Beyond The Classroom

Cultural Experiences



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Welcome



We are excited to share our **Beyond the Classroom** booklet for this academic year.

This booklet highlights the wide range of opportunities available to every student at TQEA. From **cultural experiences and leadership opportunities** to **character education, careers guidance, and much more**, these experiences are designed to enrich learning and support students' development beyond the classroom.

Our programme has been carefully structured across each year group so that students can grow in confidence, broaden their perspectives, and discover new interests as they progress through school.

By the time our students leave in Year 11, they will have gained far more than academic knowledge. They will leave with valuable life experiences, strong character, and the confidence to engage with peers not only locally, but also nationally and globally.

At TQEA, we believe learning should extend beyond the classroom — helping every student develop the skills, experiences, and ambition to succeed in the world ahead.

Life Prep XTRA

All of our cultural and extracurricular opportunities are carefully designed to support students' development and fall within **three key Personal Character categories**, helping every student grow both inside and beyond the classroom. All students are encouraged to take part in **at least one activity from each section**, These experiences help students **discover new interests, build confidence, and develop skills beyond the classroom.**

Belonging
Our Promise To You

At TQEA, we believe every student should feel a strong **sense of belonging** and have the opportunity to take part in the wide range of experiences featured in this booklet. Students are encouraged to get involved and explore as many opportunities as they wish.

Some activities and trips have limited spaces, so places will be offered on a **first-come, first-served basis**. To help ensure that as many students as possible can take part, some activities will rotate throughout the year.

Our **lunchtime and after-school activities**, led by dedicated staff, are **free of charge**, although some sessions may have limits on numbers. A small number of clubs are designed for particular year groups to ensure activities remain safe and appropriate.

Breakfast Club

Everyday 8am

Free breakfast

All are welcome

Life

We pride ourselves on our

Breakfast Club

Open to all students

A choice of breakfast available every morning

Come to the **Food Room**

Breakfast Club is run by the **Food Department** and other staff volunteers

Reasons to come to Breakfast Club

- **Free breakfast** for all students
- **Make new friends** across different years
- **A safe place** with supportive staff
- **Warm** and comfortable in winter
- **Try a** wide variety of **foods**
- **Healthy breakfast choices**
- **Start the day ready to learn**
- No booking needed – just turn up!



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The DofE is a nationally recognised programme that helps young people develop essential life skills such as confidence, resilience, teamwork, and independence. Through a mix of volunteering, physical activity, skills development, and a team expedition, students gain experiences that enrich their personal growth and stand out on college, university, and job applications. We encourage your child to take part in this rewarding journey.

To gain the Bronze Award students must undertake four separate sections:

1.**Volunteering –** examples include being part of the student leadership team, volunteering at a charity shop running a sports club/team, attending TQEA sports leadership academy.

2. **Physical –** Attending a gym glass, golf, football, boxing or Dance

3. **Skill –** learning a new skill like cooking, a new language and

4. **Expeditions-** consisting of a practice two-day one night walking and camping expedition and an assessed expedition of two days and one night.

Students will also be required to attend training after school (once a week) from mid-September until mid-June (these will be on Wednesdays from 3.05-4.05).

The enrolment fee will be £50, and this will enable us to enrol the student with DofE (this is to be paid this term and allow students to start the process before the long summer break). Students will also have to pay for transport and camping fees for the expeditions; this will cost approximately £45 each per expedition. More details, dates, and costings will be confirmed early in the next academic year.

Students will also have to self-fund any expenses incurred for the volunteering, physical, and skill sections, although the school will look to run an array of opportunities on the school site for free, including a cooking club, school sport, gardening, and sewing! The basic provision of equipment for expeditions is generally the responsibility of the student, although we do have some available for loan.



THEREFORE, TOTAL COST APPROXIMATELY £140 (camp site and number bookings vary).

More information and details of the DofE award can be found at www.dofe.org or please contact Miss Wilson or Mr. Morgan on the below details.

Extra Curricular Clubs XTRA

Not all clubs will be offered all year,
some may run for a term, or fortnightly,
some clubs will run on a drop in basis,
others where numbers are limited
will require you to sign up for the half term

Supercharge is our bespoke year 11 program. It has been designed to support pupils in preparation for their GCSE exams. It provides individual revision opportunities with our expert teachers, on key areas identified form assessments. Supercharge runs all year, and all of year 11 are require to attend.

