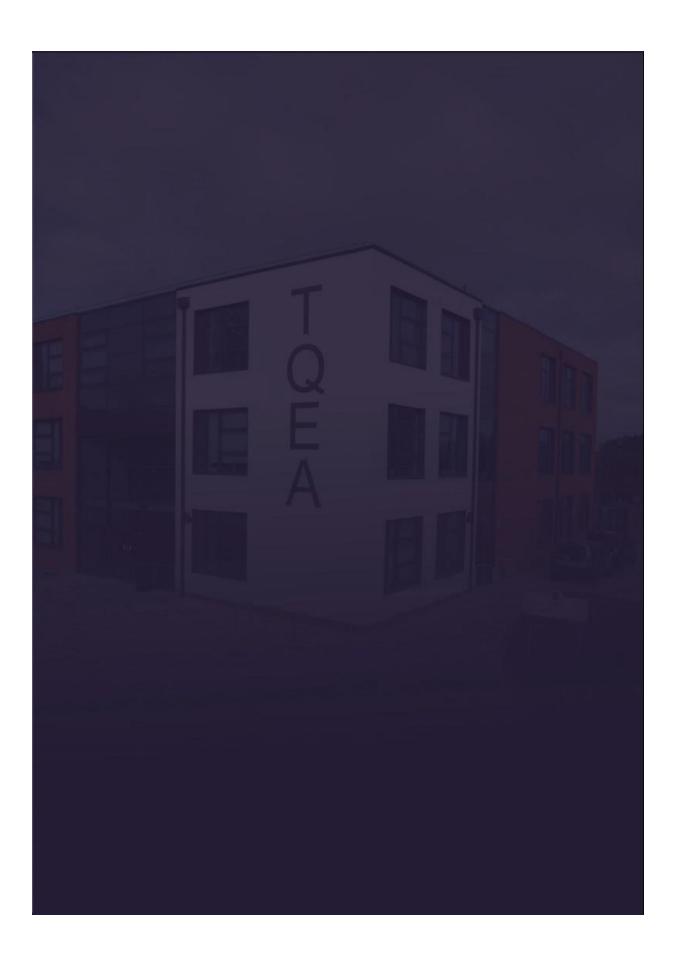


The Queen Elizabeth

Academy



# TQEA Newsletter: Friday 16th May

Issue 3



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"We Can and We Will"



## Principal's Welcome



#### Good afternoon, everyone!

Thank you for all of your positive comments about the new communication approach that we shared two weeks ago. It is early days and the new processes are embedding. However, we are being told that there has been a marked improvement already. I have shared our communication pathways with you again in this Newsletter.

We have a strong student leadership team structure at TQEA. Students serve as Senior Student Leadership team, leading our student Parliament, ably supported by our Junior Leadership Team and Form Captains.

Since January the Leadership team have been suggesting the idea of shorts being added to the summer uniform. This was also raised in the summer of 2024. As a result, the student leadership team have sourced formal "chino" style black shorts to be worn alongside the other current uniform requirements. Therefore, I am sharing with you that from *Monday June*2nd 2024, until the end of the academic year, pupils can choose to wear this style of shorts.

The Leadership team have decided that the shorts must be unbranded black, "chino style" shorts with a length that sits just above the knee. This will be introduced annually as a form of summer uniform adjustment. Pupils can choose to wear skirts and trousers still, but this adds another option to the uniform. Sports, PE or any other form of shorts are not permitted in the uniform policy. The shorts must be worn with black socks and the formal leather shoe as per the current policy. Blazers and ties will still be worn unless we make a local decision, due to extreme weather, to invite pupils not to wear these items. In all cases we will communicate this with you.

The Leadership team were very aware of cost and they sourced shorts that were available from local Supermarkets at a very reasonable price. This is also why they decided that the shorts must not be branded or contain the TQEA logo, as this would cause a hike in the cost of uniform. We have shared pictures in this newsletter and on our website in order for parents and carers to purchase items accurately. Please contact the academy if you require any further clarification before June 2nd 2025.

Finally, from September I will be working as Associate Trust Principal in our Trust. This will mean that i will be driving improvement and high- quality provision at TQEA and supporting another Trust academy. I will still be very much involved in TQEA on a daily basis and will still be working with our community. However, I am delighted to share the news with you that Alison Morris, our current Deputy Principal, will be serving as Associate Head of Academy from September and will be leading the academy on a daily basis. I know that you will recognise the outstanding work that Alison has done at TQEA in recent years and I know many of you have formed excellent working relationships with her. Alison and I will work very closely to provide the best educational provision and outcomes for our proud community in the future.

Finally, as a result of our Parent survey, we will be releasing a poll to all parents and carers next week to seek your views about Parents' Evenings. The response from running hybrid online and face to face parents' evenings received mixed reviews in the survey. Therefore, as a further response to the survey, we are seeking your views to help support our decisions regarding this next year. We wanted to try the hybrid approach this year, with Year 7, 8 and 9 having one online parent meeting and Year 7, 10 and 11 having face to face meetings, but it is now time to review. Your views matter, so please register your view, It will not take much time.

Have a great weekend everyone!

**Neil Harding** 



## Communication Poster



## Attendance

Top 10 Tutor Groups: This week

9ECT

9RZC

10NMT

11KJW

8JXP

7RM

7SK

8MRB

8JYS

#### 11RJG

### Dates to Remember

Thursday 22nd May: Y8 Progress Evening.

