



The Queen Elizabeth Academy

“We Can and We Will”

Principal's Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of one of the longest Spring terms on record I am delighted to welcome you to our final termly newsletter. This is the final one because after Easter we are returning to the weekly newsletter that we used to have a couple of years ago. The reason why we are doing this is in response to the Parent Carer survey that was completed a short while ago.

The survey highlighted many strengths in our academy and also explained how we can improve the academy. In particular, it was clear that parents and carers wanted more regular communication.

Therefore, you will find that you will receive a weekly newsletter with latest news, pupil celebrations, key dates to look out for and important information.

Last week it was great to host parents and carers for our coffee morning. Please look out for events in the future as we aim to strengthen our partnership with parents and carers.

Finally, it was great to welcome our new CEO, Mr Mark McCourt, to our academy this week. I was very proud to show him the academy, the work we are doing and for him to meet our wonderful pupils. As always our Trust, Academy Transformation Trust, is focused on giving our pupils the best education provision possible.

Have a wonderful Easter and I look forward to updating you in our next newsletter on Friday May 2nd 2025.

Mr. Harding

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Harding', with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

Response to Parent/Carer Survey

In this section each week we will update you on improvements we are making as a response to the survey. This week is the announcement that we are providing more regular newsletter updates. This newsletter will be going out every Friday moving forward. In the next issue I will be explaining how we are looking to improve communication with you and how we are going to make communication easier for our community.

Dates to Remember

Monday 28th April: School re-open to students at 8am for Breakfast Club.

Friday 2nd May: Y11 GCSE's Start.

Monday 5th May: Bank holiday - School Closed.

Friday 16th May: Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 22nd May: Y8 Progress Evening.

Friday 23rd May: Finish for half term at 3:10pm.

Monday 2nd June: School re-open to students at 8am.

Wednesday 11th June: Y10 Mock Exams Start.

Wednesday 11th June: Y7 Progress Evening.

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th June: Y7,8 & 9 Enrichment days.

Friday 20th June: Trust Training Day - School Closed to students.

Thursday 26th June: Y11 Prom.

Wednesday 2nd July: Y6 Transition Day.

Tuesday 8th July: Y10 Progress Evening.

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July: Mary Poppins performances.

Friday 18th July: Finish for Summer!

Attendance

ATTENDANCE is 2.84% higher than 2024/5. Well done to our community!

Spring Term Attendance Data

- 7RM
- 7NXH
- 7SK
- 7MAL
- 8JXP
- 8MRB
- 9EXT
- 9ECT
- 10NMT
- 11RJG

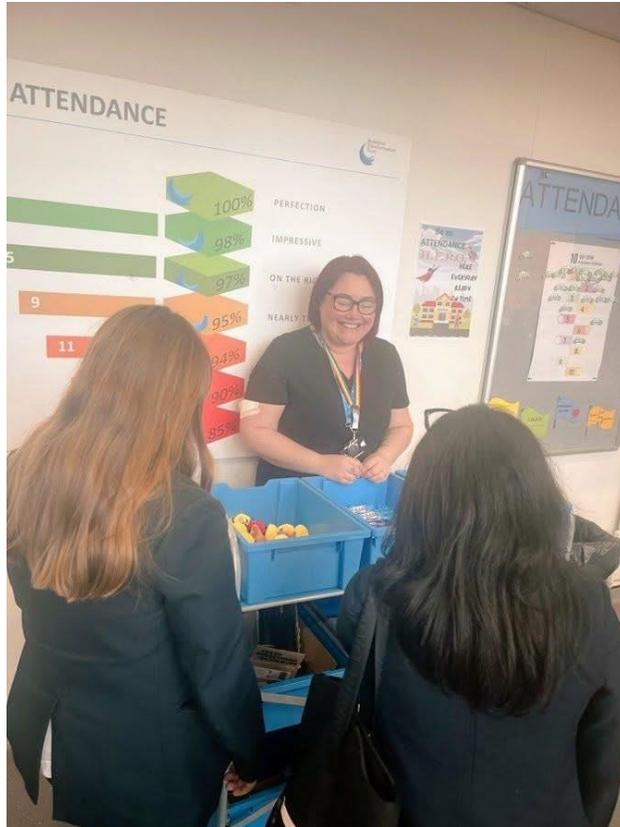
Attendance golden tickets with some of the many rewards. Students are loving the challenge of collecting 3 to use at the attendance shop on Friday lunch time as well as the chance to win Costa, Greggs or Amazon vouchers. Attendance postcards are also being given to students who have shown commitment and resilience in achieving their attendance targets.



