

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope Parents and Carers had a good Christmas period with their families and were healthy and happy. Wishing you the best for 2022! This has been my first opportunity to address our community since we returned to the academy.

A huge thanks need to be extended to Mr Bovington and his team who worked tirelessly on two very full days testing our students on return, as per government guidelines. Please continue to test your child twice a week using Lateral Flow Tests in order for us to continue to protect our community. **Finally, please note that the isolation period in England has been reduced to 5 days provided that a child has two negative lateral flow tests on day 4 and day 5 of the isolation period.**

I am grateful to Mrs Ressel and Mrs Gibson who put together our all important issue of this newsletter last week. This was communicating with parents and carers about our focus on securing high levels of attendance support for your child, especially important when considering the disruption to children's learning in the past couple of years, and our Mental Health support programme: - TQEA Cares.

Ms Kallirai, our school counsellor, has already started to have a great impact working with students and families whilst Ms Knowles, our new attendance officer, is in harness helping to secure stronger attendance to help your child learn and improve their life chances. Please note that we are launching our TQEA pick up bus service shortly for students who are struggling with the journey to school. It is vital that children are in school and this service will support strong attendance.

Our end of day Year 11 intervention programme has gathered pace and is seeing increased attendance. It is absolutely vital that our Year 11 students attend these valuable sessions as opportunities to boost their knowledge and skills before the examinations in May. In an interview on Sunday the Secretary of State for Education, Nadhim Zawahi, was insistent that Year 11 examinations would definitely be taking place this year and we have prepared and supported students throughout with this assumption in mind.

Finally, we have shared the link for giving consent for your child, if aged 12-15, to have their second Coronavirus vaccination. The School Immunisation team is in school on Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2022. Please see Class Charts and Facebook to access the electronic consent form if you wish your child to have their second vaccination.

Wishing our community 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 10 for working hard to improve our positive achievement points! Here are the top students from each tutor group during the last week.

10KJW– Ruby Butcher

10VK – Thomas Cope

10JYS– Tyler Hall

10ECT – Adam Ratcliffe

10RJG– Aden Kerr

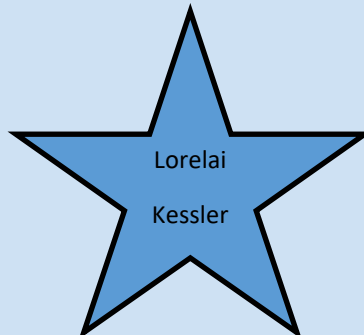
**Keep up the Good Work!**

## Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Always having a positive attitude towards learning science, demonstrating resilience with learning new vocabulary.



Being selected to represent the school and local community on sporting provision.



Improved attitude and effort in Maths and Food technology.



Engaged in the study of poetry and had intellectual and academic insights into the poem which he articulated to the whole class. Also excellent thought and ideas in history, work completed and fully engaged.



Constant hard work—which has paid off in her assessments in English. Great attitude and consistent effort in Maths.



## **Student Achievements for week 3rd January to 9th January**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Emily Lindner 7NMT—38 points  
 Alexandra Moise 7NEH—32 points  
 Ellis Jones 7NEH—28 points  
 James Ford 7NMT—27 points  
 Noel Pagett 7NEH—27 points



### **Top Year 8 Students**

Alivia Norton 8GXJ—37 points  
 Lucie Frost 8SJ—27 points  
 Faye Read 8SJ—25 points  
 Mason Walker 8GXJ—23 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Jack Jones 9RM—45 points  
 Millie Bilson 9RM—36 points  
 Owen Russell 9RM—33 points  
 Oliver Williams 9RM—33 points



### **Top Year 10 Student**

Aden Kerr 10RJG—58 points  
 Adam Ratcliffe 10ECT—44 points  
 Louie Whitehead 10RJG—33 points  
 Thomas Cope 10VK—258 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Sonny Sheasby 11LD—46 points  
 Shaun Shemmans 11LD—35 points  
 Rhiannan Bracher 11MRB—33 points  
 Isobel Sheffield 11KXS—33 points  
 Ethan Willmet 11MRB—33 points

