



## **Weekly Bulletin**

This week's Thought of the Week has centred on the theme of "Our Curriculum; Our Environment". It has been wonderful to see how our students learn about the natural environment across their subjects this week. In Creative Studies, for example, students have been making botanical sketches of flowers, while in English they have been reading about a dystopian future where all the bees have disappeared. Some have been enthusiastically learning the types of trees that make up our British rural landscape in Countryside & Environment, while others have been studying the science of pollination in Biology. This breadth of education will surely help to inspire our future rural entrepreneurs!

We have also been focusing on our own school environment and how we can make it a place that best facilitates learning. Studies show that the best learning environments are predictable, calm, consistent, and quiet, and these are all qualities we wish to instil in our staff and students at TREA. The most effective learning will happen when everyone works together to create the best learning environment so that everyone can perform at their best, each and every day.

## **Our School Attendance**

We very much appreciate parental support in ensuring the children's high attendance at school. As we all know, days off school add up to lost learning.

This week our attendance has been 90.8% This is below our school target of 95%. Every day counts!

We believe that attendance needs to be at the top of everyone's list of priorities and to support this, tutors are going to be working closely with tutees and their parents. Weekly updates will be shared with students and parents alike. Here's how we will communicate with you:

97-100%	95 - 96.9%	93 - 94.9%	90 - 92.9%	50.1 – 89.9%	0 – 50%
<p>Outstanding!</p> <p>This equates to missing less than one week over the entire academic year.</p> <p>You are setting yourself up for the best chance of great results!</p>	<p>Time to change:</p> <p>This equates to missing two weeks over the academic year – that’s 50 lessons!</p> <p>Catch up on all work missed and aim to be here every day!</p>	<p>Risk of underachievement:</p> <p>This equates to missing three weeks over the academic year – that’s 75 lessons!</p> <p>If this continues, your progress and attainment will likely suffer.</p>	<p>Severe risk of underachievement:</p> <p>This equates to missing more than a month of school in an academic year – that’s 100 lessons!</p> <p>If this continues, your attainment will drop.</p>	<p>Extreme concern:</p> <p>You have missed a significant amount of school.</p> <p>If this continues, it will be extremely difficult for you to catch up and reach your full potential.</p>	<p>Severely absent:</p> <p>You have now missed more than half of your school days.</p> <p>Your attendance is now a barrier to your future success and limiting your educational outcomes.</p>

**What actions will we take?**

<p>Praise message on Class Charts</p> <p>Entrance into the attendance lottery</p>	<p>Tutor conversation</p> <p>Message on ClassCharts</p>	<p>Tutor phone call home to discuss</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLT and Educational Welfare Officer involvement</li> <li>- Parent meeting and attendance plan</li> <li>- Possible legal action</li> </ul>
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We thank you in advance for your continued support and eagerly anticipate the first winner of the TREA Attendance Lottery!

**Behaviour for Learning**

In this week’s key stage 3 ‘Why’ assembly, we focused on the importance of punctuality. Many students were surprised by how the minutes can really add up!

## **The facts about being late.**

Just four minutes per lesson...

= 20 minutes per day

= 100 minutes per week

= 3900 minutes per school year

**This adds up to 65 full lessons missed!**

### **This is the equivalent of:**

43 football matches (90 minutes each)

39 films (1 hour 40 each)

390 games of FIFA (10 minutes each)

1300 songs (3 minutes each)

**Think of all of the missed learning opportunities!**

### **Teaching and Learning**

The importance of homework has repeatedly been a message we have shared with students and yourselves. With evidence suggesting that greater engagement in homework directly corresponds to greater success students achieve (Hattie, 2023); It is paramount that we work together to support this. If your child misses five homework tasks within a six week period, as a consequence, they will be removed from enrichment activities this week to catch up on the work missed with Mrs Bragoli.

A copy of the homework timetable can be seen by clicking here. [homework](#)

Reminders of upcoming tasks can be found within the homework tab on both parent and student class charts accounts.

This week the following students' work has been nominated for its quality. This has been a real focus in the first three weeks of term and will continue to be so.

Supporting your child by ensuring they are sufficiently prepared for school with the required equipment.

#loveyourbooks☐☐

*Well done!*

*Jessica Room  
Ash Robertson  
Primrose Payne  
Caiden Garrish  
Destiny Oakes  
Amy Wesley  
Millie Matthews*



### **School Educational Trips**

*Over the next month, you may notice school trips being added to ParentPay. You might wonder why we're requesting payments for trips scheduled far in advance, some even as far off as summer 2025. Given the current economic climate and the anticipated rise in fuel costs, we believe it's prudent to allow parents to pay for trips in instalments. To facilitate this, we are working to upload as many school trips as possible, ensuring you are aware of important dates and can opt for instalment payments if needed.*

*We hope this will assist parents and address any questions you might have about school trip payments.*

*Mr Edwards  
STEM Curriculum Lead*

### **Educake homework tasks**

Well done to the students in 8.1 who have answered the greatest proportion of educake questions correctly this week. Your hard work has been recognised on classcharts. If your child has issues logging into educake.com please ask them to speak to their tutor who can reset their password; alternatively please email [enquiries](#)  
[TREA](#)

Individually the leaderboard this week is below, well done to year 11 who dominate!

