



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

Welcome to our 4th 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, trips and looking forward to events coming up. Thankyou for communications and please send 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! Its so helpful! Questconnect@thequestacademy.org.uk

Celebrations and Events!

Year 11 Mock Results Event!

Friday 5th saw our amazing Year 11 have a special assembly from Ms Ogunseye. Every student received a motivational letter from someone who cares about them telling them how proud they are. The Mocks were a practice and for some really is a celebration of achievement and for others to see if result this time weren't what they wanted, that they still have time to do something about it.



Thank you to all who wrote the letters, especially parents. We know sometimes teenagers can make you think you don't matter, but those letters were really special- (there were a few tears!)

We are right behind you Year 11 and know that conversations yesterday at Parents evening will have been helpful!



Year 10 held a careers STEM trip to The Science museum on Friday 5th December: a great opportunity for students to see what careers in STEM there are!



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

Massive thank you we are still counting the coins but currently OVER £120 for Save the Children!! Thank you!



Christmas JUMPER DAY



FOOD BANK: This time of year can be extra stressful for some families and some who are in our community. We want you to know that we support you. To try and help, we are collecting for the **Monks Hill Food Drive Project:** so please if you can pop an extra tin, loo roll etc in your shopping basket: If students are able to bring supplies in and leave at reception or give to Ms Chenery up to an including Thursday 18th December, Quest will then arrange for the items to go to the Monks Hill Food Drive.

Most useful things are:

- Rice
- jar sauces
- tinned fish
- tea/coffee
- tinned meat products
- tinned tomatoes
- instant noodles
- washing up liquid
- washing powder
- toiletries
- sanitary items



Thank you in anticipation for your generosity to our wonderful community.

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!

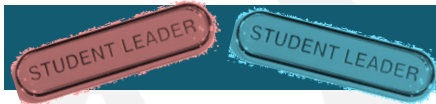
Shout outs!! for amazing work and being the best you can be goes to:

Nicholas K Year 8 really focused in Geography

Mariam A 7S1 – Excellent effort in RS

Alanah-Rae – 7L2 Brilliant DT project

Ellia B- Great effort in sociology



Student Leadership



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. Badges being delivered next week!! Things are picking up a pace.

Sports and clubs

Fantastic Footballers: Friday 5th December football Year 9 and 10 Footballers had a match away!

Good luck to the Year 7 Team heading off today to play in the Croydon cup! Good luck!

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. Today 12th December we have held our training: for our Antibullying Ambassadors. This was by the Diana Award foundation and as this was in print as the training was happening photos and details will be a focus in next weeks Connect. 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. [The Diana Award - Anti-Bullying](#). There will be a focus article on this next week.



Parental Voice!

Thankyou for continued feedback: Its been raised that our great intentions to let you know about merits, has resulted in you being bombarded with emails, which aren't very specific ie what subject and what was the merit given for: Staff are writing reasons, but this is getting lost somehow: so we are looking into this! We don't want you to feel so overwhelmed but emails!

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 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)

PARENT SURVEYS:

PLEASE KEEP THESE COMING IN! Thank you to those who have completed so far!

We need you!! We have implemented some quite big changes since September in part response to concerns raised though the parental survey The link to the survey has been emailed out to parents now. 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 (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 05/12/2025 (we will always be a week behind in Quest Connect as this is published before the Friday figures!)

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
90.48%	93.3%	96.82%	90%	98.1%	93.72%

8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
89.57%	99.23%	86.96%	74.07%	95.2%	80.33%

9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
89.68%	92.59%	95.71%	93.98%	94.29%	94.07%

10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
87.77%	88.53%	92.25%	88.93%	94.12%	87.2%

11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
94%	88.46%	89.49%	89.93%	90.13%	79.17%

12.1	12.2
91.45%	84.4%

13.1	13.2
78.5%	82.91%

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.

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

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 15th December: (Week B) a focus this week is Recognition of celebration at this time of year and the opportunity to look back and Review the past 12 months, celebrating the achievements. Also, a time to look forward and consider our next steps.

Thursday 18th December 2025 FOOD BANK: Final day for collection! We are collecting for the **Monks Hill Food Drive Project:** so please if you can pop an extra tin, loo roll etc in your shopping basket: Students can give to Ms Chenery or their tutors.



Friday 19th December 2025 Last day of term: Early finish for students:
LUNCH is at normal time of 12:35-13:15 and FSM arrangements as usual.
TQA Welcome 13:25-13:45
Dismissal 13:45.

Further ahead:

January 5th 2026 Late start for students: Glass gates open @ 9:00am

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

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 (1:45 pm 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



More from the Quest next week: Ms G Chenery



NEXT WEEK 15th DECEMBER is WEEK B
Remember those Food Bank Donations!

