

TQEA

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

SEPT 2021—JULY 2022





"We Can and We Will"



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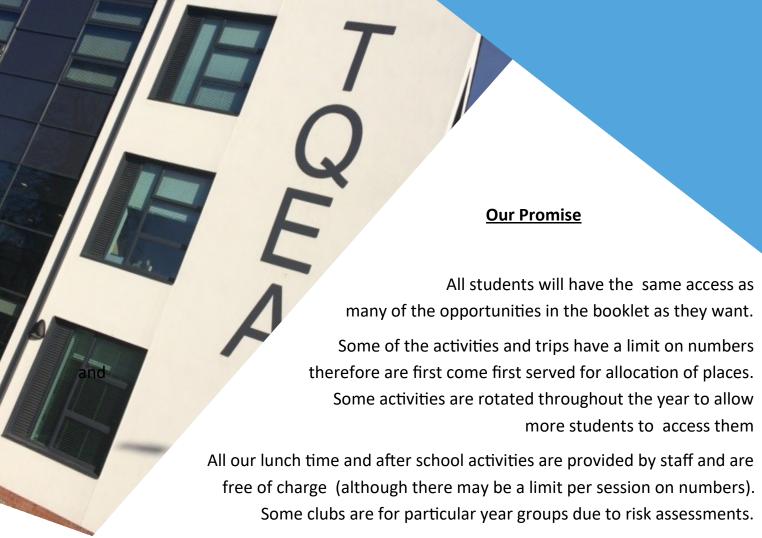
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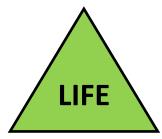
Transition and Onward Destinations



Where our trips and visits have a cost, students who are in receipt of pupil premium funding can access support from the school of 10% towards the cost., this needs to be requested in advance of the trip.

Each of our Cultural and Extracurricular activities falls into one of three Personal Characteristic categories:







All students will be actively encouraged to take part in at least one activity from each section as part of their character profiles and reward system.

Activities include sporting, creative, language, engineering, reading and film, music, drama, food and mental health, as well as those just for fun!



We Pride ourselves on our breakfast provision. This is open to all students and offers a choice of hot and cold breakfast from 8.15 every morning.

There are two sides to breakfast club, the sporting activities that take place in the Sports Hall managed by the PE department and the Food room run by the food department and other staff volunteers.

Reasons to come to breakfast club:

- Its free and open to all students
- Its a good place to make new friends, get to know students in different years and classes
- You can join in sporting activities in the sport's hall, develop your fitness and team skills
- Its a safe place with staff if you feel anxious or worried
- Its warm and out of the bad weather in winter
- You can play games or do other seated activities
- You can try a wide variety of different foods
- You will be able to concentrate and learn better if you have had something to eat
- You can choose from lots of healthy options
- No need to book or make a long term commitment, you can just turn up: 8am with trainers for the sports hall, 8am on to the food room, last entry 8.20am.













Mindfulness Colouring

All children love colouring in, but did you know how beneficial it is for all age groups? Come and spend some quiet time practising your skills.



Keyboard Club

Come long to Keyboard club and explore the work of music through your fingertips! No matter what style of music you're interested in there is something for everyone. Learn important Keyboard skills that are transferrable in your music lessons with Mrs Deeley.



Young Artist

Lunchtimes - KS3 one session per week. KS4 1-2 sessions per week

KS3: Pablo Picasso is quoted as saying 'Every child is an artist'. Whether art is your passion or not, this is your opportunity to come along and develop your artistic skills and have fun whilst doing so!

KS4: Come to catch up, practice, develop your artistic skills and improve your attainment.



Music Blast

Calling all GCSE students! Music Blast is for you to pop in and see Mrs Deeley for some quick fire GCSE questions, quizzes, games etc.! Perfect for assessment/exam revision.

Film Club

Have a favourite movie, or an opinion on what makes a good movie or a bad movie? This is the club for you. Journey through the history of cinema and movie making, look at how movies have changed, learn about how actors and producers get inspiration from others and appreciate different types of film. Healthy debate and discussion and what's good and what's not.

Environment Change

Looking after the environment is more import now than it has ever been. Recycling and looking after our waste contributes towards the sustainability of our planet. The club will aim to provide strategies top help decrease our carbon footprint around school!



Rock Gods

Any pupils who love TT Rockstars can join a group and compete at lunchtime with friends. All that is needed is an IT room and some rock music. Some friendly competition between pupils and teachers.

