

# TWA Telegraph - Tenth Edition - Christmas Special



Welcome to the Tenth edition of the TWA Telegraph!



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*WOW! We are already on the tenth edition of the TWA Telegraph and another Christmas for all of us here at TWA.*

*This edition marks our third Christmas together. Those of you who have had previous editions of the TWA Telegraph will know that every time there is something new and exciting happening here at TWA! For example this year we opened Year 10 for the first time and now have 61 students on roll!*

*I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2025!*

*Best wishes*

*Paul*

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## Meet a member of staff

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*I am Nathan and I am the Assistant Headteacher in charge of Personal Development at TWA.*

*I have worked in education since 2000 and have taught across the Midlands in a number of different roles. I gained my PGCE in Secondary Music, but over the years have taught a wide variety of subjects including Performing Arts, Business, ICT and Computing. I have also taught some MFL at KS3 level which was an interesting experience!*

*I am currently in my third year at TWA, and have enjoyed every moment of being part of the TWA family. Having worked at many schools, I have been able to experience many different settings and communities, but nothing is quite like home like TWA and, as I have matured, I have become more selective about where I work, and the support from all the staff from the very first time I came to look round the school absolutely cemented my decision to work here. I know that many of you have had similar experiences when coming to visit the school, either on a tour, or in other different capacities.*

*Having close links to special education, I strived to make the transition into SEND education for many years, and finally was able to make the leap in between the lockdown years of COVID, and I haven't looked back since.*

*I have experience of teaching in mainstream secondary schools, and have also taught in FE Colleges, where my last position in FE saw me supporting students on a variety of courses from level 2 to BSc degree level from a wide range of subjects from Hair and Beauty to Equine Studies. This was certainly an eye-opening experience.*

*I decided to become a teacher because I believe that it is important to be able to give each and every child the most positive experience and opportunities that are possible for them. Each child is their own individual, and being able to support them and help them to access the support and opportunities that best suit them is a passion that helps to shape both teaching and learning opportunities for all.*

*I also believe that the key to each child success is that strong relationship between home and school. We have the same common interest in wanting your child to be the best that they can be, and the best way to do that is to be a supportive unit that is strong, cohesive, and most importantly, caring and nurturing.*

*Outside of school, I am an accomplished musician who has been playing at the highest level since the age of 13 with my first appearance at Ronnie Scotts Jazz Club in Birmingham. I still enjoy making Music and believe that this also gives me a career insider knowledge to the Music Industry that can be used to help people with any musical interests and aspirations.*

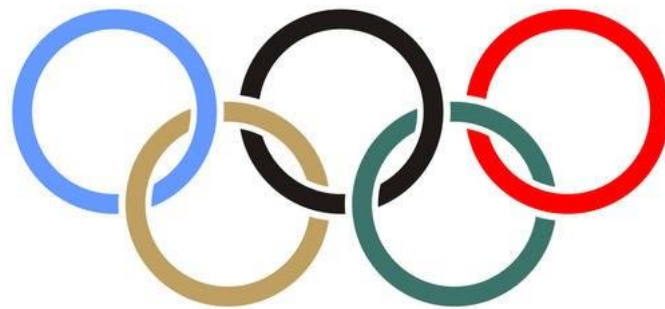
*It is an absolute pleasure and privilege to be able to work at TWA with all of the young people, and I am looking forward to being able to provide more wider opportunities outside of the curriculum for students to be able to experience fun and meaningful activities and experiences that will shape their future.*

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GB International at TWA



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*The Warwickshire Academy, a school dedicated to fostering children's social and emotional well-being, proudly celebrates PE instructor Beth Blakey, recently selected to play for the GB*

*Women's Fire Service Rugby Team. Beth's passion for rugby and her commitment to youth sports have inspired students and colleagues alike, aligning with Thrive Education Partnership's values of nurturing student growth through supportive and enriching environments.*