Friday 23rd May: Finish at 3:05pm for half term.

Monday 2nd June: School re-opens to students at 8am for Breakfast Club.

Wednesday 11th June: Y7 Progress Evening.

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th June: Yrs 7, 8 & 9 Enrichment Days.

Friday 20th June: School closed to students for Trust Wide Training day.

Thursday 26th June: Y11 Prom.

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd July: Y10 Birmingham Visit.

Wednesday 2nd July: Y6 Transition Day.

Tuesday 8th July: Y10 Progress Evening & Mock Results.

Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th & Friday 11th July: Mary Poppins Performances.

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th July: Y10 Carding Mill visit.

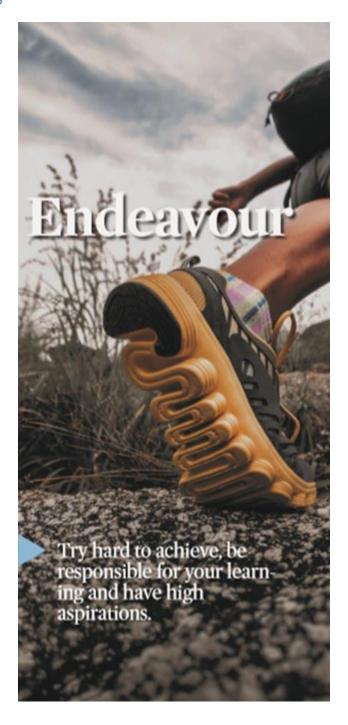
Tuesday 15th July: Y7 Graduation.

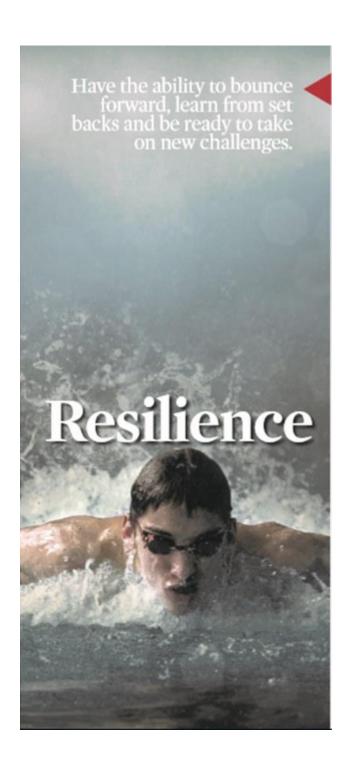
Wednesday 16th July: Y8 Graduation.

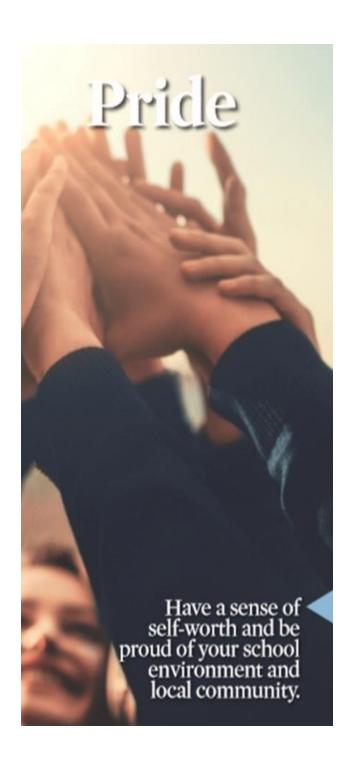
Thursday 17th July: Y9 Graduation.

Friday 18th July: Finish for the Summer.

# Principal Awards









Noel Paggett For: For always being helpful and kind to others. Nominated by: Mr Webb Adam Collins For: Consistently excellent attitude to learning Nominated by: Mr Webb Christopher Boss For: For his superb and insightful contributions to the study of Macbeth. Nominated by: Mrs Badham

Manraj Singh Kang For: Excellent effort demonstrated, when reading out loud our literacy activity, persevered with higher demand words, and had understanding of the text. Superb answers to questions. Nominated by: Mrs Thomson

Leyton Sadler For: Taking pride in his tutor room, tidying and cleaning it every day in his own time. Leyton takes the time to sort out all of the equipment so it is reset and ready for the next day. Pride and Kindness! Nominated by: Mrs Deeley

Kaden Wright For: Being a fantastic role model to her group, organised and supportive and led by example! Nominated by: Miss Wilson

Martha Harding Peel For: Being a fantastic role model to her group, organised and supportive! Nominated by: Miss Wilson

# Other Key Information

### **ADOLESCENCE**

The **Netflix** show, **Adolescence**, has had a massive impact on the education community with the Prime Minister calling for all schools to work with students and parents alike to look at the implications of the story line regarding parent awareness, social influences on young males, misogyny and Incel culture.

I invite our parents to join me in a screening of the drama over **4 sessions** to consider the issues raised and how our boys are being affected by the social norms of our times, to consider what we don't know, what we are unaware of and to share our thoughts and experiences on how to tackle these issues and support our sons.

Let us not wrestle with our concerns in isolation, but come together as a community to share our thoughts, fears and views so that we can address the issues of the times together as the joint protectors of the students of TQE.

Part 1 – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 6.30 pm
Part 2 – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm
Part 3 – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 6.30 pm
Part 4 – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 6.30 pm

# **Young Carers**