As part of our attendance rewards we are announcing Full House Friday. TQEA pupils will be able to play their favourite songs at lunchtime on QE radio.



Our attendance reward winners exchanging their tokens for treats at the shop.



Canteen News

Student feedback is so positive about our food under new leadership of excellent new chef, Mr Harrison-Evans, and his amazing team. Look at this Hogwarts Express themed dining experience for World Book Day.









PE

This year we have competed in more girl's football matches and tournaments than ever before. Our teams and training numbers are the highest they have been for a long time and the girl's commitment is to be praised and their progress enjoyed this year well done!



Awesome defensive effort team, 1 goal conceded in 6 games!!





Indoor Athletics for years 7 8 and 9 has seen us win a number of events and overall competitions coming first second and third across the three year groups. Excellent effort and endeavour shown across a range of track and field events!





The year 7 boys demonstrated incredible talent and determination to win the North Warwickshire Schools Sportshall Athletics event. This earned them the chance to compete in the county championships in Solihull on Monday 24th March. The boys put in yet another incredible performance coming in the medal positions in 4 events and earning 6th place in the county overall. An amazing achievement,

Boys Football



The year 10 boys football team have completed their league fixtures this term finishing mid-table in the north Warwickshire schools league. They have played some good football, demonstrated some excellent teamwork and most importantly had a lot of fun. Well done boys.



The year 7 boys football team have had an excellent first season and finished 4th in position in their league. They have qualified for the semi-finals where they face Nichoal Chamberlain. They have grown as a group and demonstrated excellent camaraderie on the pitch. We wish them well in the upcoming semi-final.

Fitness

The year 9 boys attended the county finals for fits a knockout. They qualified through the local competition and then went on the next stage at the county finals being held at the combat centre in Solihull. The boys did extremely well and really enjoyed the experience!



Sports Hall Athletics Year 8

Well done to the year 8 boys and girls sports hall athletics teams who competed at Higham Lane school. Both teams did extremely well and showed excellent effort throughout all of the events!



Careers

Year 9 and 10 Armed Forces Workshop



Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to participate in an Armed Forces Careers Workshop where they heard about the wide range of career opportunities available in the armed forces. They learned about the entry requirements for different job roles and the additional fitness and health requirements. The students asked some excellent questions and left the event much more informed about the career opportunities available to them.

Year 11 Mock interview Event



All Year 11 students participated in the annual mock interview day in which they had a 15-minute practice job interview. Students were prepared for the interview in the weeks before the event by completing a job application form for a position they would be interested in applying

for and receiving guidance and tips on interview skills and techniques that employers look for. The students were invited to attend in their own smart clothing. The event was a huge success with our volunteer interviewers commenting on how impressed they were with our student's maturity and communication skills in particular.

Year 9 Apprenticeship Workshops





All year 9 students participated in an apprenticeships workshop delivered by the Balfour Beatty/VINICI partnership. The students listened to a talk informing them on what an apprenticeship is and the skills and qualities employers are looking during the application process. Students were then tasked with developing and applying these skills in a challenge whereby they had to work as a team to design and build a wheelbarrow to transport a load over a set course. It was fantastic to see students out of their comfort zone and given the opportunity to demonstrate key employability skills in the challenge.

Year 10 HS2 Engineering Site Visit





A group of year 10 Engineering students had the opportunity to visit the Bromford Tunnel construction as part of HS2. The students had the chance to hear from various members of the experienced construction team, view a model of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), view construction equipment, and take a ride on our site bus to see the works. The actual TBM was 4 miles into the tunnel so unfortunately, we didn't get to see that up close, but the students were fascinated to learn how such an incredible piece of machinery worked, and the wide range of jobs needed to keep it running. They were astonished to hear that it has its own canteen on board!

Food Club

Some amazing culinary skills shown in our food club.

Empire Biscuits

Samosas

Croissants

Victoria Sponge

Korean Chicken

Chocolate Oat Cookies

Pasta and Sauce

Making Fresh Pasta

Marble Cakes











Happy Easter from
everyone here at TQEA



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