

The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

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

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!

PANTO LETTERS for YEAR 7 – These have been sent to Year 7 Parents! Spaces are limited so please do sign up! Its at the Peacock theatre in Convent Garden. **Its free.**

This year its **Cinderella**. There is a Coach organised there and back. (charity sorts all the costs out). Here's the link to check it out! [PwC Presents its Panto - Cinderella - Peacock Theatre - Sadler's Wells](#)

Details:

January 21st 2026. 12.30 leave school curtain up at 3pm. Should be back by 6pm.

Students who have already signed up don't need to again

There are 90 places. 60 have gone. 30 left. Thankyou to Ms Abay who has organised this for us.



Christmas Jumper day 11th December 2025! Be part of it! £1 donation



Save the Children

The first Christmas Jumper Day was on 14 December 2012. Since then, millions of people like you have put on their jazziest jumpers for one day in December, donated to Save the Children, and helped make things better for children in the UK and around the world. Since that first event in 2012

£40m+ has been raised to help children change their futures for good

25m+ children & teachers

have made things better in a sweater 17m+ people at work & home have put the FUN into fundraising.

When: Thursday 11th December.

What: Wear a Christmas jumper with your school uniform or if you don't have one, you can wear a red, green or glittery jumper.

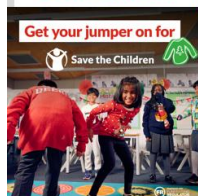
Remember you still need to wear your school uniform – the jumper is just on top!



Why: To raise money for Save the Children, a charity helping children all over the world.

How much: £1 for wearing a Christmas / red, green or glittery jumper. Any donations welcome if you do not wish to join in.

Donations will be collected during form time / at the glass gates on Thursday 11th.



Achievement Leaders

Each student is collecting **merits** for their own records and for the Year competition! Keep watching here for more on our Rewards! All shout out students to be entered into a raffle!

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

Ella 9L1 for progress in all areas and for helping release a trapped Magpie of all things! Thank you for helping me.

Isaaq 7S1 – attentive and helpful in enrichment- showing leadership qualities Ms Alagoa

Kyron 7S2 – diligent and helpful in Enrichment – real team player and future leader. Ms Alagoa

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Congratulations to **JUHITHA SATHEESKUMAR** as she has been elected as our Student leadership Vice Captain. There was a lot of competition so she has done really well. Thanks to all those who applied. We also have some other exciting roles so we will keep you posted.

The President and Vice president are now busy looking to elect 2 form reps from each year to go forward to our whole school student leadership Team.

Sports and clubs

Fantastic Footballers: Well done to the Year 9 footballers this week taking on a local school. They didn't win this one, but sure they will the next! Sadly the Year 7 game was postponed due to poor weather!

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 spotlight

Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse continues to support us with Safeguarding. I know at the parents' forum there was a concern about bullying. In response our Antibullying Ambassadors are being trained by the Diana Award foundation this coming week. Twenty-five years ago The Diana Award was founded on the belief that young people have the power to change the world, and here at Quest we agree. Here is a link to more information, but future Quest Connect will have more information on this as this is something we believe in as a long term program [The Diana Award - Anti-Bullying](#)



Parental Voice!

The Astro rota continues: 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 A

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)

PARENT SURVEYS:

We need you!! We have implemented some quite big changes since September in part response to concerns raised though the parental survey (see last weeks Connect to see what sort of things in the "You said, we did" part of the publication). Well, we are now at the end of the first term, so we will be sending you a link to complete the next parental survey. We take these very seriously so please do take part. Here is the link to the survey if you can't wait for the email to come out!

[TQA Parent & Carer Feedback | Autumn Term 2025 – Fill in form](#) by December 19th please.



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 <small>(acting Head of Year)</small>	Mr Frith
Year 7	Mr Brett	Ms Chenery

Attendance

Congratulations to the following Form Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 28/12/2025 (we will always be a week behind in Quest Connect as this is published before the Friday figures!)

Thank you for all your support with attendance: especially at this time of year with lots of colds. Its really appreciated how many parents are keeping updated with a date they expect students to be able to return.

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%).

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 8th December: (Week A) a focus this week is celebrating Diversity and Human Rights - Human Rights Day is 10th December.

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper day! (£1 voluntary donation at the glass gates) Usual uniform to be worn please (Blazer, shirt, tie, lanyard, trouser/skirt, polishable shoes) but with the addition of the Christmas Jumper.



Year 11 Parents evening @SHS 16:00-19:00

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

January 21st 2026 Year 7 Panto: 12.30 leave school curtain up at 3pm. Should be back by 6pm

FOOD BANK: More next week, but we will be collecting for the **Monks Hill Food Drive Project:** so please if you can pop an extra tin, loo roll etc in your shopping basket: More details next week.



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 8th DECEMBER is WEEK A

