

TQEA WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 1st April 2022 Issue 24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday afternoon and evening we welcomed our Year 11 parents and carers into our academy for Year 11 parents' evening. This was the final push in support of our students as they enter the home straight prior to examinations starting in May. Teachers shared mock examination results and were able to talk about the work that needs to be done in the final few weeks. What I would say is that there is all to play for and every minute counts. To this end we are offering an extensive range of revision sessions at Easter and I would urge your child to attend as many as possible.

Year 8 had a successful week on the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue course. They went through fire training and took part in team building activities. With fire service uniform on they got an opportunity to use fire hoses and build confidence in trusting one another. Year 8 had a great week of activities and I am very grateful to the colleagues who escorted them each day and ran the event.

Year 10 took part in Geography field work looking at an urban centre. The work composed of students surveying the use of the city centre and the urban landscape. This was part of their GCSE curriculum and our students thoroughly enjoyed doing "real" Geography fieldwork. One of the great benefits of academies being able to run visits once more is the cultural experiences that we can give our students. I am delighted to report that our students conducted themselves in an exemplary fashion and were a delight by all accounts.

Government Living with Covid Rules

From today the government has issued its latest Living with Covid plan. The new plan effectively abandons testing in schools and enforces changes regarding the isolation period for children. **One of the main changes is that a child with suspected Covid should isolate at home for three days. A child can return to school as soon as their temperature returns to normal and they feel well enough.** What this means is that there is no 5 day or 10-day isolation period for children and parents and carers can sanction their child's return to the academy as soon as their temperature returns to normal.

I know that many parents and carers have been frustrated by the isolation period that existed before and have wanted their child back into the academy sooner. These new rules create a situation in which this can happen.

Finally, please look out for the summer edition of our glossy magazine in the near future. This issue is called, "We Love TQEA" and has been edited by our amazing students.

Wishing you a good weekend.



N. Harding

Principal

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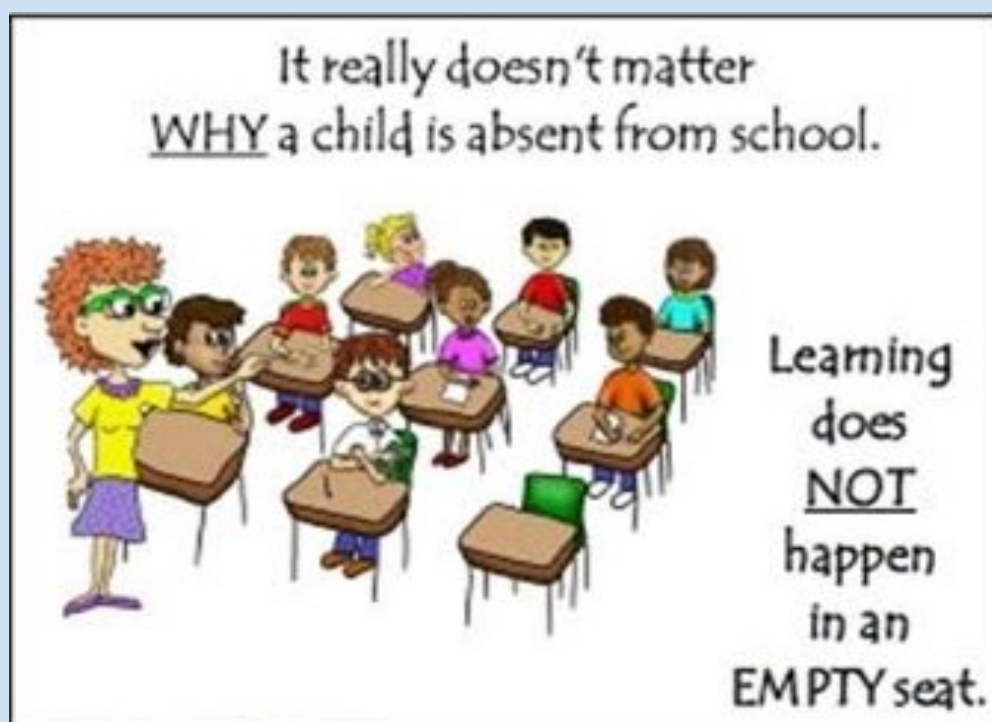
TQEA is committed to providing our young people with an extraordinary education in a safe environment.