Performing Arts
Do you love performing arts? This is the club for you! We'll watch, sing, dance, perform and share our enthusiasm for all things musical. By attending this club you will be able to take part in our TQEA Theatre productions. More information is provided later in this booklet.

Board games (Library Lunches)
Looking for fun, friends, and a little friendly competition? Join our Library Board Game Club and discover new games every week!

The Bug Club (Entomology)
Curious about the tiny creatures that run the world? Join our Bug Club and explore the fascinating world of insects through hands-on discovery and fun!





Quiet Reading (library Lunches)
Need a calm break in your day? Join Quiet Reading during library lunches—relax, unwind, and get lost in a good book.

Cipher Club (Y8)
Love puzzles and maths? Join Cipher Club for cracking codes, competing with others, and even taking on the National Cipher Challenge!



UKMT Maths Challenge (Y7/8)
Love problem-solving and a challenge? Take part in the UKMT Maths Challenge and put your skills to the test against students across the country!

Science Club KS3
The KS3 Science Club gives students the chance to explore science in a fun, hands-on way beyond the classroom. Open to all Key Stage 3 pupils, it involves exciting experiments and challenges helping to build curiosity, confidence, and a love of science.

The Nail Bar (Lunchtimes)
The Nail Bar is the perfect lunchtime spot to learn how to do your nails and try out cool new styles with your friends. Come along, get creative, and leave with nails you'll actually want to show off! 💅

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Art Club
Love getting creative? Join Art Club to explore new techniques, express your ideas, and create amazing artwork. Whether you enjoy drawing, painting, or designing, there's something for everyone—come and be inspired!

British Sign Language (BSL)
Interested in learning something new? Join BSL Club to explore British Sign Language and develop a valuable life skill. Have fun communicating in a different way, build confidence, and connect with others in a welcoming space!



Computing Club
Love technology and creating things? Join Computing Club to code, build projects, and explore the world of programming. Whether you're a beginner or experienced, come along to learn new skills, solve challenges, and have fun!

The Great debate (Oracy Opportunity)
Have something to say? Join the Great Debate Club and share your ideas on exciting topics. Build confidence, think critically, and learn how to argue your point effectively. Take part in lively discussions and compete with others in a fun, supportive environment!

Magistrates Mock trials (Oracy Opportunity)
Interested in law and justice? Join Magistrates Mock Trials and experience what it's like in a real courtroom.
Take on roles like lawyers, witnesses, and magistrates while building confidence and teamwork skills. Compete against other schools and put your case to the test in an exciting, realistic trial experience!



SEND- Fine Motor Club
Looking to build skills in a fun and supportive way? Join SEND Fine Motor Club, where we use activities like LEGO play to strengthen fine motor skills—small movements of the hands and fingers used for writing, drawing, and everyday tasks. Develop coordination, control, and confidence through creative, hands-on activities designed to support every learner.



Study Club
Need a calm space to focus? Join Study Club—a quiet place to work, revise, and stay on track. Get support with effective revision techniques and build the skills you need to succeed.

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Cooking Club

Love baking and getting creative in the kitchen? Join Cooking Club to make delicious cakes, learn new techniques, and take part in exciting bake-offs! Follow recipes, decorate your creations, and explore different styles of baking—from simple treats to showstopping designs. Work as a team, build confidence in the kitchen, and enjoy tasting your finished bakes!

Life skills (Y7/8)



Want to become more independent? Join Life Skills Club, where you'll learn how to cook simple, healthy meals from scratch. Build confidence in the kitchen while learning essential skills like planning, preparing, and staying safe. Have fun, try new foods, and gain skills you'll use for life!

Bucket Hats (Summer term)



Love being creative with fabric? Join Sewing Club and learn how to design and make your own bucket hats just in time for summer! Build practical sewing skills, choose your own patterns, and create stylish pieces you can wear and share.

Yoga and Relaxation

Need a moment to unwind? Join Yoga and Relaxation Club to stretch, breathe, and recharge your mind and body. Improve flexibility, reduce stress, and learn calming techniques you can use every day. Take time for yourself in a peaceful, supportive environment.

Culture Club (Lunch)

Interested in exploring culture through music? Join Culture Club and enjoy listening to classical masterpieces through the years. Relax, discover different composers and styles across time, and experience the beauty of timeless music in a calm, welcoming space.

