



# The Quest Connect!

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## Headlines

Another busy week from The Quest Academy with **Year 9 locking in their option choices**, Sporting events and of course our long awaited **Talent Show** which took place last night! Eid Mubarak to all those who are celebrating today.

Next week is the last before our Easter break and it is lovely to see the lighter mornings and evenings again. It is week A next week and Year 7 are in first for lunch and we look forward to our **second academy day**.

One thing to note is that our first day back has a later start for pupils of 9:30 to allow for staff training. (Glass gates will open @9am)

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

## Celebrations and Events!



### Talent Show!

This amazing event has been a year highlight for me and I'm sure all the parents would agree. We are so lucky having these students at Quest! Singing, dancing musical instruments. The confidence and originality these words don't do it justice. Personally I was bursting with pride. Well done all of you. Thank you to all the staff who have given their time so willingly to make this happen: Ms Erwee, Ms Abay and Ms Daley in the lighting and sound booth. There are so many pictures that more will be added next week!



### How to sign up for music lessons:



If you have been inspired and 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.



Last week **Year 7** had an assembly on careers from the South Bank University as it never too early to start thinking about what you would like to do in the future and what qualifications you need to get there.



**Creative Writing competition:** Talking to our students they are so creative, so we are going to run a short story competition. Over Easter please write a short story and submit it by 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026. If you wish you can record your creation as a audio file too as audio books are really engaging.

Prizes will be given with first place awarded a £20 Amazon voucher. Please submit your entries to [Questconnect@thequestacademy.org.uk](mailto:Questconnect@thequestacademy.org.uk) or you can hand in to Ms Chenery.

## ACADEMY DAY Number 2!

Next Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2006 is our second academy day of the year when year groups gets to enjoy trips to different places. Letters will already have been out to parents for the details, but here is a handy list of the trips from Mr Bevan:

Spring 25 Trip	Tutor Groups
Rochester Castle	75 students
Tower Bridge	50 students
V&A	8H1, L1, S1
Science Museum	8H2, L2, S2
Olympic Park	9H1, L1, S1
Olympic Park	9H2, L2, S2
British Museum	10H1, L1, S1
London Museum	10H2, L2, S2
Romeo & Juliet and Jekyll & Hyde	All Y11
Year 12 - University trip	N/A
Year 13 - Mocks and BTEC catch up	N/A

I look forward to seeing the photos of all these amazing trips.



## Student Leadership

Student leadership continues to be a beacon at our school. This week representatives were working with Quest Primary on issues of joint concern. This included things in the community such as parking on the yellow lines, litter and also learning opportunities such as paired reading, which is an exciting prospect.



## 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:

**Year 7/8 Girls football  
who played in the  
tournament this week**

**All the Brilliant Talent  
Performers!**

**Year 9 and 10 Ruby  
players**

**Year 8 Footballers**



## Sports and clubs

This Tuesday our **Year 8 football** team took on Riddlesdown B team in our league fixture. We began the game with high intensity and created multiple chances to go ahead early with some excellent play but our first game came from an excellent free kick. This did not change our approach as we continued



the high intensity throughout the first half. We could not take our chances as it end 1-0 at half time. The second half started with Riddlesdown on top but again our high intensity and ability to create chances out of nothing paid off. As some excellent passing on the left wing allowed us to go 2-0 up. We continued our impressive team display by working extremely hard right up until the end of the game. However Riddlesdown pressure got through and they scored from a corner as the ball rebounded to their striker who tapped it in. We held out for the final 2

minutes and **won 2-1**. This is great preparation for our Croydon cup quarter final match next week. Excellent team performance Year 8! (Mr Brett).

**Year 7 and 8 girls** football teams played in the tournament this week and beat Coloma. There was also girls Netball against Oasis Shirley and today the Year 9 and 10s are out representing us in Rugby!



See the PE department to be part of the action and to know when fixtures are. Also check out the new lunchtime clubs.



## Safeguarding spotlight

### Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse:

Life can be tricky and there are many challenges to keeping a good mental health. **Kooth** –provide free, anonymous mental health support online for young people. You can access their website: [Home - Kooth](#)

This is a helpful starting point for children who are trying to manage and understand their mental health and navigate low mood and anxiety. It is important that young people can understand their thoughts and feelings to ensure that the support they access is right for them. All children will experience positive and negative mental health, and the solution is not a one size fits all, and often takes a few goes of trial and error before finding the right support.