Maths Homework



Struggling with your maths homework? Or just looking for some additional maths support? Come along to maths homework club where geek is chic!!

Culture Club

This is an opportunity for students to explore the many aspects of different cultures. For example we will begin by looking at India learning about food, culture and religion. We will then move around the globe studying various cultures/countries.

Cricket Skills

Refine your cricket skills, or even learn new ones to benefit your game.

Whether you have played cricket before, or just want to learn, then come along and enjoy 30minutes or so!

Global Communications

Develop your skills in languages! Learn other new languages, including Russian and British Sign Language and learn whole new ways of communicating.

Keyboard Club

Whether you want to play like Mozart, play the latest pop song or just have a jam with Mrs Deeley we have it all for you! You'll get to learn important keyboard and song writing skills too so come along and let the music take you!

Drama Club

Ever fancied yourself as a surgeon, astronaut, superhero or ... a household pet? Join Drama club and experience them all. Budding performers, scriptwriters, 'techies' all welcome.

AFTER SCHOOL SUBJECT ACTIVITIES



BBC Young Reporter

Do you want the chance to tell the stories that matter to you most, improve your journalism skills and become a budding reporter in the process? Sign up and be heard.

GCSE Food Practicals

Catch up on your cooking, learn and practise new and more advanced cooking skills to raise your attainment in your final practical exam. Year 11's Sept to Dec, Year 9's Jan to March and Year 10's April to July.

Crest Award



Students work independently or in groups to plan and run a project addressing a real-world STEM problem. Successful students receive the Bronze award (£5 entry per student, max 12)

Humanities Club

Learn more about the world around us - past, present and future! Investigate issues and ask questions - a chance to dig deeper into topics from lessons or learn about something completely different. We'll use craft, discussions, research and film to develop your knowledge and interest in all things Humanities.

Science Mentors

For Year 10 students to work with and support Year 7 in achieving Crest Award, this can help towards Year 10 achieving their D of E if being done

AFTER SCHOOL SUBJECT ACTIVITIES

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The Apprentice

The Year 10 students will be taking part in their in-school apprentice task. Students will be forming teams to create, market, sell and manage a variety of products they make in school. It is an amazing opportunity for students to demonstrate their business knowledge in a practical task to boost their entrepreneurial skills.

AMSP

Maths puzzles and problem solving, preparing Olympiads and preparing pupils for the UKMT. This will also include a variety of trips throughout the year to support more pupils and increase participation in core maths and further maths A-level as well as looking at university courses.

Creative Writing

Within everyone, from Year 7 through to Year 10, is the ability to be a writer. Come along and imbue yourselves with the confidence to write creatively - from poems, raps and plays to short theatrical scenes and stories. We will create amazing pieces of writing, from the drafting process all the way to the award winning finished text. Each week we will have a different stimulus and focus so that there is something for everyone.

Royal Academy of Engineers

Every term the Royal Academy sends a different project pack with practical equipment to test - this term's theme is Engineering in a Pandemic.

AFTER SCHOOL WIDER SCOPE ACTIVITIES



Musical Theatre

Do you love musicals? This is the club for you! We'll watch, sing, dance, perform and share our enthusiasm for musicals old and new.

Come Dine with Me

Learn new cooking skills and independence, amaze your family with your Master-Chef ability. Improve your health and lifestyle through better food choices. You will leave each session with a meal to take home.

Yoga / Body Balance

Cat. Cow. Half Lord of the Fishes. Swan...no we're not offering an agriculture club; these are just some of the yoga poses you could master in our new yoga club! Improve your strength, flexibility, balance and mind set - what's not to love?

Robotics Club

National competition where students build and code a robot to perform challenges.

Circus Circus

Ever seen Zedanya on Greatest Showman and thought it would be cool? If you struggle with body confidence, self esteem or just want to learn a new skill and push yourself, this is for you. Get stronger, be more confident, do something new and learn how to 'fly'

Puzzles and Games

Games that involve logic and strategy. Card games and chess would be classic examples, but you might also look at "Magic card tricks"

AFTER SCHOOL WIDER SCOPE ACTIVITIES



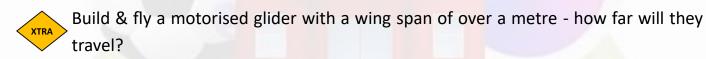
Astronomy Club

Learn more about the universe and the items that make it. Investigate how we can use the stars to identify everyday actions that we take for granted. We will look at everything from stars, planets and the Moon (year 10) and telescopes, galaxies and the vast universe (Year 11) to develop further your knowledge and interest in Physics and Astronomy.