History Club

Ever wondered what life was like in ancient Rome? Curious about epic battles, powerful rulers, or forgotten civilizations? Step into the past with us! Meet like-minded people who share your curiosity and passion for the past. Whether you love medieval knights, world wars, or ancient empires—there's something here for

Sustainability Club

Join our Sustainability Club and make a difference all year round! Take part in hands-on gardening projects in the summer, while also exploring eco-friendly ideas, activities, and initiatives throughout every season. Whether you're planting, learning, or helping create greener spaces, you'll gain valuable skills, meet like-minded people, and be part of something meaningful for the planet.

PE clubs change throughout the year

to reflect the **weather, seasons,** and available facilities. facilities. This allows pupils to take part in a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities across the academic year. As clubs rotate, some activities may stop and new ones may be introduced.

Pupils must sign up for each club in advance at the PE office, as places may be limited. **Only pupils who have signed up will be allowed to attend.**

PE Teams

Prep XTRA

Lunch time and after school Clubs

- Girls Football
- Trampolining
- All Years Football
- Athletics
- Softball
- Rounders
- Cricket
- Badminton
- Rugby (Tag)
- Badminton
- Pickleball
- Dodgeball

- 7/8 Indoor Athletics
- All Years Athletics
- Yr 7, 8, 9 and 10 Football (Girls, Boys) Local Leagues — Futsal • 7-aside • 11-aside
- Yr 7+8, 9+10 Olympic Basketball
- Yr 7+8, 9+10 Basketball (5 v 5)
- Bench Ball Tournament
- Pickleball Tournaments
- Trampolining Tournaments
- SEND Only Inclusive Games
- Yr 9 Fitness Competition (Girls and Boys)
- Darts Tournament
- Dodgeball Tournament

We Host Sports Leadership Competitions
(Primary Events)
Around 40 per year –
All students available to be a sports leader!

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Support for Trips and Visits

For trips or visits that require a contribution, students who receive **Pupil Premium funding** may be eligible for financial support from the school.

Support available:

- **Trips under £100**
  Students will contribute **£10**
- **Essential curriculum trips**
  (e.g. Geography fieldwork)
  are **fully funded**
- **Trips abroad**
  The school will contribute
  25% of the **total cost**

Year 7

XTRA **Geography -Local Fieldwork.** Explore our local landscape by discovering unique physical and human features, studying the impact of humans on the area, and river erosion. — free

Life **Whitemoor Lakes Residential .** 2 nights residential, 10 assorted activities across 3 days including raft building, climbing, abseiling. This is an excellent opportunity to spend time with your new tutor and make new friends, as well as trying out new adventures. — Approx £200

XTRA **Geography- Jurassic Coast Residential.** 2 nights in Swanage A fantastic opportunity to explore the wonders of the Dorset coastline. The trip will include an exploration into the history that has shaped our coastline along with the fascinating interaction between the urban and physical landscape. — Approx £200

Life **RE- Christmas Church Visit** A visit for all Year 7 at our local church in Atherstone. Students will participate in a church service which will be led by the local vicar. The trip will include a walk to and from the church. — free

Life **History- Walk around Atherstone**. History is all around us and we'll rove that as we spot some of the hidden historical treasures around Atherstone. — free

XTRA **Science- Leicester Space Centre**. History is all around us and we'll rove that as we spot some of the hidden historical treasures around Atherstone. — Approx £30



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Year 8

Life

Geography- Barcelona 3 Nights. exploring the city and learning about volcanic activity and tourism

Approx £800

Life

RE- Visit places of worship Year 8 students will visit a synagogue and a Buddhist place of worship, which will allow them to encounter different faith traditions directly and develop greater respect, understanding, and awareness of religious diversity.

Approx £20

Prep

Languages- Trip to Spain/France A culturally enriching trip for Year 8 students to experience the capital city of France or the second city of Spain, which will allow them to visit significant places of interest and combine languages with the art, history and entertainment of a new place

Approx £650

Life

History- Visit to the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool Students will be guided through a series of hands-on activities with historical sources and museum artefacts to aid and deepen their understanding of transatlantic slavery. Based on the African tradition of 'call and response' students will explore the key themes of remembrance,

Approx £50

Life

Mathematics- Bletchley Park. A visit to one of the most important places in British history, learn about codebreaking, the heroes of WW2, with a guided tour, and a visit to the national computing museum.

