



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines



We have made it to the end of the Spring term- it's gone quickly with many exciting events happening. At the point of publishing this our second Academy Day is in full swing so the next edition will have photos and updates! This week saw a trip to Selhurst Park and Year 11 have not 1 but 2 plays performed for them! This follows a successful parents evening.

- Year 11
- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10

Year 11 will be first in for lunch on our return. Thankyou for all your support, we all wish you and your families a wonderful break and look forward to seeing pupils back on:

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Magic breakfast is available for all from 9am

Celebrations and Events!



Assembly this week all years were treated to a performance from our wonderful school choir. It's great to see this growing in numbers.



Talent Show! A snapshot of lastweek fabulous event!

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.



Palace for Life Trip:



The Year 7s enjoyed an amazing morning at **Selhurst Park** as they wrapped up their Palace for Life 'Teammates' programme. They took part in their final workshop, which focused on looking at the progress each student has made during the programme. After our

workshop we were given an all access tour of the stadium as we sat in the stands, team dugouts, changing rooms and media centre. All students left with smiles on their faces as they could walk in the steps of Premier league footballers and coaches. All students were extremely them this amazing opportunity. We look forward to the next time we visit with the next cohort of students who take part in the programme. (Mr Brett and Mr Pace)



Creative Writing competition ALL YEARS: 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 17th 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 or you can hand in to Ms Chenery

Student Leadership

Student leadership continues to be a beacon at our school.



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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:

**Cheer leaders! Pioneers
in the new club!**

Evie Year 9 Nuno Year 8
for support at Parent forum

**Year 9 and 10 Ruby
players**

Year 8 Footballers



Sports and clubs

This Tuesday our **Year 8 football** team took on Riddlesdown "A" team in our league fixture. I understand that after leading for much of the game Quest lost in the final minutes, which was a shame, but great match.



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:

As we approach the two-week Easter Break, please see guidance about how to stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

Staying safe online

- Limit the time you spend on social media and try to avoid “doom scrolling”
- Be careful about the personal information you share online
- Make sure you can verify who you are speaking to

Staying safe out and about

- Communicate with your parent/carer about where you are going and know when your curfew is
- Keep your phone charged so you can stay in touch with parent/carers
- Make sure you have your oyster card topped up for travel

Look after yourself

- Check in on your friends and be kind to one another
- Reach out to a parent/carer if you feel worried about something
- Access [Home - Kooth](#) for additional support
- Book yourself a place with P4YE HAF Easter Club (see poster)



The poster for the HAF Easter Club event features a green and blue background with circular images of children at a table, a DJ, a group of children, and a ping pong table. Text on the poster includes: 'HAF EASTER CLUB', 'P4YE PROJECT 4 YOUTH EMPOWERMENT', 'MONDAY 30TH MARCH - THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026', '12PM - 4PM', 'LIMITED SPACES!', 'BOOK ON HAF PLATFORM IN ADVANCE OR CONTACT:', 'STEPH 07958 040262', 'WAYNE 07727 277431', '45 COOMBE RD CROYDON CR0 1BQ', and 'CROYDON HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD'.

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/>



Magic breakfast is available for all from 8am (9am on 13th April due to later start)

Anti-bullying

The Quest Anti-bullying ambassadors: Thankyou to all our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who have produced these posters for around the school:

Representatives also gave a presentation at the Parent forum on the work so far. Thankyou to all of you who worked on the presentation and for **Evie** for presenting it and **Nuno** for answering questions.

There are lots of things in the pipeline for the team. I am proud of how much they have achieved in a short space of time.



Parental Voice!

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

PARENT FORUM! Thank you to the parents (and children) who attended our parent forum with Ms Thomas and Ms Chenery. As ever the input from parents is vital. Future features here will include information on what is included in Free school meals as this was raised as needing clarity.



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. This link is also on the Website.

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!

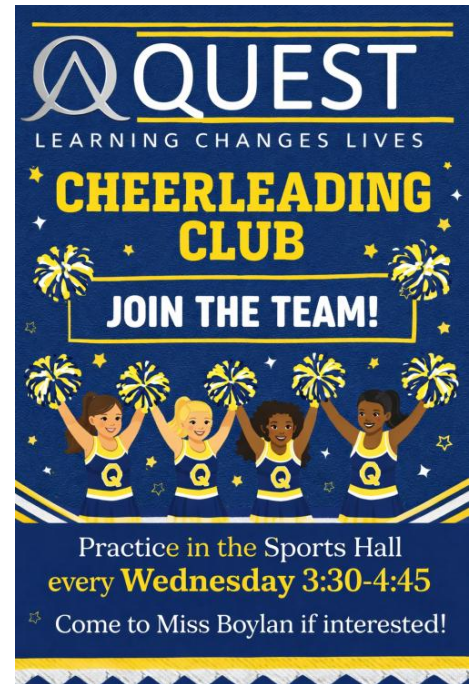
Week B

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

Lunchtime Clubs

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

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



New Club alert! This week our pioneers joined our new CHEERLEADING club!



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

Go Quest! The Department of education has recognised the work that we as the whole community have been doing on attendance so a HUGE thank you. In the last fortnight there have been over 33 meetings between parents and our pastoral team to support.

Below is the process we have put in place to ensure a supportive and proactive approach to improving and maintain attendance.



Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 13th April 2026: (Week B) the focus this week is **Review and Next steps** and celebrating achievements.

Heads up of things coming up from our calendar:

13th April PLEASE NOTE first day back has a later start for pupils **9:30 to allow for staff training. (Glass gates will open @9am).**

Year 7- 21st May 2026 Parents evening
Year 8 – 7th May 2026 Parents evening
Year 11 26th March 2026 Parents evening (Virtual)

Year celebration events (will be shared next term)



Term Dates 2025 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

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 BACK 13th APRIL 2026 is WEEK B



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