Speed Stacking

This is a craze that is growing all over the world. Speed Stacking requires students' concentration, determination and fine motor skills along with a healthy competitive edge! Can you beat you personal best time...how quickly can you stack THE CYCLE!?

Flight Club



Sewing Bee



Learn to sew by hand and use a sewing machine - mend your clothes, make bags.....



Leadership Academy Leadership is more important now than ever in the 'new normal'.

The School Games programme allows students to develop their personal leadership.

The Leadership Academy will be asked to support a variety of School Games competitions in scoring, officiating, coaching and organising. Some of these opportunities will hopefully be at TQEA and some at external venues. There will be an application process and places allocated based on those. Please note this is externally run

SPORTING **OPPORTUNITIES**

Baskethall

Handball

Softball

Boys Football

Boys Cricket Netball

Athletics

Girls Cricket **Badminton**

Girls Football **Dodgeball**

Rugby

Tennis

Table Tennis

Rounders

Running Club

Fitness

XTRA LIFE

Trampolining

EDUCATIONAL **DAY TRIPS**



Year 7

Christmas Church Visit - RE—A visit for all Year 7 at our local church in Atherstone. Students will participate in a church service which will be led by the local vicar. The trip will include a walk to and from the church. Cost—Free



<u>Local History Walk—</u>History is all around us and we'll prove that as we spot some of the hidden historical treasures around Atherstone. Cost—Free



<u>Local Fieldwork—Geography—Explore our local landscape by discovering the unique physical and</u> human features that interact around us. Cost—Free



Day trip to France—Languages—This is a whistle stop tour to France. You will get to experience a French bakery, sweet making and practising your French language skills in the local town. Cost—Approx. £90

Year 8

<u>Buddhist Centre—RE—</u>This trip will include up to 30 Year 8 students. There will be a coach drive to the Buddhist monastery in Derby. Students will have tour around the Vihara and get to see and meet a



Buddhist monk. Cost—Between £7-10

Salford Quays—Geography—Students will explore the redevelopment of Salford Quays. This will include investigating the land use within the old ship canals, environmental surveys, questionnaires and a tour of media city. Cost—Approx. £10



Slavery Trip—History—As part of our study of Empire and Slavery, we will visit the National Slavery Museum in Liverpool to understand more about the horrors of the slave trade and investigate how the slave trade helped Liverpool to grow and develop. Cost—Approx. £20



Yorkshire Sculpture Park—Art—This trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park will support Year 8 students with their historical studies of artist Henry Moore. The park offers excellent learning opportunities with modern and contemporary sculpture and landscape enabling young people to engage meaningfully with art, creativity and the outdoors. Cost—Approx. £10 for transport (admission is free)

EDUCATIONAL DAY TRIPS



Year 9

<u>Hindu Temple—RE-</u> This trip of up to 30 Year 9 students. There will be a coach drive to the Hindu temple in Coventry. The students will receive a tour around the Mandir. It will take an afternoon . <u>Cost—Between £5-7</u>.



<u>Whittington Barracks—History</u>-As part of our study of WWI we will offer a visit to the reconstruction trench at Whittington Barracks as well as visiting the National Memorial Arboretum. This will add to our learning in-class and bring this fascinating conflict to life. <u>Cost—Approx. £15</u>



Big Bang Theory—Annual celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).





A combination of shows, interactive exhibits and careers information, It brings classroom learning to life for young people, allows them to meet hundreds of scientists and engineers, to get hands-on with science and engineering and shows them where their STEM studies might lead in the future Cost—Approx. £10

Year 10



<u>Loughborough University</u> - <u>PE</u>— Students have the chance to visit one of the world leading sports university to discover the research, opportunities, facilities and experts the university has to offer. <u>Cost—Approx. £10</u>

<u>Theatre trip—English—</u>This trip will provide an opportunity for Year 10 and Year 11 students to watch ≼ a live performance of either A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls or Macbeth. Cost—Approx. £10– 20



<u>Art Gallery—Art—</u> This trip will provide GCSE art students with the opportunity to explore artwork in a gallery setting. It will support the development of AO1; helping students to develop ideas informed by investigation and contextual analysis of historical and contemporary art. <u>Cost—Approx. £10</u>



<u>Carding Mill—Geography—</u> This is a required trip for the GCSE course. Students will explore how humans have interacted with the fantastic physical landscape, This will include investigating the powerful river landscape <u>Cost—Approx. £5-7</u>



