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# Careers

It gives us great pleasure to use the newsletter to highlight careers at TQEA. We recognise that we are only temporary custodians of the students in our care, before they go off on their post-16 destinations and careers. It is important that careers is interwoven in every year, not just Year 11, and we ensure all students receive a careers education from Year 7. We know that we must make our students prepared for the world of work and have high aspirations so they can have successful futures.

***Careers Intent: Students are entitled to leave TQEA with the ability to compete nationally and globally in their chosen career. They will be given a wide range of information and advice about a range of careers throughout their education pathway.***

At TQEA we have a comprehensive careers programme covering a wide range of opportunities and options for students to find out about and then investigate further. We measure and assess the impact of our careers' programme on pupils by the percentage of positive destinations students achieve when leaving TQEA and compliance with the Gatsby benchmarks. Our careers programme is an ever-evolving organism and whilst naturally the COVID-19 pandemic hindered some of the opportunities we have been able to give our students these are now back up and running.

This term sees an important few weeks for our year 11 students. Nearly all of the local colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> forms have held their open events and are arranging their interview schedule for the applications they have received. I have met with all of our year 11 students to discuss their plans for next year with them and outline the next steps they need to take.

There are a couple of open evenings taking place in the next few weeks to be aware of:

NWLSC Hinckley Campus: 6<sup>th</sup> February 5-8pm

NWSLC Nuneaton and Harrow Brooke Campuses: 9<sup>th</sup> February 5-8pm

Polesworth 6<sup>th</sup> Form: 19<sup>th</sup> January 6-8pm

Year 11 Mock Interviews: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

All students in Year 11 come dressed in professional attire and have a mock interview with an external professional. This provides them with the experience of an interview situation ready for their future. Further information of this is found below.

# Launch Your Career

In PSHE lessons our students have access to our online career's advice programme 'launchyourcareer'. Students began by answering a self-assessment quiz on their personality and interests and could then explore possible careers they may be interested in. They could find out the qualifications required to do certain jobs as well as live labour market information on employment trends, employment opportunities by location and average salaries. It has been great to see our students exploring their ambitions and putting together plans for their futures with their education at the heart of them.



***Launch Your  
Career.com***

# Careers guidance workshops and meetings



We understand the importance of students receiving impartial careers advice and guidance at TQEA, which is why we work closely with Careers Seekers Direct to ensure all students in year 8 participate in careers guidance workshops to help educate them on the paths their futures may take them on beyond their time at TQEA and prepare them for their options process in year 9. We also ensure all year 10 students receive a 1-2-1 careers meeting to help them decide on the steps they want to follow after year 11.



# ThinkHigher Raising Aspirations



Each year we invite in ThinkHigher, a university outreach organisation to work with our year 10 and 11 students. The workshops they participate in inform students about the positives of attending university and dispel some misconceptions about the perceived financial implications. The aim is to raise their aspirations and open their minds to the prospects of higher education.

# TQEA Careers Fair



One of the highlights of our careers calendar is the TQEA careers fair. In this event we host upwards of 20 local businesses, colleges, 6<sup>th</sup> forms and universities. Students in years 9-11 are given time during the school day to explore the fair and speak to all of the guests. It is an excellent opportunity for our students and one they find particularly useful. This recently happened just before Christmas 2022.



# University Visits



As part of our careers programme we aim to inspire students to achieve the most of the potential. We offer a group of year 10 students the opportunity to attend Cambridge university each year. This is an excellent experience for them and really does go a long way to giving them a real taste of what it would be like to attend one of the world's leading universities



# Mock Interview Experience



To support our students in developing skills and qualities that will prepare them to face real world challenges every year our year 11 students participate in a mock interview day. Students write a job application in their English lessons in the weeks leading up to the event. They are then invited to attend school in smart formal wear to participate in a practice interview during the day. They are given verbal and written feedback on their interview technique to help prepare them for any future interviews they may have.



# NHS Careers Visit



Every year 1 select group of students are given the opportunity to visit George Eliot hospital in Nuneaton to explore a range of careers available in the NHS. Students participate in a series of workshops exploring roles in childcare, infection and disease prevention, emergency care, statistical analysis and accident and emergency services.

