

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

#The gift of feedback

The academy fell silent for 20 minutes today as every member of the community dropped everything and read. It was a wonderfully calming experience as well as a chance in the day for our students to have some quiet time to enjoy literature. Students commented that they enjoyed DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) and that it supported their well-being and calmness.

Whilst DEAR is something we are going to be introducing into our academy to create a continued love of reading, we enjoyed World Book Day today. You will notice from our social media and from this newsletter that TQEA colleagues really got into the spirit of the occasion by dressing up as characters from some of their favourite works of literature.

Our Environmental Group met Vertas this week to talk about our plans to introduce recycling bins at the academy. The group are keen to ensure that TQEA is as "green" as it can be and this is the beginning of some really exciting plans that they have. They will be surveying the site next week with Vertas to replace the bins. Student voice also requested more benches to sit and eat at and we are delighted that we have taken delivery of 30 new benches this week that will provide our students with 180 additional seating places to dine at.

Our Student Leadership Team have been busy this week undertaking bullying prevention training as they graduate as anti-bullying ambassadors at the academy. The training will enable them to support our students and our academy to eradicate unkindness and to support students to speak out in order for it to be dealt with effectively. Bullying is rare at TQEA, but we continue to strive to educate and to prevent.

Some dates for your diary. Next **Tuesday March 8th** is Options Afternoon for our Y9 parents and carers. Refreshments will be served at the event and you will have an opportunity to ask questions and find out about our Option subjects 2022. We have Year 11 Parents Evening on **Thursday March 31st** which will offer our Y11 parents the chance to discuss the progress of their child following the mock examinations that are taking place currently and with GCSE examinations starting in May. We also have a Coffee Open Morning at the academy, which is open to all parents and carers, on **Friday March 25th** between 9am and 11am. We look forward to you joining us for a cuppa and a chat if you can spare the time. All of these events are face to face.

Finally, thank you to parents and carers who completed our survey. The gift of your feedback will help us to move our academy forward and to benefit your child's experience and education here.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Mr N Harding

Principal

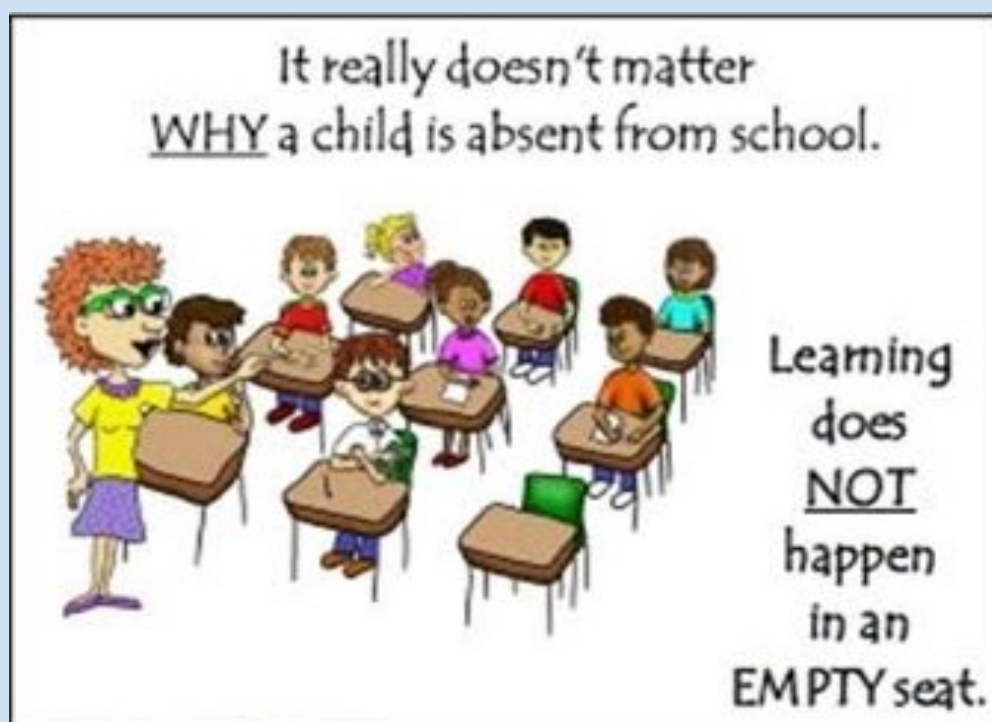
Twitter:- [@TQEA_Principal](https://twitter.com/TQEA_Principal)

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

10ECT – Georgia Kirkham & Mollie Neal

10JYS – Harry Wilson

10KJW – Harry Albrighton

10RJG – Conan Millington-York

10VK – Jorgia Downing

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

Here are this weeks worthy winners.