<u>Birmingham Urban Environment</u>—This is a required trip for the GCSE course. Students will explore the redevelopment of Birmingham. This will include investigating the land use within the CBD, environmental surveys, traffic and pedestrian counts. <u>Cost—Approx. £5-7</u>





<u>Historic Environment—</u>This trip changes each year, depending on the location of the AQA History historic environment study. In 2021-2, the site is Burghley's Alms houses in Lincoln. <u>Cost—£20</u>



EDUCATIONAL DAY TRIPS



Year 11

<u>Theatre trip—English—</u>This trip will provide an opportunity for Year 10 and Year 11 students to watch a live performance of either A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls or Macbeth. <u>Cost—Approx. £10—20</u>



<u>Poetry Live—English—</u>This trip will provide a great opportunity for Year 11 students to watch a series of live performances of their GCSE poems as well as gain insightful information about the necessary skills needed to achieve exam success! <u>Cost—Approx. £10</u>



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KEGS Workshop—English—This trip will provide a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 students to take part in a GCSE English exam workshop run by A-Level teachers. They'll gain an exclusive insight into the sort of things covered in English Language at A Level at the same time as preparing for their mock examinations. Cost—Approx. £10

All Years

Sporting Events— PE—Opportunity to attend live sports for example Wasps Rugby and Netball, National team football matches, Trampolining competitions, Ice Hockey games etc. Costs and dates are subject to availability of tickets but typically range Cost—between £15 and £40 for transport and tickets

<u>Theatre Trip—Drama—</u>Whether you love the theatre or loathe it, everyone's first experience of seeing a production 'in the flesh' takes front row seats in their repertoire of stories to be shared. We aim to take students, from all year groups, to the theatre as often as possible.

Watching live theatre productions not only enables young people to develop their appreciation for different styles and genres of theatre, providing them with unforgettable shared experiences, it also boosts their aspirations as their minds are exposed to new exciting worlds. Cost—Approx. £10 per show

ASMP—Various Trip and Workshops—Whatever you want to do later on - whether that's going to university, an apprenticeship, getting a job, or running your own business — continuing to develop your maths skills can help you to achieve it. There are a variety of trips and enrichment activities across the year to support pupils' enjoyment of maths, help pupils to make the best study choices, and guide them to achieve your full potential. Cost—Varies from £20

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

Year 7

PGL Shropshire—PE—All Year 7 students will have the opportunity to take part in a 4 day outdoor adventure trip to a UK PGL centre. The trip helps support students in overcoming personal challenges, developing independence, improving teamwork and cooperation as well as having a great time with their friends to celebrate the end of their first year at TQEA. Students will take part in a range of activities including the giant swing, raft building, kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling and giant zip wire. Cost Approx. £140 and includes transport, food, accommodation and activities.

Year 8



PGL France - PE - A chance for students to canoe down the famous French Ardhece river for three days,

developing teamwork, communication and canoeing skills. Students have planned evening entertainment activities and enjoy visiting local market towns to practice their French and bartering skills. Students also get the opportunity to travel to the beach for a few days to experiencing kayaking, sailing, surfing, and banana boating alongside beach games and activities. Cost estimated around £700, including transport, food, activities and accommodation. Approx. Cost £700

Year 9





<u>Battlefield Tour—History—</u>An opportunity to visit the WWI battlefields in France and Belgium to really gain an understanding of the impact of this conflict. <u>Cost—Approx. £300</u>





<u>Jurassic Coast—Geography—</u>A fantastic opportunity to explore the wonders of the Dorset coastline. The trip will include an exploration into the history that has shaped our coastline along with the fascinating interaction between the urban and physical landscape. <u>Cost—Approx. £150</u>

Years 9 and 10





<u>Iceland—Geography—</u>A once in a life time chance to explore an amazing country with a variety of wonderful geographical phenomenon. The Iceland tour includes treks through glaciated landscapes, volcano experiences, beautiful waterfalls and explosive geysers <u>Cost approx</u>. <u>£750 including flights</u>, <u>accommodation</u>, <u>food</u>, <u>and activities</u>.

