



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

Welcome! Following the success of our Year 11 and 8 football teams last week, we have had more matches this week. The **Quest Talent** show continues as well as the more academic side of things with Year 9 Exams, which have been held in the sports hall.



The first Quest Quiz has also been launched where each week students can try and win a lunch queue jump or chocolate bar.

Congratulations to Nico in Year 7 for winning this and choosing the lunch Q jump

prize! Who will be first next week? Check out the screens and know what is happening so you are ready to win!



Celebrations and Events!

There have been some great sporting achievements this week see under sports!



Mental health and wellbeing is always a priority so Year 11 had an assembly this week on how to manage exam stress from Kings College London and the NHS.

To help year 11 be really ready for exams next week they are having their "walking talking mocks to help them prepare. So you are aware these are:

1. **Maths non-calculator Walking Talking Mock – Monday 2nd February, Periods 1 and 2**
2. **English Language paper 2 Walking Talking Mock – Tuesday 3rd February, Periods 3 and 4**



Good luck and make the most of these as they are a great opportunity! Make sure you have had a good breakfast to feed that brain!

trip



The next creative arts is on Wednesday 4th February to see **Turandot** opera at the Royal opera house in Covent Garden. See Ms Abay for any more planned trips.

Quest Academy Talent show –Auditions have been taking place! More acts always welcome!

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.

How to sign up for music lessons:

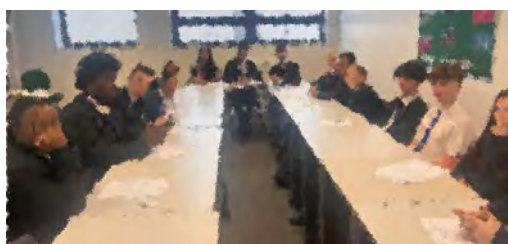
If you want to learn and instrument or just get better at one you play already here is how to sign up through Croydon Music and Arts (CMA).

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



Student Leadership

Student leadership continues at a pace with focus on Rewards and tackling derogatory language as well as some uniform discussions. Year team meetings have also taken place and now all Student leadership members have their folders to keep all their notes in. Watch this space for the impacts their ideas are having.



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 opportunity!



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

Violet F Year 8 came 29th in Regional Trampolining event (more than 500 competing)

Faith F Year 10 came 17th in Regional Trampolining event (more than 500 competing)

David S hat trick scorer in Year 7 match!

Alishba and Sophia Year 7 – sustained effort in Geography

Weronika and Lauren L Year 11- always put 100% effort into work

Oliver S Year 9- support in Anti-bullying work

Sports and clubs

CONGRATUATIONS to **Year 7 Boys** team who beat Ark Blake **6-2, yes you read that right 6-2!** It was amazing to watch and see how well you all worked together: Congratulations to **Mr Brett** and the whole team, **David S** scoring 3 of the goals, **Joey G** another 2 and **Matteo S**. The rest of the field with assists and brave tackles and of course **Dante** as the super goalie keeping out the oppositions attacks.

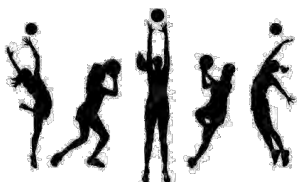


The Southern Zonal final trampolining competition in Western Super Mare took place last weekend and we had 2 students taking part. This is the first time the school has been represented at the Southern Final (all schools in the South West, Southern, South East and London regions, over 500 students competed on the day!).

In the Year 7-9 Novice group **Violet Foley** came 29th
In the Year 10-14 Novice group **Faith Foley** came 17th.



Fantastic results in a very tough competition, I am so very proud of their efforts and I am sure you are too. 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 proud to be part of the Magic Breakfast scheme, providing all students with **free breakfast every morning**. Students can attend school from 8am, and are offered bagels, toast, crumpets and cereal to set them up for the day.

All students should be eating lunch, whether that is provided by the school or a packed lunch brought in from home.

We are aware that financial circumstances can often change and be unpredictable. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), please use the link below to make an application.

<https://thequestacademy.org.uk/parents/free-school-meals/>



Anti-bullying

The Quest Anti-bullying ambassadors have been busy this week: They have now received their badges for their blazers:

They have arranged themselves into roles and responsibilities and are looking at gaining their Community badges. One of their first tasks was to write an anti-bullying statement to go into policy, which will be shared and launched with you all next week.

Myself and Ms Waterhouse are so proud of the enthusiasm and ideas they have come up with to make Quest a better place for everyone. Look out for the next steps of their exciting work.

Trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have a Green Square Badge like this!



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.

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.



The Astro rota continues: The student suggestion of Key stages is in effects each year gets 5 days on the Astro over the 2 week cycle. **Next week is week A (2nd February 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)

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 up to Friday 23rd January. (we are always a week behind reporting as The Quest connect goes out on a Friday) Well done to those forms highlighted yellow as above our targets.

Attendance this week: Tutor Groups

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
96.67%	92.23%	95.45%	94%	89.55%	97.08%

8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
97.89%	98%	96.52%	95.26%	94.58%	92.61%

9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
94.33%	94.14%	94.62%	96.13%	98.5%	90.36%

10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
93.73%	90%	91.35%	90.34%	95.32%	89.33%

11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
96%	88.52%	85.33%	94.81%	91.67%	77.86%

12.1	12.2
85.04%	86.3%

13.1	13.2
77.83%	77.83%

Well done to the tutor groups highlighted in **Yellow!** You have achieved over 95% which is our end of year target!

Well done to **Year 8 who have 4/5 tutor groups above 95% AMAZING!!!**

Mr Henry has sent information out about travel disruption in a separate communication but planned **London Trams closure** that may affect journeys to and from school for some students and families. London Trams services will be partially suspended from **Wednesday 11 February 2026** until **Wednesday 25 February 2026** due to essential engineering works.

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 2nd February 2026: (Week A) the focus this week is **charity**:



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.

Year 11: GCSE support:

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Head ups of things coming up from our calendar:

February 4th – Creative arts trip to Turandot

February 9th - 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 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 2nd FEBRUARY 2026 is WEEK A