EAL student making huge effort I improving her language, her knowledge and her reading of books



Determination - Above target in last science exam



Resilience - Excellent effort on redoing her final assessment for science, going above target.



Always working hard and trying to improve her work independently allowing her to achieve some fantastic grades



Showing resilience, endeavour and great attitude towards their mock exams.



Student Achievements for week 14th February to 27th February

Top Year 7 Students

Christopher-John Boss 7GXB — 40 points
 Logan Allan-Stubbs 7NEH - 23 points
 Lexi Billington 7GXB —23 points
 Martha Harding Peel 7NMT—23 points
 Maisie Howitt 7GXB —23 points

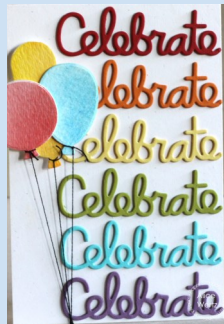


Top Year 8 Students

Shreekar Koduri 8SJ—42 points
 Conor Matthews 8SJ—37 points
 Corey Smith 8SJ—37 points
 Alfie Turner 8SJ—36 points

Top Year 9 Students

Freya Douglas 9RM - 24 points
 Gracie Hughes 9RZC—21 points
 Alfie Cooper 9RM—18 points
 Imogen Jenkinson 9RZC—17 points



Top Year 10 Students

Lily Butches 10ECT—32 points
 Violet O'Meara 10KJW—27 points
 Adam Ratcliffe 10ECT—24 points
 Catherine O'Donovan 10KJW—23 Points

Top Year 11 Students

Rhiannan Bracher 11MRB—16 points
 Brogan Kent 11LD—16 points
 Dylan Fowler 11LD—14 points
 Sophie Caddy 11MRB—13 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

8SJ — 539 points
 7NEH —360 points
 8JRW — 355 points



Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

7NMT—7118 points
 8SJ —6617 points
 8DJD —6370 points

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

Year 8 Trip to Sikh Gurdwara



On Friday 18th February 45 year 8 students went to visit a Sikh Gurdwara. The Gurdwara Guru Nanak Parkash in Coventry.

We had a wonderful tour of the temple where we got to understand the varying symbols of faith. We got to see worship in action and were taken to the main dining area where Sikhs serve food daily to the local community. We then got some time to ask questions and the main features of faith and belonging were explained to us in great depth. Students enjoyed a small break before asking many questions about what it is like to belong to a Sikh community.

The students were able to come back to class understanding the Sikh culture on a much deeper level.

I thank students for their great questions and excellent behaviour. I am certainly looking forward to future trips with this year group.

Mrs Patel.



Environmental Club

The Environment Club are focusing on improving the school environment for all this year. This term it is all about reducing our waste produced and increasing our recycling. This week they met with out contactors from Vertas to select the new and improved litter and recycling bins for the school site alongside a litter pick a lunchtime. In the next few weeks they will be talking to our food providers regarding the packaging used at break and lunch and then beginning an awareness campaign for students.



Community Coffee Morning

TQEA Community Coffee Morning

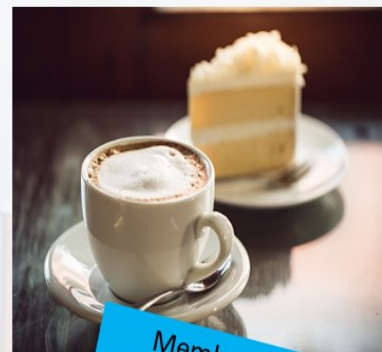
Friday 25th March 2022

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?
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Whats happening in PE?



Well done to our year 10 football team competing at Nuneaton academy on Thursday. They won 1 and lost 1 in a great effort! well done!

Next up is our year 7 football team who will be going to Higham Lane next Wednesday to compete against Higham lane, Harsthill and Nicholas Chamberlaine School!

Followed by our Year 8 football team on Thursday going to Hartshill to play Hartshill, Higham Lane and Etone.

Stars of the week

Good luck to our year 7 dodgeball team who are representing northern Warwickshire on Monday at the county finals!



