



The Queen Elizabeth
Academy



TQEA Newsletter: Friday 5th December



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“We Can and We Will”



Head of Academy Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy first week of December!

As we approach December, many of us look forward to the festive joy and excitement it brings. However, we also recognise that this time of year can be more challenging for some children and families. Each year, we support members of our community through our Christmas Hamper initiative, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Miss Nichols for her hard work in organising and coordinating this effort. Within the Academy, we strive to balance festive celebrations with academic expectations, ensuring that students enjoy the Christmas break while returning in January ready to embrace the new academic challenges of the Spring Term.

This December we have the following events:

- Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December
- Christmas Jumper Day (where students can wear a Christmas jumper along with their TQEA uniform for a donation) on Friday 12th December

- Our TQEA Talent Show on Wednesday 17th December
- Y11 Turbo Week – work hard, play hard – w/c Monday 15th December
- Christmas Attendance and Character events and prize draws

I would like to reiterate the message from our previous newsletter regarding the importance we place on learning within the academy. We have high expectations for all students and expect them to be in lessons and actively engaged in learning. As you would expect, we cannot allow students to walk around the academy or ignore instructions. While most of our students are exceptional, a small number are causing disruption either by not attending lessons or by disturbing learning environments. As I outlined in my initial letter as Head of Academy, I will always uphold the highest standards and strive to maintain a culture that supports learning. Unfortunately, this minority of students are having a significant impact on the learning of others and on our staff's ability to deliver an outstanding curriculum. This behaviour is being addressed by our Pastoral Team, and I thank parents and carers for your continued support in tackling this concern.

In addition, we are seeing an increasing number of students using their mobile phones in school and openly having them out during the academy day. Mobile phones can be a distraction to learning and can negatively impact the classroom environment. They also have the potential to be a safeguarding concern. This is fully supported by the DfE who state that schools should prohibit the use of mobile phones in schools. For this reason, our policy is that mobile phones must be switched off and kept in school bags during the Academy day. This ensures that students remain focused on their lessons and enables us to fulfil our duty to create an environment that is calm, safe and free from distractions where students can thrive. If a student is found using a mobile phone without permission, it will be confiscated in line with our behaviour policy and taken to reception. They will be able to collect it from reception at the end of the day. If a student continues to not follow this expectation, the mobile phone will need to be collected by parents/carers or they simply will not be allowed to have a mobile phone in school. If you have a need to contact your child, please can we remind you that this should be done through the office not by you directly contacting them. We appreciate the support of parents and carers in reinforcing this expectation, as it helps us maintain a safe and productive learning environment for all.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.



Academics

Attendance Information





Attendance Matters



Attendance remains a very high priority for us as a community. If students are not in the academy, we are not able to help to support them or teach them the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. It is vital that all children are in the academy every day. It is vital all students attend their lessons on time.

Week Commencing: Monday 1st December Weeks Attendance: 86.5%

Top 10 Tutors of the week:

7CMO

7DTI

10RZC

8RJG

8FRE

7RSA

8RM

9JXP

8RJG

7BXM

Prioritising Attendance: Every Day Counts!

20 Day Attendance Challenge



We are thrilled to launch our exciting new initiative: **The Christmas 20-Day Attendance Challenge!** We know that consistent attendance is vital for your child's learning and progress. To celebrate and reward the commitment shown by our pupils and families, we have been running a special, focused challenge with **fantastic Christmas prizes** up for grabs. The challenge officially began on **Monday, November 17th**, and runs for 20 consecutive school days, concluding on **Friday, December 12th**.

The goal is simple: pupils must achieve **100% attendance** for this entire 20-day period. Every student who successfully meets this goal will automatically earn multiple raffle tickets, gaining an entry into our highly anticipated Grand Prize Draw, which will take place on December 12th.

This year, the major prizes are open to **every successful qualifier** across all year groups, making the raffle incredibly exciting for everyone. We have secured five high-value, experience-based prizes: a fantastic **Family Cinema Package** for a family at **ODEON Nuneaton**; a fun **Family Bowling Voucher** package for a session at **Disco bowl Nuneaton**; a voucher for a **Family Dinner at Nandos, Tamworth**; a **£50 Amazon Voucher**; and an exciting **Family Voucher for Activities** at the **Snowdome, Tamworth**. In addition to these five Grand Prizes, there will be several secondary prizes, including book vouchers and Christmas hampers, drawn from all successful participants.

We urge all parents and guardians to ensure your child is at school, on time, every day, from November 17th to December 12th. This small effort provides them with the best opportunity to maximize their learning and win one of these wonderful prizes. Let's aim for a full house and a successful challenge!

Also running along side our 20 day challenge we have the **10-day challenge** has been running from the 1st December until the 12th of December. Pupils with 100% attendance for these two weeks get entered into a prize draw for a range of vouchers



1 - Mr Martin (Deputy Principal, Attendance Lead)

**TQEA'S
SPOTLIGHT
SHOWDOWN**

2025 Talent Competition

**Wednesday 17th December
2025 6:30pm**

See TQEA's best and brightest in a race
to win the TQEA Spotlight Trophy



**Over £150
worth of
prizes to be
won!**

Tickets - £5
**(Cash tickets
available on the
door)**

Joyful Learning

Each week we would like to share with the **joyful learning** taking place in the academy and this week has been no exception. Please enjoy looking at some examples of the fantastic work your young people have produced.

