



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

Welcome! Following the success of our Year 11 and 8 football teams last week, we have had more the under 13 girls team step up! There is no end to the Quest's sporting skills. Year 11 have had "walking, talking mocks" in English and Maths this week and I know students will find this really valuable for the mock GCSEs starting on Monday. Good luck to Year 11- You've got this! To support year 11 they will go in first for lunch next week and the week after to support them.

Year 11

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 7

Congratulations the Quest Quiz was won this week again by **Nico in Year 7** and he chose the chocolate prize! Check out the screens and know what is happening so you are ready to win! This week I will take all correct entries and draw the winner at random on Friday!

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Quest Quiz!!

1. What was the score of the Year 7 football?
2. What date is the Talent show?
3. Name a member of staff who is a Safe Guarding

Win a lunch
First student



Celebrations and Events!

As part of careers on Thursday 5th February **Year 8** have had training from the London Ambulance service in the of London Life Saver. This was a brilliant opportunity for Year to explore the work of the amazing NHS and to learn life saving skills as the program aims to teach students the simple steps to follow when someone is in cardiac arrest and have the confidence to act quickly to help save lives, providing CPR and defibrillator training. Educating and empowering students to recognise and know what to do when someone is in cardiac arrest will help save lives.



Creative arts trip went out on Wednesday 4th February to see **Turandot** opera at the Royal opera house in Covent Garden.

Our school trip to see Turandot at the Royal Opera House was honestly the best trip. When we first arrived, the building already felt really impressive, and going inside made it even more unreal. Everything was fancy, with red seats, a gold and turquoise ceiling and a beautiful view of the stage.

The story was exciting and a little scary, which made it interesting as it was full of risk. The costumes were colourful and were made in a traditional Chinese style along with the set. The singers were very loud even though they didn't use microphones. The opera was in Italian, but we could still understand how the characters felt and the Surtitles above the stage were perfect.

The music was played by a full orchestra, and it made the story feel so much more real. By the end, the cast got a standing ovation from a massive group of school kids.

The best part was singing Nessun Dorma (None may sleep well) at the end. The cast and everyone in the audience watched as the ceiling was projected in blue and sang together, which felt really special. It was a great way to finish a very special day out at the opera.

Chelsea

Quest Academy Talent show –Auditions have been taking place! More acts always welcome!

The count down is on to **evening on Thursday the 19th of March,**

See Ms Erwee for more details / questions.

How to sign up for music lessons:



If you want to learn and instrument or just get better at one you play

ahead here is how to sign up through Croydon Music and Arts (CMA).

Go to <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/> - select 'Learn with us' -

>'Learn an instrument in school'. Or use the QR code below.



Student Leadership

Student leadership continues at a pace with focus on Rewards and tackling derogatory language as well as some uniform discussions (see below). Year team meetings

have also taken place and now all Student leadership members have their folders to keep all their notes in. Exciting news this week is the proposal for Quest Academy to adopt "The Halo Code" which explicitly protects students and staff who come to school with natural hair and protective hairstyles associated with their racial, ethnic, and cultural identities.. [Halo Collective](#) [| Halo Collective | End Hair Discrimination](#) There will be more on this next week as we will be awarded a logo to proudly display.



Achievement Leaders

Each student is collecting **merits** for their own records and for the Year competition! Keep watching here for more on Rewards! All **shout out** students to be entered into a raffle with a chance to win a guided trip around Crystal Palace football ground! Great Trip opportunity!



Shout outs!! for amazing work and being the best you can be goes to:

Under 13 Girls Football team

Jasmina Year 10 for supporting in English

Chelsea Year 12 for the excellent trip write up

Elly Year 7 for amazing leaflet and work in RS

Sports and clubs

CONGRATUATIONS to U13 Girls Football from Friday vs Coloma! This was their first match of the season and was an away game. They did us and themselves proud.

See the PE department to be part of the action and to know when fixtures are. Also check out the new lunchtime clubs.



Safeguarding spotlight

Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse continues to support us with Safeguarding. This week there is a focus on online safety. Please contact us if you are worried about your child's online activity. Remember the student tutors are an excellent first port of call for any worries or concerns.

At Quest, we are proud to be part of the Magic Breakfast scheme, providing all students with **free breakfast every morning**. Students can attend school from 8am, and are offered bagels, toast, crumpets and cereal to set them up for the day.

All students should be eating lunch, whether that is provided by the school or a packed lunch brought in from home.

We are aware that financial circumstances can often change and be unpredictable. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), please use the link below to make an application.

<https://thequestacademy.org.uk/parents/free-school-meals/>



Anti-bullying

The Quest Anti-bullying ambassadors have been busy this week: They have now received their badges for their blazers:

I am pleased to share our students anti-bullying statement that they have come up with: This is now going to be added to our Quest Policies.