Approx £25

Year 9

Prep

Geography-Beach trip to Holderness. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore the most unique landscapes in the United Kingdom. Over the last 200 years the Holderness coast has been disappearing and this fieldtrip allows you to investigate the physical and human reasons behind this.

Approx £50

Life

History- Visit to Whittington Barracks and the National Memorial Arboretum. As part of our study of WWI we will offer a visit to the reconstruction trench at Whittington Barracks as well as visiting the National Memorial Arboretum.

Approx £20

XTRA

Science- Birmingham Think Tank offers students an exciting, hands-on experience where they can explore science, technology and innovation through interactive exhibits. The trip inspires curiosity and problem-solving skills while bringing classroom learning to life in a fun and memorable way

Approx £20





Year 10

XTRA

PE- Loughborough University. Students have the chance to visit one of the world leading sports university to discover the research, opportunities, facilities and experts the university has to offer.

Approx £50

Prep

Hospitality- NWSLC. Visit the catering department of a large organisation, and explore the next steps onto college.

free

Hospitality-Eat, Talk, Walk tour, London. A tour of the world famous Borough Market for an enriched food experience with professional tour guides.

Approx £65

Geography-Carding Mill. This is a required trip for the GCSE course. Students will explore how humans have interacted with the fantastic physical landscape. This will include investigating the powerful river landscape.

Prep

Approx £10

Geography- Birmingham Urban Environment. This is a required trip for the GCSE course. Students will explore the redevelopment of Birmingham. This will include investigating the land use within the CBD, environmental surveys, traffic and pedestrian counts.

Prep

RE- Coventry Cathedral. A trip to Coventry Cathedral will support GCSE students by connecting classroom learning to a significant religious and historical site, helping them better understand themes such as reconciliation, worship, and the impact of Christianity in modern Britain.

Approx £10

Prep

History-Historic Environment fieldwork visit. This expert-led tour of Kenilworth Castle is designed to support GCSE groups learning about Elizabethan England, particularly the AQA exam module 'Elizabethan England, c1568-1603'.

Approx £30

XTRA

English & Media- Harry Potter Studios. The Harry Potter Studio Tour is an unforgettable experience where children can step behind the scenes of the beloved film series and see the magic come to life. They'll learn fascinating secrets about how special effects were created, see intricate models of magical creatures, and even try their hand at riding a broomstick in front of a green screen.

Approx £40

XTRA

Science- London Science Museum. students have the chance to explore world-class exhibitions showcasing space, medicine, engineering and modern technology. It's an inspiring experience that brings science to life

Approx £40



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Year 11

Prep

Spanish – Barcelona An exciting opportunity for cultural enrichment of a vibrant Spanish city while experiencing language opportunities and the use of transactional language

Approx £650

Prep

English - Theatre trip. Pupils will be invited to attend a live theatre performance of one of the key set texts they study (Macbeth, A Christmas Carol or An Inspector Calls). This is an exciting opportunity to deepen their understanding of the text and enhance their preparation for the GCSE exam.

Approx £30

Mixed Year Groups

Life

PE- Sporting Events, Opportunity to attend live sports for example Netball, National team football matches, Trampolining competitions, Ice Hockey games and Wimbledon tennis etc. Costs and dates are subject to availability of tickets

Approx £50

Life

Performing Arts KS4- London Theatre Trip . The students spend 3 days in London, seeing a West End show and getting backstage tours of the Globe Theare and National Theatre.

Approx £300

Prep

Performing Arts KS4- Belgrade Theatre in Coventry. As part of the Drama course pupils will have the opportunity to go and see a professional theatre production in a local theatre.

Approx £40



At TQEA, we believe that education is about more than academic success—it is about developing character, compassion, and service. We encourage every student to live by our core values of Pride, Endeavour, Resilience, Kindness, and have a growth mindset.

These values shape the way our students learn and interact every day. We want them to take pride in their achievements, strive to do their best through endeavour, and show resilience by staying strong and bouncing back when faced with challenges. We expect kindness in their actions, creating a positive and caring environment for all, and we promote a growth mindset so that every student believes they can improve and learn from mistakes.



