

September 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family had a good summer break.

We were delighted on the 10th and 12th August to celebrate students' excellent results in an unprecedented year. Students in Year 11 and Year 13 did very well, and we now have an established pattern of sending almost all of our graduating students to University, including courses in medicine and law with a high proportion going to Russell Group universities, including Oxbridge. Well done to everyone.

Thank you for your support with testing at the beginning of this term. We continue to employ sensible measures to keep our community safe, including enhanced cleaning, handwashing, and ventilation.

If your child is unwell, please do keep them off school and arrange a PCR COVID test if they have any symptoms.

Thank you for your continued support of our high standards which are important because they set the tone for our institution.

Our uniform policy can be found here: [Uniform Code & Appearance | The Quest Academy](#). All aspects of it are rigorously enforced. If you have any queries, please contact us.

Our mobile 'phone expectations are clearly set out in the school's behaviour policy and in the student planner. Mobile 'phones are not to be seen or heard for any reason at any time during the Academy day. If they are they will be confiscated for at least a week and cannot be collected early. Students know this rule and if their 'phone is confiscated they must accept it and learn from it.

In order to help all students achieve as much as possible please ensure they are here and on time every day and that no holidays are taken in term time.

Attached to this letter are our 7 Attributes of Successful Learners. We want all of our students to be successful and these are some of the ways to ensure this success.

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In particular I would highlight reading as an essential skill. Please encourage your child to read for 30 minutes every day – it will improve their overall literacy, comprehension and vocabulary and is essential for modern exams.

We're looking forward to restarting our range of extra-curricular activities, trips and visits this year. Please look out for these. Those students who get involved in sports teams, learn a musical instrument, act in, or support the school production or commit to a scheme like The Duke of Edinburgh Award do better in their academic work.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another excellent year ahead both inside and outside of the classroom.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



Mr. A Crofts
Principal



Seven Attributes of Successful Learners

1. Aim for 100% attendance

Research shows that this is the single biggest factor in school success and that each drop of 5% in attendance leads, on average, to a drop in one GCSE grade per subject.

2. Be a reader

Reading is the second most important factor in determining overall success at school. Every student should read every day, for 30 minutes. It's crucial because high levels of literacy are required to access the curriculum and exams, enabling higher outcomes.

3. Ensure homework is always completed to the best personal standard

Homework is an important tool in reinforcing and developing the learning completed in school. Students should complete their homework promptly and to an excellent standard.

4. Effort achieves: work hard and the rewards will come

'You get out of life what you put into it'. 0.01% of the population are geniuses, if you're not one of them then you need to work hard to get where you want to be!

5. Have a positive mindset

Some students always see the problems, like to criticize and find excuses not to do what needs to be done. Positive students see the opportunities, focus on the benefits and find solutions to problems they face, asking for help if needed. Positive mindsets increase life chances.

6. Get involved in school life

Students who join a sports team, play a musical instrument, help out with the school production, sign up to DofE or Cadets do better on average than those who don't. It's about being part of a team and having goals. It helps everyone aim high and have purpose.

7. Behave well and be kind

Those students who are focused and develop supportive friendships with their peers are more successful at school than those who are constantly distracted.