*At the Quest Academy, we have a zero-tolerance policy towards bullying of any kind; from name calling to physical abuse. School should be an environment where everybody is welcome and can contribute to our diverse community. Our student led Anti-Bullying Team are here to support everyone to feel safe and protected from discrimination. If you are experiencing bullying, or know someone who is, you can speak to a member of the Anti-Bullying team or any member of staff. Look for us with our green square Anti-Bullying badges. **Be a buddy not a bully!***



Parental Voice!

Thankyou for continued feedback:

Parent requests:

Regarding requests about preloved uniform:

The Academy does have a limited supply of second-hand uniform items. We can help families by providing them with items of pre-loved uniform such as blazers, jumpers and PE kits. Anyone is welcome to donate pre-loved uniform or collect anything they need, subject to availability.

Pre-loved uniform is available throughout the school year. Please contact the Academy's Pastoral team by telephone or email at inclusion@thequestacademy.org.uk with requests for uniform items, or to make a donation.



The Astro rota is under constant review with weather impacts: We are looking to reshuffle some of the years as it's used more by some year groups than others, so might be a few changes. Also: there are new lunchtime clubs launching next week. This is for week B, with more in the pipeline!

Lunchtime Clubs

Week B	Indoor Clubs	Outdoor Clubs
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS4 Table Tennis (Mr Bevan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball (Mr Brett)• Astro Football: KS4
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music Club (Mrs Erwee, G6)• Board Games (Ms Alagoa, G4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Astro Football: KS3
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS4 Debate Club (Mr G, G4)• Drama Club (Mr Baptist, G8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Astro Football: KS4
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music Club (Mrs Erwee, G6)• KS3 Movie Club (Ms Manuel, S15)• French & Spanish Club (Mr Ble & Miss Thomas, G4)• KS4 Table Tennis (Mr Bevan)• Diversity Club (Ms Rose, F5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Astro Football: KS3
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music Club (Mrs Erwee, G6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Astro Football: KS4

Who is who? At the Quest

Parents raised they were aware of some staff changes but would really like to know who is who?

Mr Crofts – Executive Principal

Ms Ogunseye – Deputy Principal

Ms Dean – Deputy Principal

Ms Sami – Deputy Principal (Safeguarding Lead)

Year teams:

Year	Head of Year	Assistant Principal attached
Year 11	Ms Southworth	Mr Henry
Year 10	Mr Falaiye	Mr Houghton
Year 9	Mr Wilder	Mr Frith
Year 8	Ms Millar	Mr Frith
Year 7	Mr Brett	Ms Chenery

Attendance

Here is our attendance up to Friday 30th January. (we are always a week behind reporting as The Quest connect goes out on a Friday) Well done to those forms highlighted yellow as above our targets.

Attendance this week: Tutor Groups

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
94.29%	86.19%	91.82%	96%	89.09%	97.41%

8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
96.67%	97.6%	95.3%	97.37%	89.17%	90.43%

9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
96%	92.14%	97.31%	90.65%	96.3%	90%

10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
85.71%	85.52%	88.62%	92.14%	91.67%	86.9%

11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
95.6%	87.81%	90.38%	94.14%	91.25%	83.93%

12.1	12.2
91.54%	92.67%

13.1	13.2
84.29%	83.81%

Well done to the tutor groups highlighted in **Yellow**! You have achieved over 95% which is our end of year target!

Well done to **Year 8** who have 4/5 tutor groups above 95% AMAZING!!!

London Trams closure that may affect journeys to and from school for some students and families. London Trams services will be partially suspended from **Wednesday 11 February 2026** until **Wednesday 25 February 2026** due to essential engineering works.

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 9th February 2026: (Week B) the focus this week is **internet safety**:



February 9th - Year 11 Mocks begin

Head ups of things coming up from our calendar:

February 12-15th Berlin Trip

February 13th Year 7 Celebration (in assembly event not an evening event) and last day of the half term.

February 26th Year 9 options fair evening

March 19th TALENT SHOW (Evening)

MARCH 27th – ACADEMY DAY!

Year 7- 21st May 2026 Parents evening

Year 8 – 7th May 2026 Parents evening

Year 9- 26th February 2026 is the Options evening and fair.

5th March 2026 Parents Evening

Year 11 26th March 2026 Parents evening (Virtual)

Quest 6. Year 13 12th March (Virtual)



Term Dates 2025 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

Half Term – Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Easter Holiday – Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026

(Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – Academy closed to students)

Half Term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

End of Summer Term – Friday 17th July (last day)

Summer Holiday – Monday 20th July to Friday 28th August

More from the Quest next week Ms G Chenery

NEXT WEEK 9th FEBRUARY 2026 is WEEK B

