



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

Welcome! Lots of events this week with the year 7 **panto trip** to the **Peacock theatre** in London and the **Quest Talent** show, **football fixtures** and more!

Celebrations and Events!

Quest Academy Talent show – Auditions have been taking place **Tuesday 20th** and **Thursday 22nd** of January – the talent is amazing!



The actual talent show will be in the **evening on Thursday the 19th of March**, so there is lots of time to perfect their acts!

See Ms Erwee for more details / questions.

Last week there was a feature on how to sign up for music lessons. These can really help our students to learn in all areas:

How to sign up for music lessons:

If you want to learn an instrument or just get better at one you play already here is how to sign up through Croydon Music and Arts (CMA).

Go to <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/> - select 'Learn with us' -> 'Learn an instrument in school'. Or use the QR code below.

'My music lessons are amazing, I love them and they really help me understand how music works.'

Harry Year 7





Monks Hill Food Drive Project: ~Thankyou!

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 . 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 Rewards! All **shout out** students to be entered into a raffle with a chance to win a guided trip around Crystal Palace football ground! Great Trip!

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

Year 11 students participating in the **Step Up 11 Challenge** They have shown fantastic commitment to the programme, consistently improving their attendance, merits, and punctuality to lessons. (Ms Ogunseye)

Year 11 Sociologists who are showing excellent knowledge and especially Jack A- who had renewed focus in Sociology this week (Ms Chenery)

Mason C Year 7 – very helpful towards others thankyou

Year 8 and 11 Footballers for smashing their match this week

Roman C Year 7 for amazing Geography homework- going that extra mile!

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Student Leadership

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The President and Vice president held our first Year meeting where years put forward many different proposals. We will be discussing these further and looking at those to prioritise such as rewards and casual language used towards each other.



Sports and clubs

CONGRATUATIONS to **Year 8 Boys football Winning Quest** team who beat Oasis Shirley 4-3! Great fight back from being 0-3 down! Year 11 vs Meridan **Quest won 4-3!!** Well done to both teams. So proud of you and for those staff and students who cheered you on.



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.

At Quest, we are supported by the Mental Health Schools Team (MHST). MHST offer workshops and 1:1 sessions for students who are experiencing low mood or anxiety.

On Monday, MHST will be delivering an assembly to our Year 11 students, providing information about how to cope with exam stress and anxiety. This will be followed up with a small group workshop for those Year 11 students who wish to join.

If you feel that your child is struggling with their mood, feeling anxious a lot of the time, or finding it hard to cope, they may benefit from seeing an MHST practitioner. If you would like more information about this, or for a referral to be made for your child, please contact me directly kwaterhouse@thequestacademy.org.uk



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 (26th 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 requests:

Regarding requests about preloved uniform:

The Academy does have a limited supply of second-hand uniform items. We can help families by providing them with items of pre-loved uniform such as blazers, jumpers and PE kits. Anyone is welcome to donate pre-loved uniform or collect anything they need, subject to availability.

Pre-loved uniform is available throughout the school year. Please contact the Academy's Pastoral team by telephone or email at inclusion@thequestacademy.org.uk with requests for uniform items, or to make a donation.



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

Here is our attendance data for the first week back- up to Friday 16th January. Well done to those forms highlighted yellow as above the DfE targets.

Attendance this week: Tutor Groups

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
93.81%	90%	95.45%	96%	95.91%	100%

8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
96.67%	90.4%	95.22%	89.34%	92.08%	86.52%

9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
94%	93.79%	96.92%	94.19%	96.3%	87.86%

10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
89.61%	92.41%	88.93%	90.34%	94.81%	87.24%

11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
96.8%	89.59%	93.05%	94.46%	89.17%	80.62%

12.1	12.2
84.4%	88.37%

13.1	13.2
85%	85.85%

Well done to the tutor groups highlighted in **Yellow!** And a special mention to **7S2!** 100% Attendance. Certificates to be distributed Monday morning.

I know Mr. Henry has already contacted you all but a really big **Thank you!** 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 26th January 2026: (Week B) the focus this week is **EXPLORATION** Year 11 will have an assembly on managing exam stress and other year groups will be considering the Holocaust Memorial day.

Head ups of things coming up from our calendar:

January 28th-30th Year 9 exams

February 9- Year 11 Mocks begin

February 12-15th Berlin Trip

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

March 19th TALENT SHOW (Evening)

MARCH 27th – ACADEMY DAY!



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)



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 26th JANUARY 2026 is WEEK B

