



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

Welcome to the second of our new and regular opportunity to share all the exciting things that are happening at The Quest Academy.

In this issue:

Catching you up to date with our fundraising and trips and looking forward to events coming up. Thankyou for communications and photos students have taken on trips to our new email. Please let me know any suggestions to improve our Connect weekly communication: Many thanks to the parents who have requested a few things! Questconnect@thequestacademy.org.uk

Celebrations and Events!

On 25th November, 27 of our Year 11 went to a SHAKESPEARE workshop at Queen Mary's University to study Romeo and Juliet. What an amazing opportunity. Thank you Ms Connolly for organizing.

PANTO LETTERS for YEAR 7 – These have been sent to Year 7 Parents! Spaces are limited so please do sign up!



Fundraising: On the 27th October Hurricane Melissa hit the Caribbean leaving a trail of destruction. This hits all communities hard, but our Quest community has many connections, so we feel this even more deeply.



On Friday 21st November our wonderful students rose to the challenge of fundraising for the Croydon BME Forum [cbmeforum – Non Profit Charity](http://cbmeforum.com)

£133 has been raised to support relief efforts in Jamaica.

Our Friday dancers put on amazing dance displays on the stage during lunch: they are so talented. Here is what our students thought about the event!

"Being new to the country from Jamaica this event made me feel included and welcomed by the school. Big up The Quest Academy!"
Gianna, Year 11

"A very good thing that our school has done today." Noah, Year 11

"I feel very proud that we have raised money for families in Jamaica. My nan is there and I'm thinking about here today." Ella, Year 9

"I think today was very good because there was some very good music playing and dancers performing. I think it's really good that we're trying to help the community of Jamaica with the hurricane that hit them." Dante, Year 7

"This event represents my culture and heritage. I feel very proud to be part of The Quest Academy today" Shanai, Year 10

Achievement Leaders

Each student is collecting **merits** for their own records and for the Year competition!

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

Lennie & Mamadou Year 10 - Executive Principal's commendation for showing exemplary responsibility and community spirit supporting staff.

Thailie 7S1 Executive Principal's commendation-nominated by Mr Ahmed for top marks in Maths! Well done

All the **Year Teams student Leadership** for your help with lunch questionnaire

The Friday dancers for their AMAZING routines on Friday lunch time! We are lucky to have such a wealth of talent!

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This week we have been thinking about working as a team. They have also been busy with a task of providing feedback to the Trusts Catering team on the lunch menus for next term.

Sports and clubs

Sadly the Year 7 fixture had to be postponed, but new date will be announced!

Fantastic Footballers: Years 9 and 10 Girls team won their match an impressive 5-0!!! Go Team Quest!

It's great to see the Netballers from all years playing! (photos soon!). Basketball club also runs on a Monday.

See the PE department to be part of the action!



Safeguarding

Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse lead Assembly for all years this week on the important topic of Consent. This can be a tricky topic to tackle as a parent: This is the video used in the assembly: <https://youtu.be/AArIv-tvxWE>

Parental Voice!

We had our initial Parent Forum this week: my thanks to the parents giving up their time: we are putting together a program for the year so watch this space!

It was raised that You would find it helpful to know the Astro rota: Here it is! We have listened to

feedback from students who said the first rota meant the Astro was a bit under used! So we have now done it in Key stages: each gets 5 days on the Astro over the 2 week cycle. Next week is week B

Week A	
Monday	Key stage 3 (Years 7, 8, 9)
Tuesday	Key stage 4 (Years 10 11)
Wednesday	Key stage 3 (Years 7, 8, 9)
Thursday	Key stage 4 (Years 10 11)
Friday	Key stage 3 (Years 7, 8, 9)

Week B	
Monday	Key stage 4 (Years 10 11)
Tuesday	Key stage 3 (Years 7, 8, 9)
Wednesday	Key stage 4 (Years 10 11)
Thursday	Key stage 3 (Years 7, 8, 9)
Friday	Key stage 4 (Years 10 11)

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	Mr Pace (acting Head of Year)	Mr Frith
Year 7	Mr Brett	Ms Chenery

Attendance

Congratulations to the following Form Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 21/11/2025 (we will always be a week behind in Quest Connect as this is published before the Friday figures!)

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
92.86%	92.82%	96.36%	99.52%	97.14%	93.72%
8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
92.92%	95%	95%	88.43%	92.4%	89.96%
9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
96.33%	96.43%	90.69%	94.83%	93.57%	92.96%
10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
93.66%	85.47%	91.73%	95.65%	94.46%	91.89%
11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
96%	88.08%	89.88%	93.4%	89.96%	82.29%
12.1	12.2			13.1	13.2
72.41%	81.65%			77.02%	73.89%

Congratulations to the tutor groups highlighted in Yellow (above our minimum target of 95%).

Thank you for all your support with attendance: especially at this time of year with lots of colds.

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 1st December: (Week B)

Thursday December 5th Year 11 Results assembly

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper day! (Usually £1 donation! More details to follow!

- Year 11 Parents evening @SHS

Friday 12th December – Year 8 Panto trip

Friday 14th December- Student training Antibullying Ambassador Training by the Diana Award

Term Dates 2025 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

~~Monday 1st September – Staff INSET day~~

~~Tuesday 2nd September – Year 7 and Year 12 only~~

~~Wednesday 3rd September – open to all students~~

~~Half Term – Monday 20th October – Friday 31st October~~

End of Autumn Term – Friday 19th December (1pm finish)

Christmas Holiday – Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 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

This is just the start! More from the Quest next week: Ms G Chenery



NEXT WEEK 1st DECEMBER is WEEK B