

# TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 11th February 2022 Issue 18

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each a year we enter a cohort of our students for a scheme which is known as The Brilliant Club. The purpose of The Brilliant Club is to raise aspirations and belief among our students and to introduce them to the world of academic study in higher education. Students receive a mentor and they have to submit university-style assignments. These are quite challenging and require a great deal of concentrated study as well as the development of strong reasoning, presentation and writing skills. I am delighted to report that our Brilliant Club cohort have already passed their first assignment.

Last Friday we were visited by a number of local dignitaries who gladly gave of their time and experience to interview our Year 11 students. As we are all aware interviewing technique is a real skill and can be daunting to say the least. To add some spice to the occasion we asked students to wear business or interview wear to display how they would present themselves in a college or job interview. Those who follow us on social media will note that our students looked fantastic in their business wear and they impressed our team of interviewers. To a person the interview team commented on the confidence and the respect that Year 11 TQEA students displayed and they were able to give some good coaching feedback to help our students in future interviews. I am pleased to say each interviewer has agreed to come back and support in the future. Mr Webb is doing an excellent job to improve Careers guidance at TQEA and we have Careers Weeks' and some great opportunities to have contact with local employers coming our students' way. Well done, Mr Webb.

With half-term and mock examinations fast approaching we are in a position to announce that there will be subject revision sessions on during the break. I am grateful to staff for giving their time in the holiday, but the real impact of this will come with student attendance. You will receive a letter about this and please discuss with your child the sessions that they will be attending.

Finally, our student leadership team are doing great work and through the student council have been talking about how we can improve the dining experience at TQEA. As a result of their ideas we will be taking delivery of 30 new picnic benches to provide seating for eating along with recycling bins to ensure we are environmentally friendly. It is this sort of input from our student leaders which will really make a difference to the quality of student experience in the academy.

We do have some important events coming up which I need to remind parents about: -

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Y9 Progress Evening (remote via School Cloud)**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Training Day**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Options Afternoon (we will update you shortly on details around this)**

Have a good weekend everyone.

N. Harding

Principal

**Twitter:- @TQEA\_Principal**

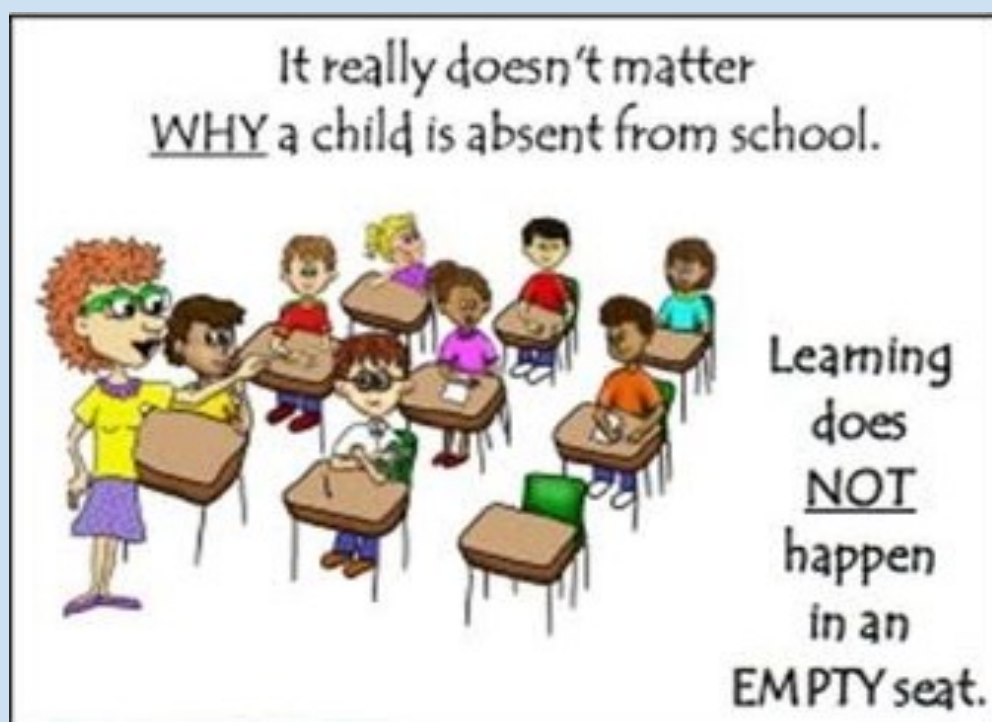
***TQEA is committed to providing our young people with an extraordinary education in a safe environment.***

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.



We would like to thank all our parents for their continued support in making sure children are in school on time for the start of every school day. It really does make a difference just five minutes lost each day means they lose 3 days of learning.