Kooth have put together some useful videos of how to access their support:

[Demo of website for parents/carers](#)

[Demo shows students how the website looks and how to navigate it](#)

[Muslim mental health](#)

[Exam stress workshop](#)

[Bereavement and managing grief](#)



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 been working hard on the launch of their posters and website. They are looking to present some of their work to date to parents at a Parent forum next Wednesday @4pm



## Parental Voice!

Thankyou for continued feedback: Please let us know of achievements of students outside Quest so we can celebrate them.

**PARENT FORUM!** These are vital so we are looking to have our next one on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March @4pm here at Quest**. The focus will be on Antibullying and include a presentation by some of our Anti bullying ambassador. We are also launching a questionnaire to see what topics you want covered at the next forum in the Summer terms.



### 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](mailto:inclusion@thequestacademy.org.uk) with requests for uniform items, or to make a donation.**

The Astro rota is under constant review as we want all participants to have a safe experience: We are looking to reshuffle some of the years as it's used more by some year groups than others, so there might be a few changes in the future!

Week A

Monday	Year 8	Year 9	Year 11
Tuesday	Year 7		Year 10
Wednesday	Year 8	Year 9	Year 11
Thursday	Year 7		Year 10
Friday	Year 8	Year 9	Year 11

Lunchtime Clubs

Week A	Indoor Clubs	Outdoor Clubs
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS4 Table Tennis (Mr Bevan)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball (Mr Brett)</li> <li>Astro Football: KS3</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Games (Ms Alagoa, G4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Astro Football: KS4</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Club (Mrs Erwee, G6)</li> <li>KS4 Debate Club (Mr G, G4)</li> <li>Drama Club (Mr Baptist, G8)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Astro Football: KS3</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Club (Mrs Erwee, G6)</li> <li>KS3 Movie Club (Ms Manuel, S15)</li> <li>French &amp; Spanish Club (Mr Ble &amp; Miss Thomas, G4)</li> <li>KS4 Table Tennis (Mr Bevan)</li> <li>Diversity Club (Ms Rose, F5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Astro Football: KS4</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS3 Table Tennis (Mr Brett, Activity Studio)</li> <li>KS3 Daley Creators (Ms Daley, G5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Astro Football: KS3</li> </ul>

Also: there are new lunchtime clubs launching: This is for week A, with more in the pipeline

## 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 12 /13	Ms Lawmann	Ms Thomas
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 13<sup>th</sup> March (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

<b>7H1</b>	<b>7H2</b>	<b>7L1</b>	<b>7L2</b>	<b>7S1</b>	<b>7S2</b>
93.5%	97%	95%	98%	88.7%	98.26%

<b>8H1</b>	<b>8H2</b>	<b>8L1</b>	<b>8L2</b>	<b>8S1</b>	<b>8S2</b>
98%	92.5%	97.92%	95.91%	87.39%	89.57%

<b>9H1</b>	<b>9H2</b>	<b>9L1</b>	<b>9L2</b>	<b>9S1</b>	<b>9S2</b>
91.43%	92.14%	93.93%	93.21%	96.67%	95%

<b>10H1</b>	<b>10H2</b>	<b>10L1</b>	<b>10L2</b>	<b>10S1</b>	<b>10S2</b>
86.07%	91.07%	89.29%	86.9%	92.73%	88.64%

<b>11H1</b>	<b>11H2</b>	<b>11L1</b>	<b>11L2</b>	<b>11S1</b>	<b>11S2</b>
89.2%	90%	92.12%	93.45%	92.92%	85.25%

<b>12.1</b>	<b>12.2</b>
89.15%	88.67%

<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.2</b>
88.52%	92.34%

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

## Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

**Week Beginning 23rd March 2026: (Week A)** the focus this week is **Being Nice and Self Awareness**.

**Heads up of things coming up from our calendar:**

**MARCH 27<sup>th</sup> – ACADEMY DAY! (and last day of term)**

Year 7- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 Parents evening

Year 8 – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Parents evening

Year 11 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Parents evening (Virtual)



# Term Dates 2025 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Easter Holiday – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

SUMMER TERM 2026

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

*(Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – Academy closed to students)*

Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

End of Summer Term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (last day)

Summer Holiday – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

**More from the Quest next week Ms G Chenery**

**NEXT WEEK 23rd MARCH 2026 is WEEK A**