### **Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week**

9RM—567 points  
 7NEH—457 points  
 10RJG—429 points

### **Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date**

7NMT—5578 points  
 9RM—4927 points  
 8MXH—4765 points

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!**





## Warwickshire Police Cadet Recruitment Opens 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

**You need to live or go to  
School in Warwickshire**

**You need to be aged 13 -16 years old  
on or before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022**

**Download the application form at  
Warwickshire Police  
Website/Careers/Police Cadets**

Visit Facebook/twitter or our website for more information about the cadets



[www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets)

**Email: [cadets@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cadets@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)**

## TQEA Food Department

### Thursday's Master Class

This week Mrs Knight joined us for a lesson in making Korean fried cauliflower or chicken.

Next Thursday Mr Stewart will be leading the session making honey glazed mushrooms with Udon noodles.



The Tuesday 'Come Dine with Me' group is now full. Photos to come soon!



**Year 10 Swiss Rolls**

### What's cooking?

**Year 7** have started learning about the 'dairy foods and alternatives' section of the Eatwell guide and are using yoghurt to make Irish soda bread.



**Year 8** are studying Indian food this fortnight and have made potato and spinach curry. This is a great tasty recipe that fits in with 'veganuary'.



**Year 9** have been improving practical skills by working safely with raw meat when making burgers.

# Whats happening in PE?



Well done to one of our year 8 students who has been selected by the sports leadership team to help shape the sports provision offered in the county!



We have started our new block of sports in PE CORE. Students have started extremely well and are very enthusiastic!

Trampolining has become a main favourite! we see a large number of students attend extra curricular because of this!

## Stars of the week

School fixtures begin in a couple of weeks! including girls football, rowing and trampolining!

Other fixtures and sports will be arranged! If you are interested in being part of a school team come and find us in the PE department and attend clubs!



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





## Dates for the Diary

Covid 2nd Vaccine—24th January

| Time/Day  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
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| <b>Breakfast Club</b><br>8.00-8.30<br>Only Trainers needed  | No Clubs<br>  | Who: All years<br>What: Futsal<br>Lead: Mr Slinn<br>  | Who: Year All years<br>What: Basketball<br>Lead: Mrs Gibson<br> | Who: All years<br>What: Trampolining<br>Lead: Mr Webb<br>   | Who: All years<br>What: Dodgeball<br>Lead: Mr Morgan<br> |
| <b>Lunch time club</b><br>1.35-2.00<br>Only Trainers needed | No Clubs<br>  | Who: All years<br>What: Basketball<br>Lead: Mr Webb<br>   | Who: All years<br>What: Trampolining<br>Lead: Mr Slinn<br>      | Who: All years<br>What: Girls Football<br>Lead: Mr Morgan<br>GCSE PE- MR Webb<br>Table Tennis- Drama studio<br> | Who: All years<br>What: Futsal<br>Lead: Mr Morgan<br>    |
| <b>After School club</b><br>3.10-4.10<br>Full PE Kit needed | <br>Leadership Award-<br>School Games run<br>3.05-4.05<br>Mr Webb<br>GCSE Tech<br>Revision/PEP room<br>1.05 | Who: All Years<br>What:<br>Netball- sports hall<br>Football- Astro Turf<br>Lead:<br>Netball- Mr Webb<br>Football- Mr Morgan<br> | Who: All Years<br>What: Trampolining<br>Lead: Mr Webb<br>       | Who: All years<br>What: Badminton<br>Lead: Mr Morgan<br>  | No Clubs Staff<br>training Early<br>Finish<br>           |

**Trainers needed at breakfast and lunch clubs - full kit needed for after school**

UNTIL  
EASTER  
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.



# Attendance

Why should it  
matter to me?

**So what?  
I am only 5 mins  
late to lesson!**



## 7 WEEKS

3 days and 2 hours of lessons will have been missed  
throughout a child's school life by missing only 5  
minutes of learning each day.

### 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**

