

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

#The gift of feedback

As parents and carers who have had children attend The Queen Elizabeth Academy for some years will know, we are keen to receive feedback to improve the academy.

Since September we have embarked on a number of changes with the new pastoral system of five year heads providing bespoke support for your child, the launch of Curriculum 21 and our extensive after school programme as well as the change in our Friday times with the earlier finish.

It is important that we get feedback from our parents, carers and students about the academy and how we can make the experience better for our children. As we are on a journey of academy improvement it is important that we take a pause to listen to what we are getting right and where we are doing better and also what we need to focus on for our next steps.

Therefore, today I am sharing our annual parent and carer electronic survey with you. The link is contained in this newsletter and through class charts. Can I make you aware that this is the parent survey alone. The student survey will be completed by students when they return to the academy after half-term. The focus of the two surveys are different.

The closing date for our parent/carers survey to be completed is **Wednesday March 2nd 2022**. We look forward to receiving the gift of your feedback and to use it to improve the academy further.

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

Tuesday 1st March – Training Day

Tuesday 8th March – Options Afternoon (we will update you shortly on details around this)

Have a good half-term week everyone.

Have a good weekend everyone.

N. Harding

Principal

Twitter:- @TQEA_Principal

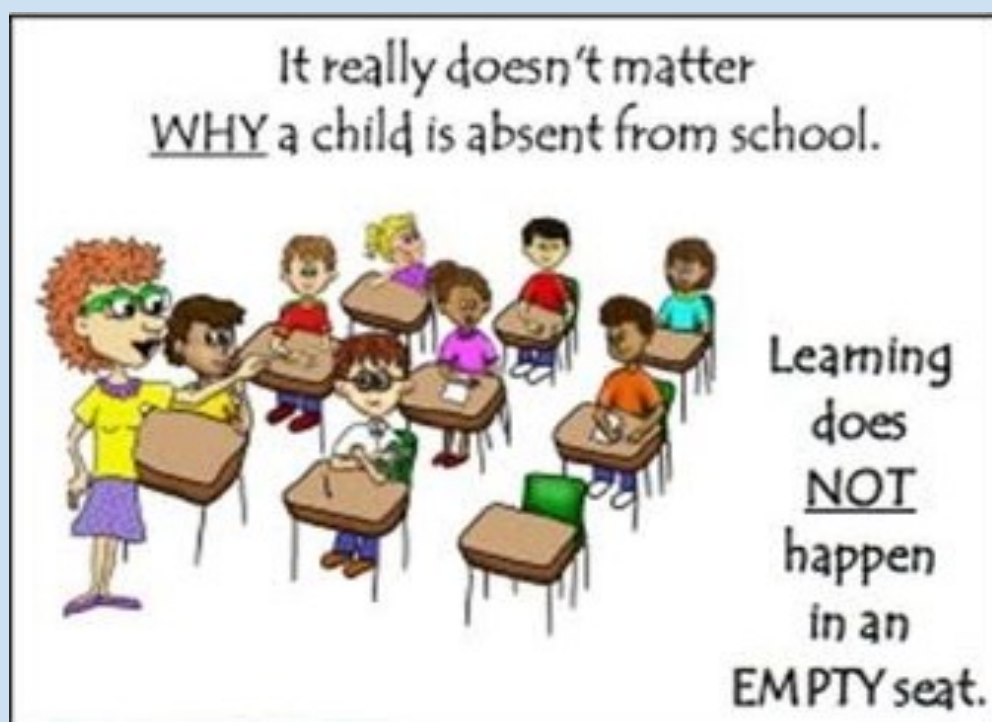
TQEA is committed to providing our young people with an extraordinary education in a safe environment.

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

9RZC– Gracie Hughes

9NMP– Lois Macduff

9RM – Alfie Cooper

9LXC– Charlie Dennis & Imogen Ward

9JXP— Matthew Worrall & Zaynab Yasin

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



Fantastic creative writing in English– made such a huge effort to include more literacy



Overcoming the anxiety of coming into school. Great work and effort!



Exceptional effort in her art assessment this week. What a talent!



Exceptional effort and application achieving impressive results.
What a group!!



Superb motivation and focus in science to prepare for the mocks.



