## **TQEA WEEKLY NEWS**

Friday 18th March 2022 Issue 22

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to start our newsletter this week by reminding parents and carers that our Breakfast Club operates from 8am until 8:30am each morning. We want to ensure that all students are well fuelled for the day ahead and take advantage of the free food on offer. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Nichols run the club with the support of colleagues and I am proud that it offers your child the chance to enjoy the most important meal of the day.

I am proud to report that TQEA Trampoline students won individual gold and team gold and silver medals in the local schools' competition this week. As medallists we are now entered for the regional competition. Congratulations to all of our students who were involved in this and achieved such great success against tough competition.

On March 31<sup>st</sup> we open our doors for Y11 parents and carers for parents' evening. On that evening parents and carers will receive copies of their child's report and mock examination results to be able to plan final revision and interventions with teachers as a final push before the GCSE and BTEC examination season starts. We will also share with parents and carers our comprehensive Easter revision booster sessions which will provide subject specific examination support for our students. We are really keen to see as many parents and carers as possible present on that evening so we can work together to ensure your child is best prepared for their examinations.

Finally, you will be no doubt aware of the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Our Senior Student Leadership are leading in collecting donations between March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. We have sourced two collection points in Coventry to ensure that our donations reach people in need.

We are looking to collect: - Foil Survival Blankets, Metal Cups, Thermal Clothing, Hairbrush, Shower Gel, Toothbrushes, Clothes, Warm Socks/Gloves, Pre-Packed Camping Food, Sleeping bags, Sleeping Mats, Pillows, Nappies, Sanitary Items, Towels, First Aid Kits/Bandages, Head Torches and Batteries.

If you can support our Ukrainian appeal with any donations from this list, they would be gratefully received. More details will follow.

Wishing you a good weekend.

N. Harding

Principal

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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 their tutor groups during the last week.

**<u>7NMT</u>**– Thomas Dawe

7GXB- Rowan Fowler

7BXM — George Webb

7NEH— Logan Allen Stubbs, Melody Cook & Joseph Johnson

7RRC- Noah Miller

#### Keep up the Good Work!

#### **Principals Pick's of the Week**



Endeavour—Impressive revision work completed for history assessment, leading to an impressive piece of work.



For demonstrating excellent intuition and support to be a friend and member of staff.



Always working hard in Spanish and giving 100% effort to all of her work.



Excellent effort and work ethic in Geography lessons & in History to recall knowledge and contribute significantly to the lesson. Well done!



Amazing effort to have sat all the triple papers in the year 11 mocks.

Here are this weeks worthy winners.

We are very proud of you!



#### Student Achievements for week 7th March—13th March

#### **Top Year 7 Students**

Noah Miller—7RRC 29 points Olivia Freeman—7RRC 25 points Hannah Pardoe—7RRc 25 points Oliver Turner—7RRC 25 points Anna Seiyaboh—7RRC 24 points

#### CELEBRATE



#### Top Year 8 Students

Leo McKerlie—8MXH 28 points Layla James—8MXH 26 points Reuben Hargreaves—8MXH 24 points Emerson Smith—8MXH 22 points

#### **Top Year 9 Students**

Coral Chetwynd—9RZC 25 points Bret Bicken—9RM 24 points Gracie Highes—9RZC 23 points Imogen Jenkinson—9RZC 23 points



#### Top Year 10 Students

Lilyu Butcher—10ECT 27 points Aden Kerr—10ECT 27 points Grace Stephen—10ECt 27 points Harry Clarke—10VK 26 points Adam Ratcliffe—10ECT 26 points

#### Top Year 11 Students

Jacob Parker—11DK 15 points Sam Cooper—11KXS 11 points Tamzin Douglas—11DK 11 p[oints James Moss—11MRNB 11 points James Read—11DK 11 points

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

#### 7RRC—510 points 7NEH—424 points 9RZc—376 points

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

7NMT—7804 points 8Sj—7130 8DJD—7125

#### **KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!**

## Whats happening in PE?





Massive congratulations to our year 7 trampolining team who had a competition to gain a place for the county finals which will be the finals for the whole of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire.

Above shows we will be having one team of 6 individuals in the county finals in May, well done all!

We have a number of football fixtures in the next couple of weeks! Clubs and teams open to all students to attend. Speak to a member of PE staff if you are unsure when clubs are on.



All clubs to resume from Tuesday 15th March as year 11 mock exams will be finished. Below is the timetable for all our clubs



## **Community Coffee Morning**

### **TQEA Community Coffee Morning**

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 9am to 11am - Drop in and chat with us.

It has been a long time since we have seen some of you. Come and reconnect with us and your school. Meet and Talk to key individuals about:

- How you have been affected by COVID at home and in your community.
- · How your child has been in the last couple of years
- How we can support you and your child further
- What you would like to see in your community.

Further information from the school office on: 01827 712477 or info@tqea.org.uk We know some of you have not been into our school building for over 2 years (if ever for our year 7 and 8 parents)

Members of our

Pastoral Team (Heads of Year) staff, Senior Leadership Team, Attendance and SEN teams will all be on hand throughout the morning

Come and join us, talk with us and each other. This is your school in your community, your voice is important to us

#### **Information & Advise**



For the latest news and advice from Warwickshire SEND please use this link.

https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/warwickshire-send-mar22? e=9df4b10ba5

# Ukrainian Refugee Appeal

The Queen Elizabeth Academy is asking for donations of essential items to assist the war effort in Ukraine.

#### **Essential items required:**

We are asking for practical items and things that will be useful in cold weather.

Foil Survival Blankets Metal Cups	
Thermal Clothing	Hairbrush
Shower Gel	Toothbrushes
Clothes	Warm Socks/Gloves
Pre-Packed Camping Food Sleeping bags	
Sleeping Mats	Pillows
Nappies	Sanitary Items
Towels	First Aid Kits/Bandages
Head Torches	Batteries

Donations need to be made for these items only, and can be brought in to school between Monday  $21^{st}$  March and Friday  $1^{st}$  April 2022.



#### <u>Dates for the Diary</u>

Coffee Morning—25th March Year 11 Parents Evening—31st March Eater Half term 8th April





## 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; Academv

**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 Pupil and resources to benefit your child's education at TQEA: Premium

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.



Funding

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NOTIFY THE OFFICE VIA



#### EMAIL : attendance@tqea.org.uk CALL: 01827 737714 CLASS CHARTS : Notify using the app under Attendance—Report an absence.



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 <u>each parent of each absent child</u>, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means <u>each</u> 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.

Warwickshire School pupils recorded **31,196** half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term **2019**.