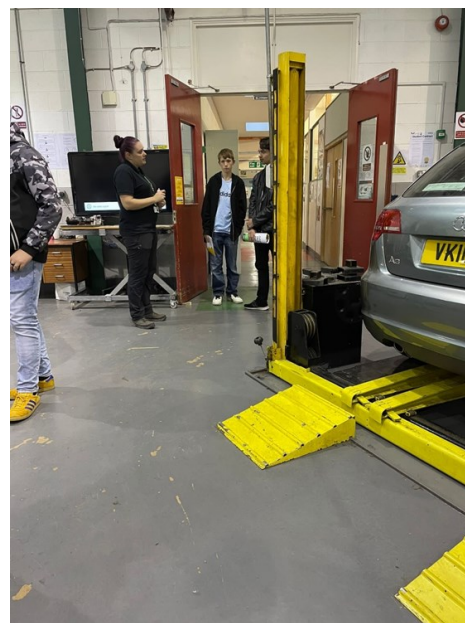
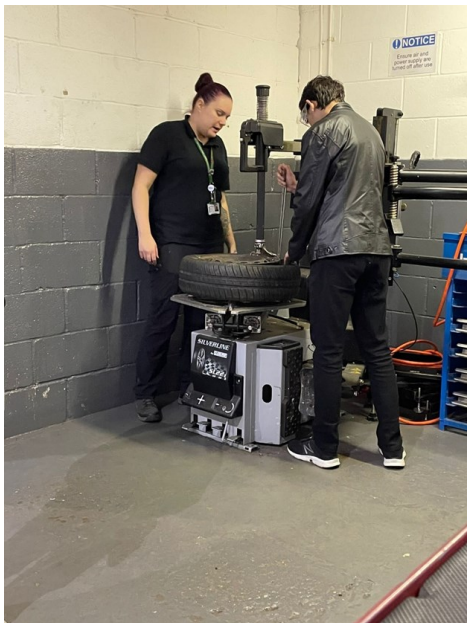
# STEM Enterprise Workshops



We work with the Smallpeice trust to offer our students interactive STEM workshops where students are given the opportunity to develop and apply teamwork skills. They have to work in teams to design and create a piece of STEM based technology and present their project to the rest of the year group.



# College and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Visits



We understand the importance of preparing our students for life beyond TQEA. As well as helping them develop the character and earn the qualifications they need to be successful at college or 6<sup>th</sup> form we also support their transition experience. We run trips for students to local colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> forms on their open events and help students explore the courses they are interested in while guiding them to ask relevant questions.

# Workplace Visits



We are always looking for opportunities to give our students experiences of real workplaces. We have worked closely with a range of local businesses to offer our students engaging and interactive opportunities to see what the world of work is really like. We aim to help them see that there is more to a job than the qualifications needed to access it and help them explore the skills and qualities many employers look for in their employees.



# Smoothwall Online Safety Advise

Academy Transformation Trust are putting on two live online parent and carer presentations, with our digital safety specialist provider, Smooth-wall. These events will present the key online risks that young people face and will offer you useful insight into the online world your children see, and the risks they may be exposed to. There will be tips on how to keep your children safe online, expert Q&A sessions and signposting to useful guides and tips. If you have any specific questions that you would like answered, please speak to us before Monday 16th January so we can ensure your topic is covered in the presentation or live question and answer session.

We ask that all parents attending this live session, ensure that they watch the presentation away from their children, as some of the content of the covered, may not be suitable for children and young people to hear. We would also not want to inadvertently advertise inappropriate online risks, to young people. The presentations will be delivered on the two dates listed below and links to the events will be sent out via (whichever parent communication format you use) nearer the time.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 5.45pm

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm

If you have questions please direct to Ms S Ressel before 16.01.2023

# Attendance Update



## **YOU SAID:**

- We would like support with our children remaining in school and not being sent home for 'just being under the weather'.
- The school is too quick to send them home.
- I want less phone calls from school telling me my child doesn't feel well

## **WE DID:**

We are adding in a monitoring level in for any child that says they are unwell or have been sick. This will be for 10 minutes and they will be looked after by our first aiders, and then returned to their lesson. We will not contact home at this point unless staff feel they have worsened.

## **Reminder:**

- If you would like your child to have their own labelled pain relief in school please send some labelled up into the office with a note of the dose they are allowed, this will mean we do not have to contact you during the day for your child to have pain relief.
- All contact between parents and child during the school day should be via reception. Children should not be encouraged to message home while in school as this breaks our safeguarding, putting students at risk. This is in the home school agreement.

# Greggs Hardship Fund

Greggs are launching a hardship fund. Please see the details below.

We know that many families will struggle to make ends meet, and with the unexpected rise in the cost of living, can suddenly find themselves in very difficult circumstances.

The Hardship Fund allows Greggs Foundation to offer a helping hand to people during a moment of crisis.

Our grants are there to help people provide individual items that can make a huge difference to family life - white goods for domestic use, beds and mattresses to aid restful sleep, grocery and clothing vouchers to support the purchase of essentials.

We can also provide vouchers towards the purchase of smaller kitchen appliances and utility vouchers to support the cost of running a home.

***If your family would like to take advantage of the scheme, please contact the school as all referrals must be made through schools not directly from families.***

# HAVE YOUR SAY!

## Warwickshire's SEND and Inclusion Service Offer

Take part in our consultation and help to shape the future SEND and Inclusion Service.

How to respond:

- Attend one of our drop-in or online events
- Respond online at [ask.warwickshire.gov.uk](https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk)
- Call Freephone 0800 408 1558 (Mon-Fri, 9am - 5pm)
- Email [sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk)



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