Student Achievements for week 7th February to 13th February

Top Year 7 Students

Daniel Smith 7RRC—24 points
 Finlay Goddard 7NEH —23 points
 Skye-Louise Carter 7GXB—19 points
 Caitlin Douglas 7RRC —17 points
 Oliver Jearum-Boyce 7RRC—17 points
 Leon Swann-Tolley 7RRC—17 points

Top Year 9 Students

Matthew Worrall 9JXP —39 points
 Emily Davies 9JXP —35 points
 Ashley Stringer 9JXP —33 points
 Ruby Bird 9JXP—32 points



Top Year 11 Students

Tamzin Douglas 11DK —33 points
 Ted Fulleylove 11SDS —17 points
 Ella Jenkinson 11MRB—14 points
 Lewis Douglas 11SDS —13 points
 Sharan Kang 11DK—13 points

Top Year 8 Students

Evan Povey 8GXJ—34 points
 Danny Mahon-Meddings 8DJD —28 points
 Joshua Passey 8GXJ —23 points
 James Wood 8DJD—23 points

Top Year 10 Students

Lexi Amies 10VK—22 points
 Mia Povey 10RJG—22 points
 Thomas Cope 10VK—21 points
 Saffy Brennan 10VK—19 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

9JXP—719 points
 8DJD—414 points
 7RRC—361 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

7NMT—6932 points
 8DJD—6229 points
 8SJ—6078 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

The Brilliant Club

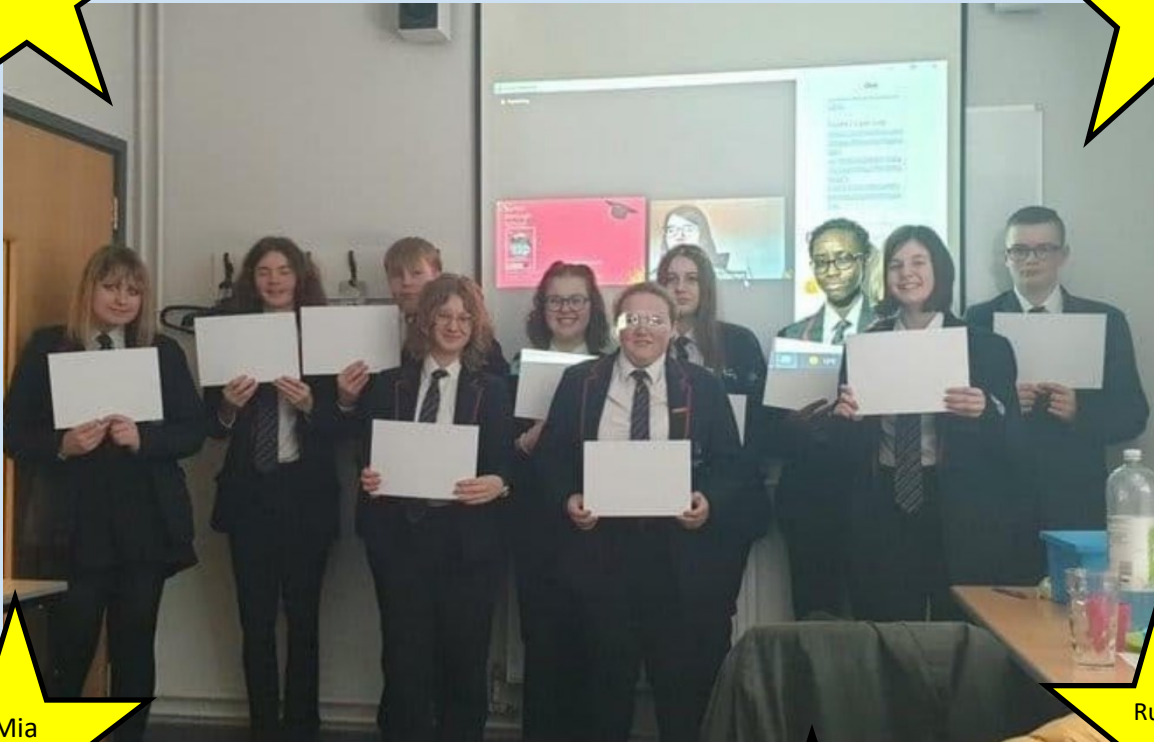
A group of 10 Year 10 students has graduated from the Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme with flying colours! They celebrated their graduation this week with an online ceremony along with other schools and the University of Warwick.