Pride
We don't make excuses, we reflect on our actions



Endeavour
We have high expectation of ourselves



Resilience
We are determined and never give up



Kindness
We are responsible for the success of everyone in our school community

Through these principles, students contribute positively to school and society, work independently and collaboratively, and lead with courage and care. Our goal is for young people to look back on a joyful schooling experience that inspired and challenged them, prepared them for life's ups and downs, and broadened their horizons

Student Leadership

Life Prep

Student leadership is a valued and integral part of our school community, providing pupils with meaningful opportunities to develop confidence, responsibility, and a strong sense of contribution. In Year 10, students can apply to join the Student Leadership Team, led by our Head students. This group meets on a termly basis to discuss key issues that matter to students, ensuring that student voice is not only heard but actively shapes decision-making across the school. In addition, each year group elects two representatives to serve on the School Council, creating a clear and inclusive structure for all students to share their views and influence change. Through these roles, students develop important leadership and communication skills while playing an active role in the ongoing development of the school.

Head Students





Meet The TEAM















TQEA Scholars

In Y10 students have to opportunity to participate in the Scholars Programme, delivered by The Brilliant Club. It is an initiative designed to raise aspirations and increase access to highly selective universities for pupils. The programme places a PhD tutor in our school to deliver a series of university-style tutorials, where students engage with supra-curricular academic content beyond the standard curriculum. Pupils are supported to develop key skills such as critical thinking, independent research, and academic writing, culminating in the completion of a final assignment that is assessed using university-style criteria. Alongside this, students gain valuable insight into higher education through university visits and guidance on future pathways. The programme is particularly impactful in building students' confidence and helping them to see themselves as capable of succeeding in competitive academic environments.

The TQEA Theatre Presents

Life Prep XTRA

At **TQEA**, our **Performing Arts clubs** offer an exciting, inclusive, and supportive environment where every student can explore their creativity, develop new skills, and become part of a vibrant performing arts community. These clubs are designed to help students grow in confidence, collaborate with others, and discover talents they never knew they had.

Whether a student is passionate about **acting, singing, dancing, playing an instrument**, or simply wants to try something completely new, our rehearsal-based clubs cater for **all abilities and levels of experience**. No prior training is required—just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

Over the past few years, our Performing Arts team has created a strong tradition of high-quality school productions. Students have taken to the stage in spectacular shows including **Legally Blonde, Annie, Matilda, and Mary Poppins**, each production bringing together performers, musicians, stage crew, and technical teams. Looking ahead, we are already preparing for our next major musical, **Beauty and the Beast**, set to be staged in **2027**, ensuring students have a long-term creative project to work towards and look forward to.

Beyond large-scale productions, we also celebrate individual talent through our **annual talent competitions**, which give students the opportunity to showcase **any skill or passion**—from singing and dance routines to comedy, magic, instrumental performances, or something completely unique. These events are a highlight of the school year, offering a lively atmosphere, supportive audience, and exciting prizes.





Life Prep XTRA

Aspiring musicians have ample opportunity to develop their skills at The Queen Elizabeth Academy through additional tuition available in a number of different instruments. Lessons are taught by professional musicians who deliver one to one, fantastic, quality lessons.

The lessons are £14 per lesson and held on a weekly basis via a timetable clearly displayed in the music department. The timetable is on a rotation, so the students never miss the same lesson more than once per half term. We are very flexible and can arrange times to suit the student's needs.

The peripatetic teachers guide the students in their instrumental studies and recommend that they take grade exams on their instrument, this helps the students if they choose to take GCSE music as one of their options, however, if a student would like to play for their own enjoyment then that's ok too!



Christine Jones – Singing
Christine is a highly experienced vocal coach and singing teacher with over 16 years of teaching experience. Former Vice Principal at The Voice College and a qualified Vocal Health First Aider, she helps singers of all levels develop strong, healthy voices. Christine is also a songwriter and recording artist, releasing her debut album in 2024.

Sam Manville – Music Production, DJing & Guitar
Sam is a professional musician with more than 20 years in the music industry. He teaches music production, DJing, composition and guitar, and has worked with major artists including Burna Boy, Little Mix and Becky Hill. Sam brings real industry experience to lessons, helping students create and produce their own music.

James Rawson – Drums
With over 30 years of performance experience, James teaches fun, structured drum lessons for all levels. Students learn styles such as rock, pop, soul, indie and jazz while developing strong technique and timing. James also prepares students for Rockschool and Trinity exams with a 100% pass rate.

Mark Bettis – Piano/Keyboard
Mark has been playing piano and keyboards since 1979 and teaching for over 16 years. Having performed worldwide in bands, theatre shows and cruise ships, he brings a wealth of real performance experience. Mark helps students of all ages learn music they love while building strong musical skills.