1	Molly Williams	11
2	Charley Ross	11
3	Deacon Yates	11
4	Corban Fabre	11
5	Olivia Winwood	11
6	Emily Taylor	11
7	Jake Cowap	11
8	Isabelle Ford	11
9	Harry Birch	11
10	Jayden Molland	11

### ***TTRockstars***

Why do we insist on our students completing 30 minutes of TTRockstars homework each week? Times tables are essential, non-negotiable building blocks that will serve students well, but only if they are thoroughly learned. Ideally, times tables should be ‘BFF’ lifesavers, but for many, they feel like a nemesis.

While rote learning is the most efficient method for speed and accuracy, simply reciting times tables doesn’t mean children truly understand them. Often, children who claim to know all their tables only have a superficial grasp.

It’s crucial for children to delve deeper, understanding what the numbers mean and how to apply their knowledge to solve maths problems. Learning experiences and activities must be carefully sequenced to support progression and genuine understanding.

Weekly TTRockstars practice helps make times tables for students’ ‘BFF’. The revision method used by TTRockstars promotes speed and efficiency while fostering a deeper understanding. Additionally, the engaging games and learning methods encourage a love for mathematics.

### **Upcoming STEM Events**

1st October - HS2 in house STEM day for year 9.

8th October - Faraday challenge in house STEM day for year 8

6th November - Rivers trip to Carding Mill Valley National Trust for Year 8

### Online safety advice

Parents may find the following link useful to seek guidance on how to keep your child safe online.

Online safety forms an important part of our CPHSE and computing curriculum however reminders at home may further support children, keeping them safe online and on their mobile devices.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

### KEY STAGE THREE ENGLISH HOMEWORK REMINDER:

We are two weeks into the English homework books and the quality of many workbooks has been very impressive! Keep up the good work, everyone.

Homework is due **MONDAY** for years 7 and 9, and **TUESDAY** for year 8. Hand these in to your ENGLISH teachers.

All information is on ClassCharts.



## Enrichment

Please see below the extra-curricular activities for this half term, lunchtime sports clubs do not require students to get changed (*trainers would be a good idea*), however, students need to change into PE kit for afterschool clubs and can leave in their PE kit.

<b>Extra Curricular Timetable (Autumn Term)</b>					
	<b>Monday</b> 12:40 - 13:10	<b>Tuesday</b> 12:40 - 13:10	<b>Wednesday</b> 13:00 - 13:30	<b>Thursday</b> 12:40 - 13:10	<b>Friday</b> 12:40 - 13:10
<b>Lunchtime</b>	Dodgeball (Sports Hall)	Netball (Sports Hall)  Gaming Club (A14)  Maths Drop-in (S1)	Law Club (A12)  Badminton (Sports Hall)	Girls Football (Sports Hall)	Boys Football (Sports Hall)  Book Club (A17)
	<b>Monday</b> 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Tuesday</b> 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Wednesday</b> 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Thursday</b> 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Friday</b> 3:30 - 4:30
<b>After School</b>	Cross Country (Outside)  Boys Football (Sports Hall)  Y11 Maths (S1 / S2)	Netball (Sports Hall)	Minecraft Club (A14)		

## Other news this week

From Monday 23rd September we will be providing breakfast in the canteen from 8.40am. We will just be having toast for 10p. If your child wants some toast when they get into school we will add it to Parentpay.

The school photographer will be in school on Monday. Your child will bring home a card with a unique identifier where you can buy prints. It is really important that everyone has their photo taken so that we have a copy on the records in school.

Can you please check your child's PE kit? Someone has taken home someone else's kit. We can swap it in school.

If you need to report your child absent please contact us as early in the day as possible to let us know. If you email us please use [absence@ruralenterpriseacademy.com](mailto:absence@ruralenterpriseacademy.com) and not the enquiries email. This email should also be used to message us about medical appointments.

If you or anyone you know is interested in Exam Invigilating please contact us at The Rural Enterprise Academy. Work is available for approximately 10 weeks a year for internal/external exams. Various slots are available for the upcoming Mock Examinations and GCSEs (please note that you can't invigilate a GCSE exam that your child is taking). Full training will be given. For further information, please contact Mrs Suzie Lingard on 01785 333360 Ext. 2086.

All enquiries regarding school transport should be emailed to [transport@penkvalley.co.uk](mailto:transport@penkvalley.co.uk).

### ***Key dates***

3rd October: Open evening for year 6 students

17th October: Year 11 parents' evening