<u>Year 10</u>





Berlin—History—A visit to this fascinating city to support GCSE History students in their study of

Germany. Excursions may include: Sachenhausen Concentration Camp, the Wannsee conference museum, the Holocaust Memorial, the Jewish museum, the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building. Cost-Approx.f350

All Years



<u>Ski Trip</u>—An incredible opportunity for the students of TQEA to travel abroad and learn to ski or snowboard (or enhance their skills) on the mountains. During the week-long trip students will be taking part in a variety of activities in the snow

DUKE OF EDINBURGH







AWARD

With a mission to help our young people to build life-long belief in themselves, supporting them to take on their own challenges, follow their passions, and discover talents they never knew they had.

2021-22: The re-emergence of DofE post co-vid means we will be offering the Bronze level to Years 9 and 10 with a possibility of successful candidates qualifying to strive for their Silver Award in the following school year.

Run by experienced joint coordinators, Mrs Ressel (DSL) and Mr Bovington (EVC) who both also hold first aid qualifications and mini-bus qualifications. This enables our students to spread their wings and go out in search of adventure under canvas over the space of a weekend (or two). To do this our enrolled students will be trained in navigation, first aid and camping skills such as cooking and camp craft.

The Expedition.

There is no such thing as a free lunch however!!! There is the little added extra commitment to walk a distance which could take up to 6hrs per day, carrying everything you need for your adventure weekend on your back. Do not worry, there are always plenty of breaks, but we cannot always promise it will be rainfree! This normally takes place in either the Peak District or The Long Mynd, Shropshire.



That is just 1 of 4 sections which must be completed to earn the award.

Other essential sections are:

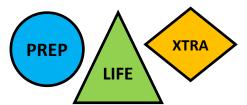
Skill – an activity chosen by yourself, designed to broaden your understanding and increase your expertise in a chosen skill (think about something you always wanted to do but have not yet got around to it – here is your perfect opportunity).

Volunteering – this is simple, it is about choosing to give time to help people, the community, the environment, or animals in a voluntary capacity.

Physical – choose any sport, dance, or fitness activity (anything that requires a sustained level of energy and physical activity) such as a playing a sport regularly and demonstrating improvement over time.

The award does incur an enrolment fee, association fees and additional costs to cover travel and campsite fees totalling to approximately £80 depending on numbers enrolled.

DofE 21/22 will be launched to Yrs. 9 and 10 in the Autumn term with a basic expectation of a weekly after school workshop to be attended for training and teamwork purposes.



CHARITY AND SOCIAL ACTION



We strongly believe in providing opportunities for young people to demonstrate kindness and a commitment to others and the community. As a result, each year group has a nominated local charity that they will support for the academic year. This will involve raising awareness of their charity and raising money during their nominated charity week.

The charities TQEA will support this year are:

Year 7 We will vote on our year group charity when you join us at the academy in September.

Mr Gill

Year 8



We have voted to conserve and protect endangered species at Twycross Zoo, particularly in light of the impact of Covid on tourism and resources. This will include us adopting one animal per tutor group.

Mrs Bott

Year 9



We have chosen a local charity that directly impacts many families in the community. The Warwickshire Air Ambulance has a branch based in Atherstone which supports the community and surrounding areas.

Since forming in 2002, it has helped several families in the local area and we want support this further.

Mr Cope

Year 10



As a year group we have decided to support Cancer Research as our charity because 1 in 2 people get cancer in their lifetime. This is particularly important to us because many of our students and staff have been directly impacted by cancer.

Ms Parsons

Year

11



Ediblelinks is an award-winning food hub based in **Atherstone**. It uses food surplus to reduce poverty, stress, and diet-related ill health. Ediblelinks have supported our academy by providing food for our breakfast club and our community, and as a year group we wanted to give something back to a local charity that helps so many local people.

Mr Saye

Year 11 Charity Week w/c 4th October Year 10 Charity Week w/c 6th December

Year 9 Charity Week w/c 7th February

Year 8 Charity Week w/c 21st March

Year 7 Charity Week w/c 13th June



TQEA INTER-FORM DEBATING



We strongly believe in providing all students at TQEA with the opportunities to develop their oracy skills and, in particular, their ability to debate. Debating helps you to develop essential critical thinking skills — the ability to make reasoned and well thought out arguments in addition to questioning the evidence behind a particular opinion. Debating is a valuable activity for students of all skill levels and enables students to build confidence in speaking in public, exercise active listening and express their ideas eloquently.

This academic year, we will be launching for each year group an inter-form debating competition based around our focus weeks. Representatives of each tutor group will face another tutor group and be given a debate to prepare. The debate will be judged by members of the Senior Leadership Team and Local Academy Committee, with the winning form being presented with the TQEA Debating trophy for the year.