Mr Hodgetts- Drums.
An experienced drum tutor at TQEA with over 20 years of playing and performance experience across a variety of musical styles in the UK. He began teaching while studying music, later earning a degree in Popular Music, and has since taught both privately and in schools



Kindness in Action Charity

Life



Year 7

The charity for year 7 will be decided by the year group in September.

Year 8

Teenage Cancer Trust is a UK charity dedicated to providing specialized care and support for young people aged 13-24 facing cancer.

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

Year 9

Shine a Light's aim is to provide valuable support and a supportive community for children with cancer and their families.

Shine a Light

edible links
connecting people and communities

Year 10

Ediblelinks is a social supermarket and food redistribution project in Atherstone, helping residents access affordable food and reduce food poverty.

YOUNGMINDS

Year 11

Young Minds is a leading UK charity dedicated to improving the emotional well-being and mental health of children and young people.

Christmas Hampers

At TQEA we have been distributing food hampers and presents to the local community at Christmas for many years now. With the support of our local community shop Edible Links, the school charity, and donations from staff we provide Christmas joy to 45 families each December

In the run up to Christmas we start collecting food, present and money donations from staff and their families. Every child under 16 receives a wrapped gift in the hamper. These are wrapped by our wonderful Junior Leadership Team who stay behind after school one night to have a wrapping party. On the last day of term these are delivered to our nominated families by staff and school governors.

The hampers contain an array of store cupboard essentials and more exciting goodies. Along with staple foods like tinned goods, cereal, and pasta, all the ingredients needed to go on the Christmas table. In addition to this we ensure that there are plenty of treats - mince pies, chocolates, biscuits, cake and crisps.



A Chance to Shine Extended Projects

Life Prep XTRA

Previously pupils have worked on and written about *Oikos*—a Greek word meaning "home" or "household," but more deeply understood as the network of people, relationships, and environments that shape our everyday lives. They were encouraged to reflect not only on where they live, but on who and what gives them a sense of belonging, support, and identity.

The response was remarkable. Many of the entries were deeply moving and profoundly thoughtful, offering personal insights into family, friendships, culture, and community. Pupils wrote with honesty and sensitivity, often sharing stories that highlighted resilience, gratitude, and connection. With such a high standard and hundreds of submissions to consider, choosing a winner proved to be an especially difficult task.

Each year, there are further opportunities for pupils to take part, with competitions in English, History, and based around our character values continuing to encourage creativity, reflection, and engagement across subjects, each with fantastic

Autumn Term

Arche

In this term, pupils will be given the chance to write about *Arche*- a Greek word meaning beginnings, exploring ideas of origin, change, and new experiences.

Spring Term

Who Do You Think You Are?

You are given the chance to explore the history of your family or your local area. Spend time researching the past, finding out interesting facts, stories, or events that have helped shape who you are or where you live. Present your information in a medium of your choice, such as written work, a presentation, a poster, a video, or a creative project.

Summer Term

What is your PERK?

This is your opportunity for pupils to pause, reflect, and truly engage with what makes our school community special. Pupils are invited to explore our core values and express what they mean on a personal level. They can choose to focus on one value that resonates most strongly with them—**Pride, Endeavour, Resilience, or Kindness**—or take on the challenge of exploring all four.

Through thoughtful writing, pupils will reflect on their own experiences, actions, and aspirations, considering how these values shape who they are both in and out of school. This activity encourages self-expression, personal growth, and a deeper understanding of the principles that guide our everyday behaviour.

The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Programme is inspired by Princess Diana's belief in the power of young people to create change. It trains students to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, giving them the skills and confidence to challenge bullying behaviours within their schools and communities. This free, year-long, youth-led programme provides training, resources, and campaign opportunities to help build safer and more supportive environments, both online and offline.

At the heart of the programme is a strong peer-to-peer approach, empowering students to take the lead in promoting kindness, supporting others, and addressing bullying when it occurs. Through Ambassador training, both students and staff develop the knowledge and confidence needed to positively influence school culture. The programme also includes initiatives such as the #Back2School campaign, which supports students who may feel anxious about returning to school, as well as targeted guidance on different types of bullying, including cyberbullying, ensuring a well-rounded and inclusive approach to student wellbeing.