As part of advent this year, every morning the **Year 7 student** who achieved the highest number of positive points the day before gets to spin the wheel to win a prize! The student has to have had 100% attendance for the week so far and no negative points as well.

Lucas 7SJ spun the wheel on the 4th December and won a non-uniform day for him and a friend which he has cashed in today.

Sinead 7CMO also spun the wheel this week and has won a whole week of no homework which has been cashed in for next week.

Year 7 are really enjoying this and are getting very excited each morning. Their tutors are also loving it as if their tutor group gets the most points the day before they also get to spin.

Mr Bladon-Cope - Head of Year 7



Year 7 and 8 Girls football

Our first of three indoor football tournaments being hosted at TQEA saw the girls first football fixtures of the year after some fantastic practice sessions they were eager to get their season started.

We have always played well and represented the school with pride but have struggled with one element of the game which is converting our chances. Within the first three minutes of the first game this was no longer an issue with 2 goals scored by one of our newest members of the team Anastasia (who went on to score two more in this game alone). Goal of the tournament was scored by Daisy from inside her own half and goals from Isla and co made this our highest scoring competition so far. We played the final game against the overall winners of the tournament we hit the bar twice and a goal line clearance but a 1-0 loss

against the champions who scored with the final kick of the game was our only loss of the tournament. Excellent effort all round and player of the tournament Anastasia.

We look forward to the two remaining tournaments before Christmas ahead!

Miss Wilson - Curriculum lead for PE and Performing Arts



Notices

TERM 1 GET READY FOR.....

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break Time Club 10.55-11.15 <i>Only 1/2 places needed</i>	Who: Yr 10 What: Football Week 1 Basketball Wk 2 Lead: Mr Webb	Who: Yr 8 What: Football Week 1 Basketball Wk 2 Lead: Mr Webb	Who: Yr 7 What: Football Week 1 Basketball Wk 2 Lead: Miss Wilson	Who: Yr 9 What: Football Week 1 Basketball Wk 2 Lead: Mr Morgan	Who: Yr 11 What: Football Week 1 Basketball Wk 2 Lead: Mr Morgan wk 1, Miss Wilson wk2
After School club 3.05-4.05 <i>Full PE Kit needed</i>	Who: Years-7/8/9/10 (starts 16 th September) What: Leadership Academy- Lead: Rory	Who: All Years What: Football Lead: Mr Morgan + Mr Webb + Miss Wilson (Girls) Who: All Years What: Performing Arts Club Lead: Mr Stewart, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Dealey	Who: Yr 9 and 10 What: DoE Bronze award (main hall) Lead: Miss Wilson and Mr Morgan	Who: Yr 10/11 Exam Groups: (PE, Drama, Music, Dance) What: Catch up/ homework support (1.01) Lead: Miss Wilson/ Mr Webb/ Mrs Stewart/ Mrs Dealey	Who: All years What: Badminton/ Pickle Ball Lead: Mr Morgan/ Mr Webb

2 - Sports Clubs Timetable

JOIN NOW

XTRA ENRICHMENT

BOOKING ADVISABLE VIA MCAS

FOR MORE INFORMATION - ASK RECEPTION FOR A LEAFLET

CODING & CYBER SECURITY

NEWS

MINDFULNESS

CIPHER CLUB

COOKING

PEER MENTORING

Substainability

Illustration of a girl and a boy surrounded by icons for various enrichment activities: a bowl, a globe, a newspaper, a person thinking, a book, a person with a magnifying glass, a person with a speech bubble, a person with a heart, a person with a star, a person with a trophy, a person with a medal, a person with a ribbon, a person with a star, a person with a trophy, a person with a medal, a person with a ribbon.

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3 - Xtra Curricular Enrichment Activities - Further information is available from reception.



4 - Christmas dinner

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Being a governor is a very rewarding experience. You will be part of a team who work to improve the life chances of our students/pupils, provide challenge and support to the academy and strengthen community links. No experience is needed, and you will learn new skills whilst giving something back to your local area. Our governors meet 4 times a year and ideally visit the academy once per term to see school life, discuss aspects of the academy's provision and/or attend events. If you would like to apply, please notify Jo Bickley via email jo.bickley@attrust.org.uk or ask for a self-nomination form at reception completed by the close of school on **Monday 15th December 2025**.

Upcoming Events



9th & 10th December - Christmas Dinner

11th December - Year 11 Mock Results (School Day)

11th December - Year 11 Progress Evening (**Open for bookings until 15:00 on Tuesday 9th**)

12th December - Christmas Jumper day

15th December - Flu Vaccinations (All Year Groups)

16th December - Year 11 Mock Interviews

17th December - TQEA Talent Show

19th December - Year 7 St Mary's Church Trip

19th December - Finish for Christmas

5th January 2026 - Teachers Training Day

6th January 2026 - All Year groups welcomed back.