*A seasoned rugby player currently playing for Old Leamingtonians Rugby Club, Beth brings her athletic expertise and community spirit to The Warwickshire Academy, igniting student enthusiasm for rugby and fitness. Starting her rugby journey at a young age, Beth initially trained alongside boys due to there not being a girls team at the time, to eventually going on to captain her school team and lead Old Leamingtonians to an undefeated season.*

*Beyond the classroom, she connects with students one-on-one, helping them set personal goals, improve their rugby skills, and feel empowered to pursue their dreams. "Seeing students who want to improve their rugby skills or ask for advice because they see me in my kit or hear about my journey is truly rewarding," Beth shares. "It shows them that no matter where they're starting from, they have the potential to go as far as they dream." Her recent selection for the GB Women's Fire Service Rugby Team is a testament to her skill, dedication, and commitment to community service, making her a role model in promoting women's sports.*

*As The Warwickshire Academy's first PE instructor, Beth creates an environment where students of all backgrounds and abilities can explore physical activity, build confidence, and experience the joy of teamwork. The Warwickshire Academy's ethos is integral to this supportive atmosphere, emphasising student well-being as the foundation of Beth's PE lessons. Her role is a key component of the Academy's mission to nurture both physical health and the emotional resilience and confidence that Thrive promotes.*

*Beth's impact extends beyond PE, with students and staff inspired by her enthusiasm and dedication, offering an inclusive community that celebrates achievement and well-being across the Academy*

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## Pumpkin Carving



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*Students were able to take part in the annual pumpkin selection and carving this year. We are extremely grateful to all who supported us both in and out of the class. The designs again this year simply spook-tacular!*

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## Remembrance Day



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*On the 1st November, all staff and students came together as a community to remember those that had fallen in conflict.*

*It was incredibly moving to see and hear a vibrant and busy school come to a standstill for 2 minutes when all staff and students participated in the 2 minutes silence. The empathy and understanding shown by our students is an example of the learning and understanding that*

*they have encountered on their learning journey and we are so very proud of each and every one of them.*

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## Year 6



Year 6 have been very creative so far, working on exploring using a range of different techniques and materials within our art lessons – taking inspiration from different artists to create our own art work. Pupils have been engaging well in Talkabout sessions, playing games and completing activities as a group to explore and identify different emotions and social skills that we can use.

Within lessons, pupils have engaged in different practical tasks including making circuits and using Bunsen burners in science, tasting and making a range of Greek foods and also went on a trip with Year 7 to the Botanical Gardens with Year 7, where they met a range of different animals and looked at different plants























## New Computing Facilities at TWA



This year has seen the exciting development of the ICT and Computing facilities at TWA.

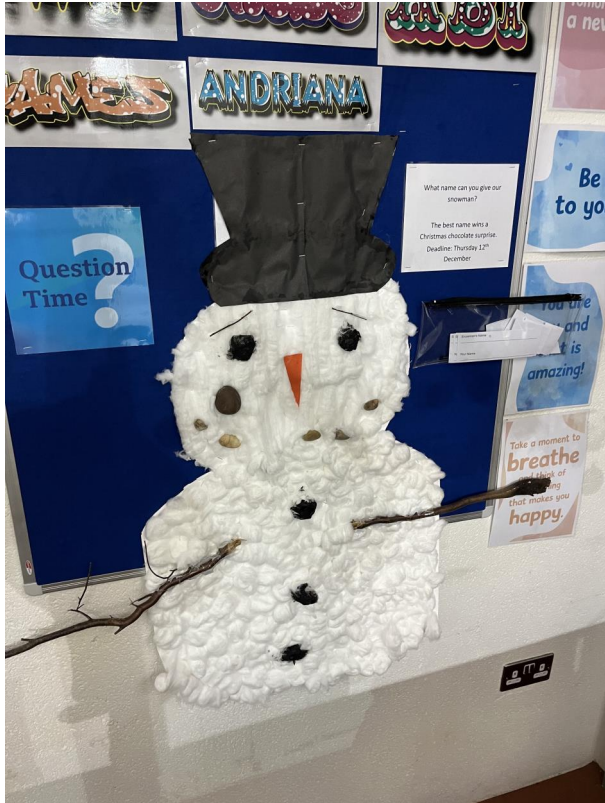
The school now has a dedicated Computing room equipped with 8 desktop computers in a purpose-designed room that can hold a full class at a time.

