



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

Welcome and HAPPY NEW YEAR to our parents and carers as well as students. I will continue to try and share all the updates of exciting things that are happening at The Quest Academy and our wider community as we move into 2026.

The recent weather has caused some discussion. If the school ever has to take the difficult decision to shut, we will let you know by email and a notice put on the school website with all the details.



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Celebrations and Events!

This week assemblies have been focussing on achievements and looking forward with new beginnings and resolutions. All key stage 3 **form leaders** will have received their badges this week with KS4 getting theirs at the start of next week.

Achievement Assemblies will continue this half term and it's great to see so much positivity.



Our BTech and CNAT Sport Studies students have sat exams this week and it has been encouraging to hear how positively these have been going and for students to see their hard work is paying off.

Year 11 Parents' Evening was at the end of last term, and we would like to thank all our families for their continued commitment to attending these important events. Our students' success is built on strong home/school partnerships, and your involvement makes a real difference.

Next **Thursday 15th January** is the Year 10 parents evening where there is the opportunity to hold productive conversations to prepare students for their formal exams next year.

Reminder of other parents evenings (4-7pm) are:

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 10 -15th January 2026 Parents evening

Year 11 26th March 2026 Parents evening (Virtual)

Quest 6. Year 13 12th March (Virtual)



FOOD BANK: Thankyou!

This was a GREAT success for the Monks Hill Food Drive Project:

We want to make this a continuous partnership not just for Christmas so please continue to donate either by dropping at reception or students handing to Ms Chenery .

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:

Students who took exams this week: showing resilience and determination.

School Leadership teams who are working hard to build a legacy for the future.

Airwyn Year 7 - Helping her friend when she was unwell (Mr Brett)

Aazeen Year 8 – Always focus and taking an active part in English lessons. (Ms McAreavey)

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Student Leadership

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With Badges now well on their way, The President and Vice president have been busy so now we have our full Student Leadership team with Year Leaders being elected. They had to apply and undergo a rigorous interview process. I am so proud of their commitment and determination to be involved with every aspect of life at Quest. Here they all are!

Form	Member 1	Member 2
7H1	Kasiah	Sofia
7H2	Aliza	Semi
7L1	Tobias	Holly
7L2	Rosie	Dan
7S1	Mariam	Jake
7S2	Jack	Elizabeth
8H1	Ahmad	Faith
8H2	Leyla	Ayub
8L1	Logan	Mikayla
8L2	Diamant	Zack
8S1	Maygol	Stanley
8S2	Heston	Joel
9H1	Oliver	Odia
9H2	Blessing	Evie
9L1	Lily	Evie
9L2	Arham	Shazy
9S1	Albert	Amelia
9S2	Malachi	Thomas

10H1	Kane	Ayub
10H2	Asma	Abdurahim
10L1	Abdul	Danailia
10L2	Alex	Isabella
10S1	India	Tianna
10S2	Jacob	Verkan
11H1	Kalista	Bella
11H2	Cassie	Raiyaan
11L1	Gianna	Hayden
11L2	Asianae	Essarar
11S1	Colby	Abdi
11S2	Antonella	Alana
12.1	Michael	Chealsea
12.2	Abigail	Brandon
13.1	Alina	Joella
13.2	Juhitha	Benjamin

The year leaders have then been busy electing their deputies, which I will share here next week.

I must applaud our President and Vice president in the smooth running of this and the determination to make a long lasting legacy here at Quest of Student Leadership. I will keep you updated on the things they are contributing to, such as our push on Anti bullying, behaviour and wider outreach work. The students have such good ideas on how we can improve things, I am really keen to see the result of their input on every aspect of Quest.

One of the exciting and excellent suggestions is "twinning" our school with others around the world. This will support our learners to be excellent Global citizens. To begin with a school in Jamaica has been suggested by students as we have many students who have Jamaican and Caribbean heritage. Also, with the damage from Hurricane Melissa at the end of last year and our fundraising this seemed a natural step. I hope we can then look to twin with schools in other countries and continents in time.



Sports and clubs

The inclement weather has caused issues with the Astro being frozen so many sports things this week were cancelled.

See the PE department to be part of the action and to know when fixtures are.



Safeguarding spotlight

Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse continues to support us with Safeguarding.

New Year, New me?

It is easy to get carried away with New Years Resolutions. These should be small, achievable targets, that are easy to stick to and can demonstrate positive change, rather than excessive changes that may be tricky to achieve and can lose sight of who you are!

Some examples of this may be:

- Reducing screen time
- Being kind to peers in school and the local community
- Improving school attendance and punctuality
- Completing classwork and homework on time
- Reporting things to a teacher if you are concerned about something



**Badges for our Ambassadors will be given out as soon as they arrive!
Next week I will update on our progress.**

Parental Voice!

Thankyou for continued feedback: We continue to try and find ways to communicate with you all and each other better. We are reviewing how we can cut down the email alerts for all the merits to reduce the deliveries to your inboxes.

The Astro rota continues: Here it is! The student suggestion of Key stages appears to be working well (assuming no snow!) each year gets 5 days on the Astro over the 2 week cycle.
Next week is week B (12th January 2026!)

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:

Thankyou for completing these: I will let you know the feedback shortly

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	Ms Millar	Mr Frith
Year 7	Mr Brett	Ms Chenery

Attendance

Congratulations to the following Form Groups who have the highest attendance for the first term over all!
The yellow highlights show those groups above the DfE (Department of Education) national target.

Current Attendance (Autumn 1&2): Tutor Groups

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
91.09%	93.45%	94.84%	93.71%	95.06%	95.47%
8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
93.53%	95.11%	92.25%	85.71%	92.43%	88.73%
9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
91.34%	94.65%	93.14%	92.95%	92.26%	90.58%
10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
89.42%	88.15%	91.24%	93.19%	94.3%	90.5%
11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
95.6%	89.29%	91.69%	92.76%	91.36%	80.93%
12.1	12.2			13.1	13.2
89.48%	90.33%			83.78%	85.38%

I know Mr. Henry has already contacted you all but a really big **Thank you!** for all your support with attendance: especially at this time of year with lots of colds and the bad flu which we know has nationally been a problem. Our students again are bucking this trend and we love seeing them every day. It's also really appreciated how many parents are keeping us updated with a date they expect students to be able to return.

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 12th January 2026: (Week B) a focus this week is Curiosity in Learning.

January 15th Year 10 Parents Evening 4-7 pm

Head ups of things coming up from our calendar:

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

January 28th-30th Year 9 exams

February 9- Year 11 Mocks begin

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

27th MARCH – Academy day!



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 12th JANUARY 2026 is WEEK B