The students worked with a PhD tutor for 5 weeks, experiencing university style learning and developing their skills as ecocritics before completing their final assignment - a 2000 word essay. The students all tackled this daunting task with great resilience and we are delighted that they all passed. Special mention should go to Mia Povey who represented TQEA as a 'Spokescholar', making an impressive speech at the graduation ceremony.

2022 GRADUATE's

Sienna

Aden



Mia

Ruby

Ella

Violet

Emily

Olivia

Dareon

Ethan

Important information for Year 11

Parents

Y11 February Half-Term Intervention/Tutoring Sessions

Date: Tuesday 22nd February
Time: 10am - 3pm
Staff: Miss Deeley and Sam Manville (Peri teacher)
Focus: Solo performance and Composition pieces to be completed and recorded ready for standardisation.
Available to: All Y11 Music students

Date: Tuesday 22nd February
Time: 1pm – 3:30pm
Staff: Mrs Patel
Focus: Revision techniques and exam preparation
Available to: Targeted Y11 students. Letters have been given to those invited to this session

Date: Wednesday 23rd February
Time: 10am – 12:30pm
Staff: Mr Webb
Focus: Revising content from Paper 1 and improving exam technique
Available to: All Y11 GCSE PE students

Date: Thursday 24th February
Time: All day (arrival at school by 9am)
Staff: Mrs Woodberry, Mr Kinvig
Focus: Visit to Burghley House as part of revision/tutoring to support sixteen-mark historic environment question
Available to: Targeted Y11 students. Letters have been given to those invited to this session

Mock Exam Timetable

Date	Subject	Start	Duration
Monday 28 th February 1 Exam	English Language (Paper 1)	8.45am Times PE12	1hr 45mins
	Biology (Paper 1)	1.15pm (1.05pm late opt) (12.30 lunch) PE15	1hr 15mins (Combined) 1 hr 45mins (Triple) PE15
Tuesday 1 st March is INSET DAY			
Wednesday 2 nd March 2 Exams	Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator)	8.45am Times PE12	1hr 45mins
	History (Paper 1)	1.15pm (1.05pm late opt) (12.30 lunch) PE15	1hr
	Chemistry (Paper 1)	8.45am Times PE12	1hr 15mins (Combined) 1 hr 45mins (Triple) PE15
Thursday 3 rd March 2 Exams	Geography (Paper 1)	PE	2 hr
	Computer Science (Paper 1)	1.15pm (1.05pm late opt) (12.30 lunch) PE15	1hr 45mins
	English Literature (Paper 1)	8.45am PE12	1hr 45mins
Friday 4 th March 1 Exam	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	1.15pm (12.05pm late opt) (12.30 lunch) PE15	1 hr 45mins
	French (Speaking and Reading)	8.45am Times PE12	1hr 15mins / 1hr 45mins
Monday 7 th March 2 Exams	Geography (Paper 2)	PE	45 mins
	History (Paper 1)	1.15pm (1.05pm late opt) (12.30 lunch) PE15	1hr 15mins (Combined) 1 hr 45mins (Triple) PE15

**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 1st Jan to 28th Feb 2022

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

**You need to be aged 13 -16 years old
on or before 1st 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



@WarksCadets



Warwickshire Police Cadets



www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets

Email: cadets@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

LGBTShoe+

A Day to Celebrate Pride History Month!

Thursday 17th February 2022



PRIDE!

- This day is to promote pride in the school, and to support pride history month
- Any pride flag colour's [or just rainbow] will be your way of supporting pride in our school!
- There will be a Charity collection for 'Stonewall' who stand up for the LGBTQ+ community!

www.stonewall.org.uk

SSLT, JLT & Form Captains will collect money Thursday morning during tutor time.



**They raised £92.50 for the
Stonewall Charity.**



Dates for the Diary

Half Term—18th February

School re opens 8:45am 28th February

Year 11 Mock Exams begin—28th February

Inset Day—1st March

Year 9 Options Afternoon—8th March

Please complete our parent survey

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Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 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
Lunch time club 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
After School club 3.10-4.10 Full PE Kit needed	Leadership Award- School Games run 3.05-4.05 Mr Webb- GCSE Tech Revision/PEP class 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

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.