Due to mock exams, all indoor clubs will not be on for the next two week! Outside clubs will still continue.

Each year group have football tournaments lined up for after half term!

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Football Club 9.00-9.30 No Trainers needed	No Clubs	Who: All years What: Football Lead: Mr. Smith	Who: Year 10 years What: Football Lead: Mr. Smith	Who: All years What: Football Lead: Mr. Smith	Who: All years What: Football Lead: Mr. Smith
Netball Club 1.35-2.00 No Trainers needed	No Clubs	Who: All years What: Netball Lead: Mr. Smith	Who: All years What: Netball Lead: Mr. Smith	Who: All years What: Netball Lead: Mr. Smith	Who: All years What: Netball Lead: Mr. Smith
After School club 3.10-4.10 Full PE kit needed	Leadership Award School Games run 3.05-4.05	Who: All years What: Football Lead: Mr. Smith	Who: All years What: Football Lead: Mr. Smith	Who: All years What: Football Lead: Mr. Smith	No Clubs No Trainers needed

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

PE CLUBS

World Book Day

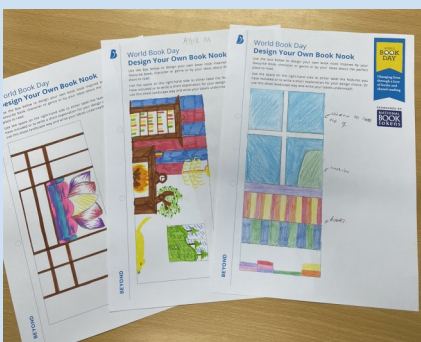
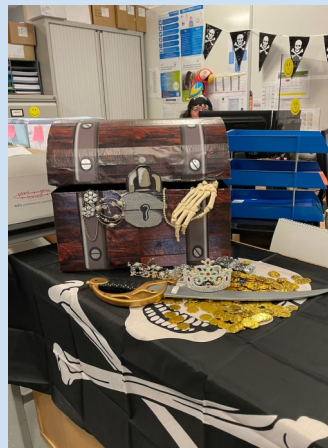
Thursday 3rd March 2022

2022! World Book Day finally returned to TQEA!

This year, students and staff got involved in a variety of book-themed activities including a DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) activity. Students were given time to enjoy a good book and develop their love of reading for pleasure. In more active tasks, students designed their dream 'book nooks' to show where they would most like to read.

Of course, staff went all in with the opportunity for departments to dress up in book-themed costumes.

Book tokens have been given to all students now, if you would like spares, please pick some up from reception. They are valid until 27th March 2022.





Dates for the Diary

Year 9 Options Afternoon—8th March

Coffee Morning—25th March

Year 11 Parents Evening—31st March

Important information for Year 11 Parents

Mock Exam Timetable

GCSE Mock Exams Timetable
February / March 2022

Date	Subject	Start	Duration
Monday 28th February 2 Exams	English Language (Paper 1)	8.45am Tues PE PT	1hr 45min
	Biology (Paper 1)	9.45am (1.15pm late reg) (1.15pm late reg) P425	1hr 15min (Combined) 1 hr 45min (Triple)
Tuesday 1st March is DREY DAY			
Wednesday 2nd March 2 Exams	Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator)	8.45am Tues PE PT	1hr 45min
	History (Paper 1)	9.45am (1.15pm late reg) (1.15pm late reg) P425	1hr
Thursday 3rd March 2 Exams	Chemistry (Paper 1)	8.45am Tues PE PT	1hr 15min (Combined) 1 hr 45min (Triple)
	Geography (Paper 1)	9.45am P425	1 hr
Friday 4th March 2 Exams	Computer Science (Paper 1)	8.45am (1.15pm late reg) (1.15pm late reg) P425	1hr 45min
	English Literature (Paper 1)	9.45am P425	1hr 45min
Monday 7th March 2 Exams	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	8.45am (1.15pm late reg) (1.15pm late reg) P425	1 hr 45min
	French (Listening and Reading)	9.45am Tues PE PT	1hr 15min / 1hr 45min
	Geography (Paper 2)	9.45am P425	45 mins
	Physics (Paper 1)	9.45am (1.15pm late reg) (1.15pm late reg) P425	1hr 15min (Combined) 1 hr 45min (Triple)

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 Business/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

PE CLUBS

UNTIL EASTER HOLIDAYS

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



Is your child eligible?



The Queen Elizabeth
Academy

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.

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