The room is available for all Key Stages and is not just for Computing lessons; it is available for use across the curriculum.

In addition to the new room, each Year group also has access to a set of laptops and iPads that are solely for the children in the year group. This has given a timely boost to both staff and students to be able to expand the way in which Teaching and Learning is evolving at TWA.







## Diversity & Inclusion @ TWA

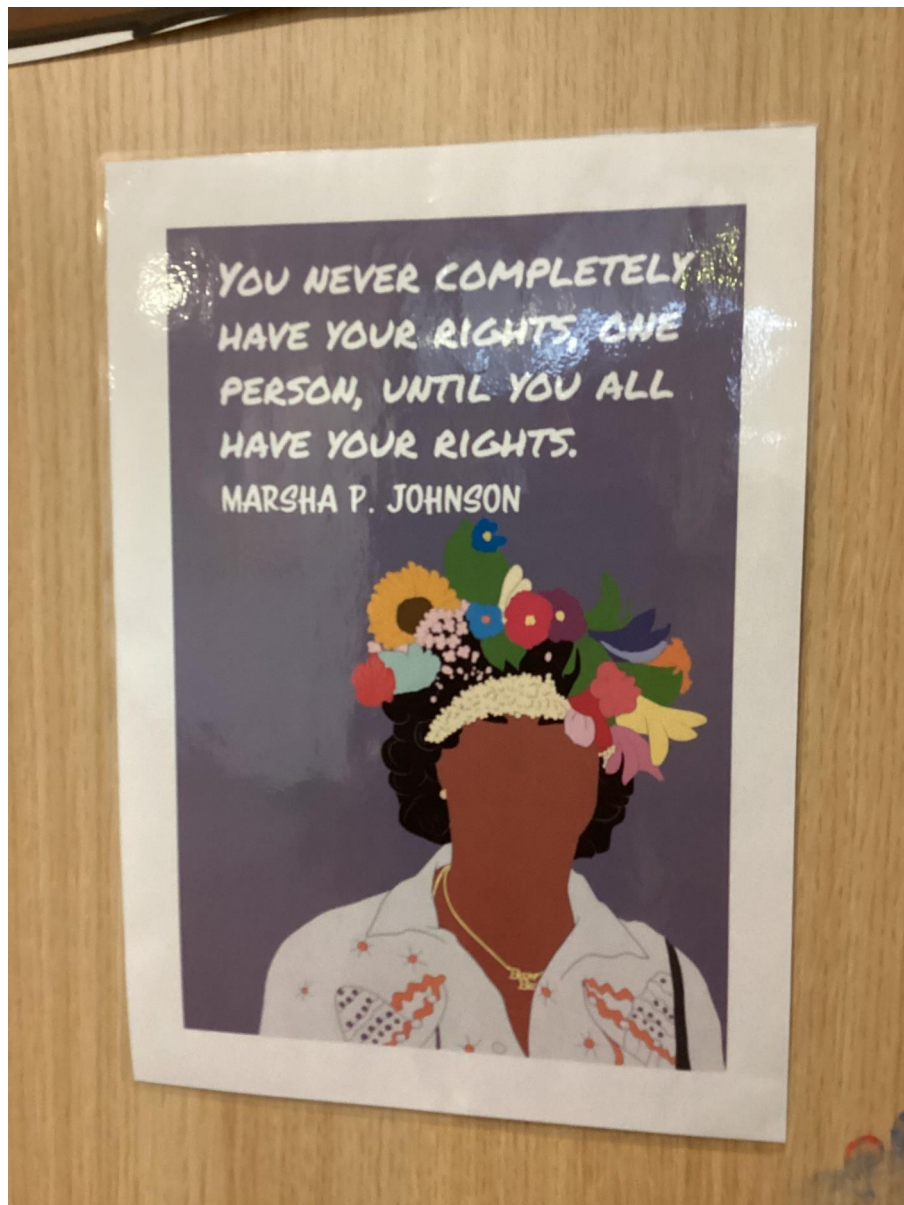


As part of our commitment to represent our diverse community at TWA, we have implemented recommendations and our policies have now been updated are fully inclusive for the rights and inclusion of all.