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

9JXP – Ruby Bird

9LXC – Charlie Dennis

9NMP – Theodor Groza

9RM – Bret Dicken

9RZC – Imogen Jenkinson

Keep up the Good Work!

Principals Pick's of the Week

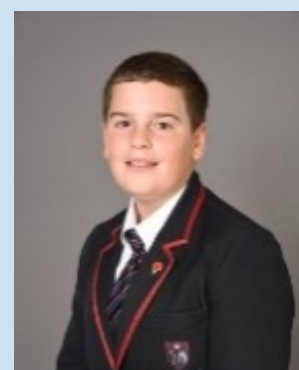
Here are this weeks worthy winners.



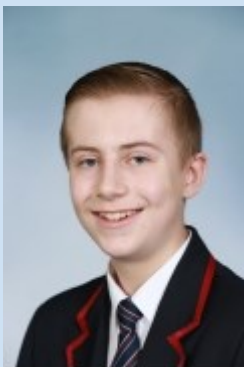
Showing kindness and support to his peers every single lesson.



Excellent extended writing in Computer Science



Excellent attitude and effort in Science. Showing a real endeavour to learn.



Outstanding efforts in his role as Deputy Head Student. Really showing how much of a role model and leader he is.



Consistently fantastic work in French, constantly looking to stretch herself and improve which is evident in the high quality of work



Fantastic effort and attitude in GCSE PE Handball assessment



Student Achievements for week 21st March—27th March

Top Year 7 Students

Rowan Fowler—7GXB 30 points

James Ford—7NMT 20 points

Andreea Postelnicu—7GXB 20 points

Noemi Barasu—7NEH 19 points

Dylan Cox—7GXB 19 points



Top Year 8 Students

Joshua Passey—8GXJ 29 points

Evan Povey—8GXJ 27 points

Lucie Frost—8SJ 26 points

Demi-Lee Eggerton—8GXJ 22 points

Top Year 9 Students

Millie Bilson—9RM 17 points

Jack Jones—9RM 15 points

Harrison Snell—9RM 15 points

Freya Douglas—9 RM 14 points



Top Year 10 Students

Maisy Andrews—10JYS 20 points

Thomas Cope—10VK 20 points

Keely Eglinton—10JYS 20 points

Rosie Mitchell—10JYS 17 points

Jack Palmer - 10JYS 16 points

Top Year 11 Students

Kelly-Ann Houston—11LDS 28 points

Isabelle Wilson—11LD 28 points

Marshall Deeming—11LD 24 points

Dylan Fowler—11LD 24 points

Ava Hall—11KXS 24 points

Leif Roe—11LD 24 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Week

11LD—416 points

7GXB—348 points

8SJ—288 points

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the Year to date

7NMT—8396 points

8SJ—7705 points

7RRC—7486 points



KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Citizenship Course



Ten Year 8 students have this week participated in the Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service Citizenship Course, which is working in partnership with Warwickshire Targeted Youth. They have been learning how to run and roll out hoses, building balloon chairs to improve communication skills, retrieving casualties whilst blindfolded amongst many other things. The students have had an amazing time and have learnt so much.

Well done, Year 8's!



Geography Field Trip



Year 10 Geography students attended their GCSE fieldwork in Birmingham on Monday and Tuesday this week. The trip consisted of surveys within the four regenerated areas of Birmingham including Millennium Point, Bullring shopping centre, Mailbox and Grand Central station. The students were amazing and represented the school fantastically well.

We are all proud of them.



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 21st March and Friday 1st April 2022 .



Dates for the Diary

Eater Half term Friday 8th April

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 issues 1-5	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?



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.