



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

Welcome to our 5th and regular opportunity to share all the exciting things that are happening at The Quest Academy and our wider community.

In this issue:

Well, we have made it to the end of a long term, with so many highlights, from sporting events and celebrations to fundraising events. Many thanks to the parents who have requested a few things! Its so helpful and we will try and take on board as much as we can. This week's appreciation slips written by students have been shared and can I thank those parents who have also taken time and effort to complete these for staff: I can honestly tell you that these are really appreciated and we appreciate all the support you give to us and your children. I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you a restful, peaceful break and a good new year. I look forward to welcoming all the students back on 5th January 2026!!

Reminder that it is a slightly later start due to staff training so **glass gates open at 9 am on Monday 5th January 2026. Magic breakfast will be available at this time.**



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Celebrations and Events!

All this week our amazing Quest Choir lead by Ms Erwee, have been performing a song from the Greatest Showman. We are so proud of them! It takes real courage to stand up and perform especially in front of peers so well done: Choir members are:



Angel, Ttang, sarlett, Tatiyanna, Anna, Skylar, Blessing, Alanah0Rae, Mariam, Maraih, Chloe, Lewis. Lacey. Kyra, Princess, Inaya, Sapphire, Mide, Kenny, Chloe, Sofia, Odia, Genelia, Neveah, Lara, Jadea-Marie, Surriyah-Rose, Nancy, Alanah, Violet, Maygol, Inez, Rory, Semilore, Amelia,Zahra, Iziah, Harry, Rosie, Elizabeth, Ruby, Harry, Nico, Amos, Summer. (hope that is

everyone! Already had students asking how they can join, which is excellent.



Year 7 Movie Event! This was held on Wednesday 17th December by our Year 11 to raise funds for their prom at the end of the year. Thank you for your support. Year 7 were brilliant!

FOOD BANK: Thankyou!

Again Quest community has risen to the challenge collecting for the **Monks Hill Food Drive Project**: Thankyou so much for people who donated. We want to make this a continuous partnership not just for Christmas so please continue to donate.

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:

Quest Choir: You were amazing! Thank you all so much for your part in Assembly. (Your names are all above)

Dante, Dan, Miciah, Jake, Kairo, Vinnie- excellent atlas scavenger hunt!

Shanai – always so helpful and friendly

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The President and Vice president have been busy and now we have our full Student Leadership team. There are reps for each year and also other important areas students had asked for such as student well being.

Badges have at last arrived!! These will be given out in the first week of term. (We didn't give them out this week as the final week and we know all those blazer will be in the wash over the holidays!!)

Sports and clubs

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. Our Antibullying Ambassadors are now in place and have had their first full day of training from the Diana Award foundation. We have lots of plans which we will share with you here. Throughout the training students were highly engaged. They should be incredibly proud of the commitment, maturity and leadership they demonstrated throughout the training. They explored what bullying is, the impact it can have, and the vital role young people play in promoting kindness, inclusion and positive relationships within their school communities.



We will a be making use of the wide range of high-quality Anti-Bullying resources provided by The Diana Award, including materials for students, staff and parents, as well as resources to support Ambassadors in planning and delivering their own social action campaigns.



This work marks the beginning of an exciting journey. We are looking forward to seeing our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors lead positive change across the Academy and wider Trust and continue to develop their campaigns throughout the year.

Very early next term we will be working with the student ambassadors to design our Quest Antibullying statement.

Here is a link to more information. [The Diana Award - Anti-Bullying](#).

Badges for our Ambassadors will be given out after Christmas when they arrive

Parental Voice!

Thankyou for continued feedback: It's 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! We are still getting used to Arbor and seeing how we can improve this.

The Astro rota continues: Here it is! The student suggestion of Key stages appears to be working well.: each gets 5 days on the Astro over the 2 week cycle. **Next week is week A (5th January 2026!)**

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

These close today, 19th December so please do complete. The outcome will be published here in due course.

[TQA Parent & Carer Feedback | Autumn Term 2025 – Fill in form](#)



Can I also take this time to thank our Parent Forum who are helping us with suggestions and planning events.

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 12/12/2025 (we will always be a week behind in Quest Connect as this is published before the Friday figures!)

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
85.71%	93.3%	95.71%	91.43%	97.14%	94.58%

8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
93.39%	97.2%	92.41%	84.26%	88.7%	90.83%

9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
90.65%	91.01%	90.68%	93.67%	89.89%	85.45%

10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
90%	89.29%	89.15%	91.7%	93.75%	92.39%

11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
95.6%	84.39%	93.36%	90.28%	95.67%	78.89%

12.1	12.2
89.72%	80.92%

13.1	13.2
74.1%	80.98%

Thank you for all your support with attendance: especially at this time of year with lots of colds. It's really appreciated how many parents are keeping us 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 5th January 2026: (Week A) a focus this week is New Years Resolutions and our Quest.

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

January 12th Year 13 Mock exams and Btecs for Year 12

January 15th Year 10 Parents Evening

January 28th-30th Year 9 exams

February 13th Year 7 Celebration (in assembly event not an evening event)

February 26th Year 9 options fair evening



Term Dates 2025 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025 (completed)

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 Year!! : Ms G Chenery



NEXT WEEK 5th JANUARY 2026 is WEEK A