

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had an academy review from our Trust leaders in the Academy Transformation Trust. One of the huge advantages of being part of the ATT family is the huge opportunities it affords for our academy to learn from best practice and, as a result, to improve rapidly. In this review we were joined by Garry Trott (Acting Director of Secondary Education), Kully Uppal (Principal of Bristnall Hall Academy), Tom McDowall (Principal of Pool Hayes Academy) and Derek Trimmer (National Education Director).

The purpose of the day was to establish where TQEA is with its school improvement progress by undertaking conversations with students, deep dives in several subject areas, reviewing our teaching, learning and curriculum and to review student behaviour. In total 8 subject areas were reviewed.

On these occasions I am always proud of our students, our academy and our community. I am very vocal about our role as a community school, the only secondary school in the town of Atherstone. I also very proudly explain how wonderful our students are and promote our core values and vision. It is also important during these reviews to explain our improvement journey as an Ofsted "Good" academy with high expectations and aspirations for all of our students.

From the moment the team arrived they were met by Adam, our Head student in Year 10, who escorted the reviewers from the car park to reception. On the way Adam spoke proudly of our academy and talked about the brilliant work the student leadership team did.

The reviewers were very complimentary about the uniform, the manners, the behaviour and the conduct of our students. They enjoyed speaking to them about our academy and about their learning. Our students are a huge asset to the academy and they did us proud once more!

The review went well with the team confident that the students at TQEA get a good deal. In particular the team were struck by the improvements in learning and behaviour, our expectations and standards and in our excellent curriculum offer for students (including our extended day after school clubs). They were also pleased with our plans to improve our Careers provision with a stronger focus on Careers advice earlier in the programme. One of the new initiatives in this area is our year 11 mock interview process led by 13 local business people. A fantastic learning opportunity for life!

The review gave the leadership team a very clear focus on where further improvements on our improvement journey should be made and we will now work hard to make those improvements to benefit our students more!

Have a good weekend everyone.

N. Harding

Principal

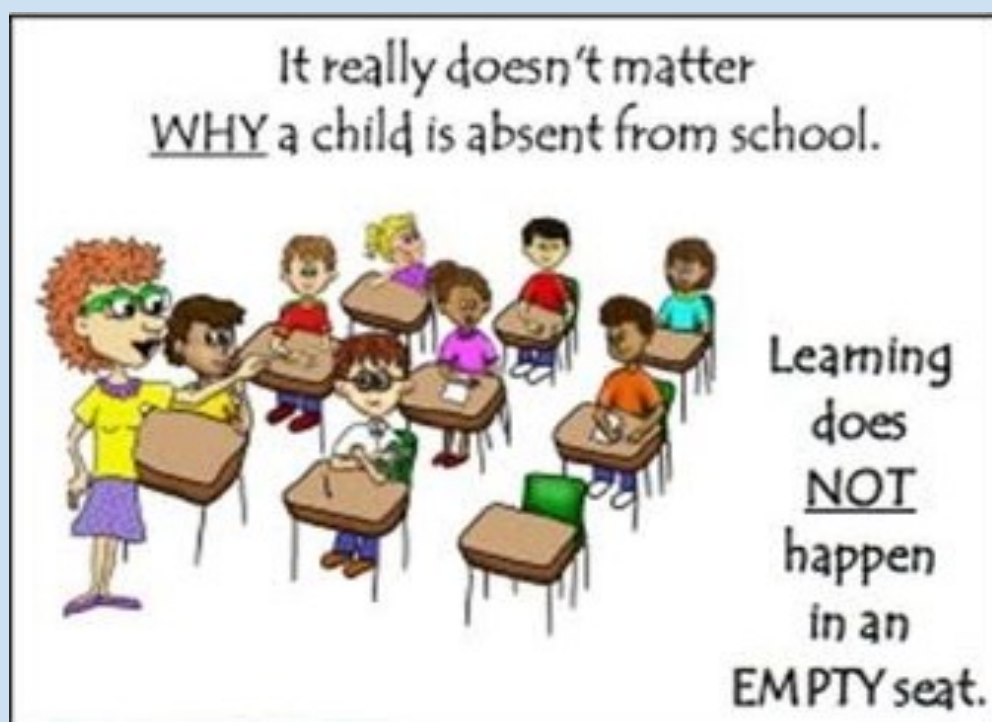
TQEA is committed to providing our young people with an extraordinary education in a safe environment.