Our planned year group debates are:

Year 11: World Mental Health Day – 11th October

'Covid-19 has irreparably damaged the mental health of young people.'

Year 10: Anti-Bullying Week – 15th November

'Social media is becoming the worst type of bullying.'

Year 9: Fairtrade Fortnight – 14th February

'Fair trade is the most important thing to consider when doing your weekly shop.'

Year 8: World Theatre Day - 21st March

'Too much emphasis is placed on teaching the Arts in schools.'

Year 7: World Environment Day – 6th June

'Global Warming is a Myth'





CAREER PATHS AND VOCATIONS

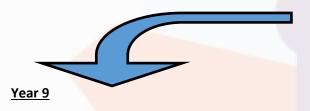


Year 7

All students will be taught how the subjects they are study will benefit them in local and global employment markets.

All students use our launch your career, evaluate their interests and will be advised on potential career paths.

All students will participate in a visit to a local STEM business learning about teamwork, design and budgeting.

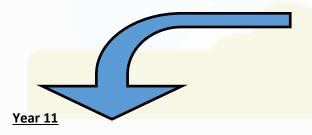


All students will have access to a second careers fair to ensure that they are well informed about the opportunities available to them when they leave TQEA.

All students will participate in a university outreach programme to learn about the benefits of attending university.

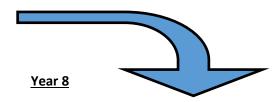
All students and parents will have access to a Careers and Vocations Fair to ensure that they make informed choices about their GCSE subjects.

All students will be taught how to create their own CV.



All students will attend a range of presentations delivered by colleges, 6th form and apprenticeship providers promoting their post 16 education establishments.

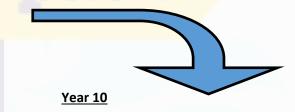
All students can expect specific support to advise with applications, personal statements and interviews.



All students will have access to a Careers and Fair to ensure that they are well informed about the opportunities available to them when they leave TQEA.

All students will have a careers interview which will result in a plan being formed to support their aspirations. These plans will be shared with tutors to support students in reaching their goals.

All students will be taught about trends in employment opportunities and labour market information and how they can inform decision making when pursuing a particular career.



All students will have access to a third careers fair to ensure that they are well informed about the opportunities available to them when they leave TQEA.

All students will gain the experience of a mock interview with someone from local business or industry.

All students will attend a range of presentations delivered by colleges, 6th form and apprenticeship providers promoting their post 16 education establishments.

All students will have a careers interview which will result in a plan being formed to support their aspirations. These plans will be shared with tutors to support students in reaching their goals.

All students receive education about personal finances, mortgages, direct debits, bank transfers, pensions and technical terms relating to financial documents.

Year 6 Joining Us

Year 6 Teacher Meetings

This allows us to get the most up to date and detailed information of every student joining us, along with SATS results, medical information, safeguarding, attendance and any special educational needs.

Primary School Visits

The transition team visit each child at their Primary School setting in advance of the transition days. This is an opportunity for us to meet them and go over key information about TQEA, as well as allowing your child to ask any questions they may have.

Buddy Evening

Prior to our transition days, students with special educational needs along with any student joining us as a lone starter from one of our non-main feeder schools, are invited into TQEA with their parents. This allows the students to meet others in their year group, the Learning Support Team, have a tour of the school and the facilities while parents meet with the Head of Year and the SENCO.

Transition Days

Each year we hold two transition days for our new students, usually in the first week of July. During these days students have the opportunity to meet their new Tutor and tutor group, have a tour of the school, meet key members of staff and take part in a range of mini lessons and activities to give them the best possible experience of life at secondary school.

Transition Evening

In the evening after the final transition day, all parents are invited into TQEA for our annual Transition Evening. During the evening, parents will be taken to the school hall for key speeches from the Principal and all key members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Year 11 Moving Onwards

During year 11 students will be supported through the process of applying for places at colleges, 6th forms or apprenticeships. They will be given impartial guidance to support their decision making and given further support in filling out those tricky application forms.

Students will be informed on the application and interview process for their chosen path and advised on what they can expect at each stage of their application process. Students are typically given a conditional offer for a place on their chosen course providing they obtain the grades required.

On results day our careers adviser will be present with several members of staff to support students who have any questions about what their grades mean for their plans for the following year.

When students leave TQEA we most certainly do not forget about them, we are always here to support them during the transition process from school to further education.

There will be plenty of support offered from their chosen college or 6th form but If they have any questions that they want to ask us here they are more than welcome to.