'
'George Floyd 25th may 2020'

It doesn't matter what race or sexuality you are,
everyone should be treated fairly.



Whats happening in PE?



Well done to our sports leaders who ran a successful sport4life festival for year 3 and 4 pupils from local primary schools.

Here are some of our many wonderful comments about our leaders:

"How old are your sports leaders? They are fantastic"

: "I wish the sports leaders were my teachers all the time!"

"My favourite part was when the older children cheered me on"

: "I enjoyed taking part in sport with my friends. I now want to try different sports and see what's out there!"

"What an absolute credit to the school your sports leaders are! They greeted us and made us feel so welcome, and then they were amazing with the younger children!"

Stars of the week



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



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-11:00 Netball Club	10:00-11:00 Netball Club	10:00-11:00 Netball Club	10:00-11:00 Netball Club	10:00-11:00 Netball Club
11:00-12:00 Gymnastics Club	11:00-12:00 Gymnastics Club	11:00-12:00 Gymnastics Club	11:00-12:00 Gymnastics Club	11:00-12:00 Gymnastics Club
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14:00-15:00 Football Club	14:00-15:00 Football Club	14:00-15:00 Football Club	14:00-15:00 Football Club	14:00-15:00 Football Club
15:00-16:00 Basketball Club	15:00-16:00 Basketball Club	15:00-16:00 Basketball Club	15:00-16:00 Basketball Club	15:00-16:00 Basketball Club
16:00-17:00 Dance Club	16:00-17:00 Dance Club	16:00-17:00 Dance Club	16:00-17:00 Dance Club	16:00-17:00 Dance Club

Trainers needed for netball and football clubs - full kit needed for after school

PE CLUBS



Dates for the Diary

Year 11 photos –8th December

Year 11 Progress evening—9th December

(Virtual via school cloud)

Yr7-11 Nasal Flu vaccinations—14th December
(Consent closed 2/12)

Christmas Showcase—14th December 6-7pm

Warwickshire Royal British Legion Atherstone Branch

The Branch wishes to thank

*The Queen Elizabeth
Academy*

For their exceptionally generous
support in raising
the sum of £171.79 for the
2021 Poppy Appeal

Carol Housden & Susan Benson

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Honorary Poppy Appeal Organisers



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**

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

7GXB

8MXH

9JXP

10ECT

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