We continue to work towards a recognised accreditation for the work and commitment that we are putting into ensuring that everyone is included here at TWA.







## Christmas Jumper Day!

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*The 13th December saw the annual display of the most fantastic Christmas jumpers at TWA. Both staff and students participated in this wonderful and fun event, and it was heart warming to see the support from the whole school community for the Save The Children charity.*

*Understanding the needs of all of our students, those who weren't able to wear a jumper due to sensory needs were able to access this by wearing other Christmas clothing, and fun was had by all.*

*Thank you to everyone who took part, and thank you for your support to both TWA and Save The Children this year.*

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## Community support for TWA

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*As a school we always want to support our families as much as we can. With the unprecedented challenges we all face with the cost of living crisis and rising fuel prices we wanted as a staff to support our families over the Christmas period. We have been able to again be able to provide this with help and support from our wider community and local neighbours.*

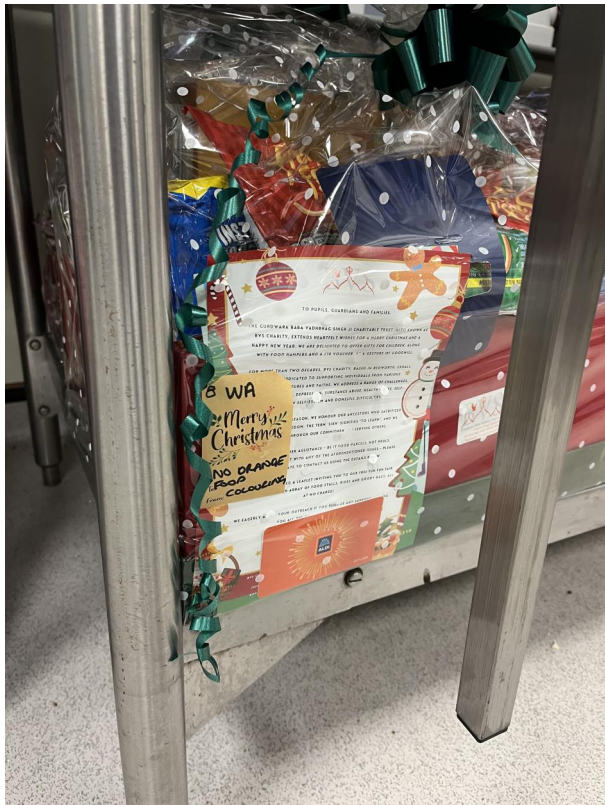
*We again have to say a huge thank you to **Gurdeep and all of people from the Gurdwara Baba Vadbhag Singh Ji, Bayton Road, Coventry** for their generosity and support. They provided food parcels and gift vouchers for all of our families and we are truly grateful for their support. We are indebted to their generosity and support for us all at this time of year, and as each year passes, the demand increases, and being able to support and help others kindles the true meaning of Christmas.*

*This year, they have also provided a gifts for the students, which is an amazing and thoughtful gesture that shows the spirit of Christmas and cements the links that we have with the wider community.*

*We are truly overwhelmed by the generosity shown by all involved and we cannot thank them enough*

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## Important Dates



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*School finishes for Christmas on **Friday 20th December 2024***

*School returns on **Monday 6th January 2025***

*School finishes for February Half Term on **Friday 14th February 2025***

*School returns on **Monday 24th February 2025***

*Training Days*

*Monday 24th March 2025*

*Friday 22nd May 2025*

*Monday 21st July 2025*

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**Contact us**



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*We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about what **you** would like to see in future issues of the TWA Telegraph.*

*Contact us at [enquiry@wa.thrive.ac](mailto:enquiry@wa.thrive.ac) to let us know your ideas or to give us any feedback*

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