Guardian Angel Girls is a supportive peer group designed to empower girls to help one another through the challenges of school and growing up. Within this group, selected pupils take on the role of "Angels," acting as approachable, trusted individuals who others can turn to for guidance, reassurance, and a listening ear. These Angels are clearly identified within the school, making it easy for any student to know who they can go to when they need support.

The aim of Guardian Angel Girls is to create a safe, understanding environment where girls feel comfortable discussing a wide range of issues—from friendships and relationships to confidence, wellbeing, and personal growth. By encouraging kindness, empathy, and peer connection, the group helps build a strong sense of community. It not only supports those seeking advice but also develops leadership, responsibility, and compassion in the Angels themselves, fostering a culture where girls uplift and support one another every day.

Oracy @ TQEA

Developing confident voices for real-world impact

Life Prep XTRA

Oracy in Action: Community Reading Partnership

Our partnership with Merevale House Residential Home offers Key Stage 3 pupils the opportunity to develop their oracy skills in a real-world context. Pupils visit weekly to read aloud to residents living with dementia, many of whom still enjoy listening to stories.

This experience places purposeful communication at its heart. Pupils develop fluency, expression and confidence as they adapt their voice, pace and tone for a responsive audience. They must also listen carefully and respond in the moment, shaping their delivery to ensure clarity and engagement.

Alongside these skills, pupils build empathy and social awareness. They see the impact of their spoken language in real time, using oracy to connect with others and bring enjoyment to the community—fully embodying our values of Pride, Endeavour, Resilience and Kindness.

Oracy Through Encounter: Visiting Authors

At Key Stage 3, students have the opportunity to engage with visiting authors, providing exposure to a range of voices, experiences and creative perspectives.

These sessions are interactive, encouraging students to ask questions, share ideas and take part in discussion. In doing so, they build confidence in speaking to unfamiliar audiences and learn to express their ideas clearly and thoughtfully.

Authors also model effective spoken communication, demonstrating how voice, tone and delivery can engage and influence an audience. This strengthens students' understanding of oracy as a key part of their development as readers, writers and thinkers.

Oracy Through Debate and Advocacy

Debate at TQEA is an optional enrichment opportunity open to all students who wish to develop their speaking and reasoning skills.
Through events such as the KMAT Great Debate, students compete against local schools, developing their ability to construct arguments, think critically and respond confidently under pressure.

Students may also take part in the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition, where they prepare and present legal cases as part of prosecution and defence teams. This develops precise, formal spoken language, alongside careful listening and strategic response. Together, these experiences build confident, articulate speakers who can organise ideas, justify viewpoints and engage respectfully with others.



Life Prep





Sports Transition

An opportunity for Year 6 students to attend TQEA for the afternoon to engage in a range of sporting activities led by our Sports Ambassadors.

Year 6 Teacher Meetings

This allows us to get the most up to date and detailed information of every student joining us, along with SATS results, medical information, safeguarding, attendance and any special educational needs.

Primary School Visits

The transition team visit each child at their Primary School setting in advance of the transition days. This is an opportunity for us to meet them and go over key information about TQEA.

Buddy Evening

Prior to our transition days, students with special educational needs along with any student joining us as a lone starter from one of our non-main feeder schools, are invited into TQEA with their parents. This allows the students to meet others in their year group, the Learning Support Team, have a tour of the school and the facilities while parents meet with the Head of Year and the SENCO.

Transition Days

Each year we hold two transition days for our new students, usually in the first week of July. During these days students have the opportunity to meet their new Tutor and tutor group, have a tour of the school, meet key members of staff and take part in a range of mini lessons and activities to give them the best possible experience of life at secondary school.

Transition Evening

In the evening after the final transition day, all parents are invited into TQEA for our annual Transition Evening. During the evening, parents will be taken to the school hall for key speeches from the Principal and all key members of the Senior Leadership Team.

During year 11 students will be supported through the process of applying for places at colleges, 6th forms or apprenticeships. They will be given impartial guidance to support their decision making and given further support in filling out those tricky application forms.

Students will be informed on the application and interview process for their chosen path and advised on what they can expect at each stage of their application process. Students are typically given a conditional offer for a place on their chosen course providing they obtain the grades required.

On results day our members of staff will be available support students who have any questions about what their grades mean for their plans for the following year.

When students leave TQEA we most certainly do not forget about them, we are always here to support them during the transition process from school to further education.

There will be plenty of support offered from their chosen college or 6th form but if they have any questions that they want to ask us here they are more than welcome to.


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