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.



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

7RRC – Noah Miller

7GXB – Aimee Clamp

7NMT – Jack Croshaw

7BXM – Honey Yeatman

7NEH – Noemi Barascu

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



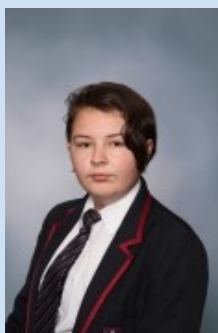
For a fantastic improvement in behaviour and attitude. Such Pride in what he does.



Consistently high effort in History and having the courage to stand up for his views



Displays our key principles of pride, endeavour, kindness and resilience in every maths lesson.



Excellent work over a series of lessons which has seen consistently strong results in her exit tickets. Additional



Stepping out of her comfort zone in Spanish by speaking in the target language more.



Student Achievements for week 24th January to 30th January

Top Year 7 Students

Aimee Clamp GXB—18 points
 Noah Miller RRC —14 points
 Honey Yeatman BXM—14 points
 Jack Croshaw NMT —13 points
 Liam Donovan GXB—14 points
 Daniel Smith RRC—13 points

Top Year 9 Students

Finley King LXC – 21 points
 Reece Jones 9RM—20 points
 Lois Dawe RM —16 points
 Bret Dicken RM—16 points



Top Year 11 Students

Henley Cavanagh SDS —14 points
 Lewis Douglas SDS —11 points
 Bobby Bendle SDS —10 points
 Siorsa Dunn SDS —10 points
 Ted Fulleylove SDS—10 points
 Harry Lee SDS—10 points
 Peter Michail LD—10 points

Top Year 8 Students

Romily Taylor-Lane SJ—29 points
 Eva Partridge SJ —26 points
 Lucie Frost SJ —25 points
 Corey Smith SJ—24 points

Top Year 10 Students

Cameron Reid JYS—24 points
 Harry Albrighton KJW—21 points
 Summer Davenport KJW —21 points
 Eden Smith RJG —20 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

8SJ—365 points
 10JYS—275 points
 10VK— 268 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

7NMT—6411 points
 9RM—5743 points
 8SJ—5694 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

From around the academy

It's been very exciting within the academy the last couple of weeks, The young reporters have been out in force, the cooking clubs have been making some delicious dishes from around the world, the robotics club have been coding to allow movement in their robots , the buddyreading club has been going really well and the after school sports clubs have been thriving.



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



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www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets

Email: cadets@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

TQEA Food Department

Thursday's Master Class

Chinese potsticker
dumplings were on the menu
this week.



Come Dine with Me made Pasta
Bolognese on Tuesday.



What's cooking?

Year 7 have made Stuffed Jacket Potatoes in lessons



Very intricate Scandinavian plaited
cinnamon buns made by one of the
year 10's

Year 9s are making 'Mac and Cheese' Please read the recipe
on TEAMS before class.

Years 7 and 8 will not be cooking in the week 7 to 11 February
as staff will be busy with the Engineering exam and we don't
want anyone to miss out because of Teacher Training Day.

Whats happening in PE?



Well done to our year 7/8 girls football team competing on Thursday at Etone College.

They won 2 drew 1 and lost 2! Well done girls!

Stars of the week

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!



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

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-11:00	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball
11:00-12:00	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball
12:00-13:00	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball
13:00-14:00	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball
14:00-15:00	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball
15:00-16:00	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball
16:00-17:00	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball	Netball

Trainers needed at 10:00 and 11:00
clubs - full list posted on notice board



Dates for the Diary

Monday 7th February -SEN Coffee Morning—10am Invite only

Inset day—Friday 11th February

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

Year 9 Progress Evening— 17th February

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 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

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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