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 their tutor groups during the last week.

**8MXH**– Leo McKerlie & Emerson Smith

**8SJ**– Lucie Frost, Corey Smith & Romily Taylor-Lane

**8GXJ**– Evan Povey

**8JRW**– Jasmine Bladek

**Keep up the Good Work!**

## Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Outstanding effort with his homework on reading and interpreting a timetable.



Stepping up to be form captain and always being a caring and supportive member of the tutor group.



Consistently great effort in French which is reflected in his most recent assessment score.



Endeavour - settling back into school after being very ill and making the effort to ensure she has not missed anything.



Outstanding effort in History and production of beautiful work!



## **Student Achievements for week 31st January to 11th February**

### **Top Year 7 Students**

Maison Sherrington 7NEH—42 points  
 Brandon Brotherhood 7NEH —30 points  
 Sophie Brown 7NEH—28 points  
 Finley Goddard 7NEH —28 points



### **Top Year 8 Students**

Scarlet Neal 8GXJ—32 points  
 Amy Preece 8GXJ —27 points  
 Cherry Thompson 8GXJ —26 points  
 Evie Horton 8MXH—25 points  
 Leo Mckerlie 8MXH—25 points

### **Top Year 9 Students**

Alfie Cooper 9RM — 16 points  
 Trinity Millington– York 9RM —16 points  
 Ruby Bird 9JXP — 13 points  
 Sophie Newton 9LXC—13 points  
 Nicole Hammond 9JXP —16 points



### **Top Year 10 Students**

Leevi Harris 10JYS—18 points  
 Cameron Reid JYS—14 points  
 Maisy Andrews 10JYS—13 points  
 Kyle Crouch 10JYS — 13 points  
 Bailey Jones 10JYS — 13 points  
 Travis Moffitt 10JYS—13 points  
 Jack Palmer—10JYS — 13 points  
 Lana Shaw 10JYS—13 points

### **Top Year 11 Students**

Tamzin Douglas 11DK —33 points  
 Hannah Cressey 11DK —29 points  
 Sharan Kang 11DK —24 points  
 Carson Mullings 11DK —24 points

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

7NEH—499 points  
 8GXJ—412 points  
 11DK— 371 points

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

7NMT—6681 points  
 8SJ—5908 points  
 9RM—5844 points

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!**



# Yr11 Careers Interviews







North Warwickshire  
Borough Council



Inspiring a legacy of physical activity

## HALF-TERM BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 COURSES



NWBC Leisure and NW Active CIC are delighted to offer children the opportunity to complete their Bikeability Level 2 accreditation.

Bikeability Level 2 prepares attendees for cycling on the in live traffic environments for short journeys such as from home to school and will take place from The Queen Elizabeth Academy, Witherley Rd, Atherstone CV9 1LZ.

### Level 2 Course Dates:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> -Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February 2022  
From 12.30-2.30pm

**Venue: The Queen Elizabeth  
Academy, Witherley Road,  
Atherstone, CV9 1LZ**

**Entry Criteria: 5/6/7/8/9.**

**COURSE DURATION: 6 hours**  
**COST: FREE**

It is strongly recommended that children have completed the Level 1 course before attempting Level 2 and as the course is delivered outside will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.

The Level 2 course will include the Level 1 delivery on the first day, and participants must be in school years 5/6/7/8/9.

Our Bikeability Instructors provide a welcoming and supportive environment to nurture cyclists to develop and feel confident when cycling.

To book a place please contact Atherstone Leisure Complex. **Tel: 01827 719321 (option 1)**

Closing date for bookings Thursday 17th February 2022, minimum numbers required.

**RECRUITMENT  
IS OPEN NOW!**

# **INTERESTED IN POLICING?**

**KEEN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY?  
LOOKING FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY?**



## **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



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





## Dates for the Diary

Y9 Td/IPV & Men ACWY immunisation— 16th February

Year 9 Progress Evening— 17th February

Inset Day—1st March

Year 9 Options Afternoon—8th March

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

**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 Matters

REPORTING AN ABSENCE IS REQUIRED ..... AND EASY!

• NOTIFY THE OFFICE VIA

EMAIL : [attendance@tqea.org.uk](mailto:attendance@tqea.org.uk)

CALL: 01827 737714

CLASS CHARTS : Notify using the app under Attendance—Report an absence.



## Doctor's Notes

Heading to a medical appointment during the school day?  
Please ask for a note for your student on the way out and  
send a copy to the office : Take a photo and email us!

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt vs 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 it 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 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 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 Councils Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

*Your Childs 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.**

