



The Quest Connect!

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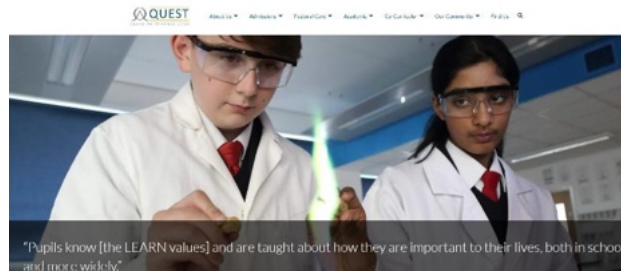
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Headlines

Welcome back to our summer term! It's hard to believe how the year has flown by. This is such an important time of year for exams. **Year 8** had their exams this week, **Year 10** have theirs the week after next and of course our **Year 11** and **Year 13** (and **some Year 12**) have their final exams. Year 10 will be first for lunch next week.

Keep an eye on our website as we are refreshing pages. All the "back catalogue" of Quest Connects are there as well!



"Pupils know [the LEARN values] and are taught about how they are important to their lives, both in school and more widely."

Year 10

Year 11

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Celebrations and Events!

Academy day took place on the last day of term with students visiting a variety of museums and heritage sites such as the Science Museum, Tower Bridge and Rochester Castle.



The year 11 were on site at The Academy and were treated to two theatre performances from The Globe Players: "Romeo and Juliet" and "Jekell and Hyde" which supports their studies for GCSE English. The visitors were really impressed by our students!



"What a great experience we all had this morning, all of the actors agreed it was a delight to perform to your students. They were so responsive in a mature and focused manor. They were a supportive and engaged audience who really helped us to lift the performances...if only every school we visited were so easy and positive!" (Globe Players)



Well done Year 11 and thanks to Ms Connolly and Mr Henry for arranging this for you all.



Creative Writing competition ALL YEARS: Entries are now all in and results will be shared next week! There have been some breath-taking entries so far!

Reminder: How to sign up for music lessons:

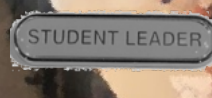
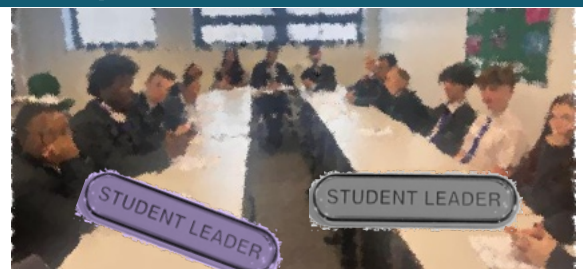
If you have been inspired and want to learn an instrument or just get better at one you play already here is how to sign up through Croydon Music and Arts (CMA).
Go to <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/> - select 'Learn with us' ->'Learn an instrument in school'. Or use the QR code below.



Congratulations to **Jack H in Year 7** as he took part in a recent **Marital Arts Competition Nova Grappling** against many other competitors in the area and won second place! We are all really proud of him as this sport requires real self discipline, respect and strength as well as quick thinking, calmness and skill, all excellent life skills.

Student Leadership

Student leadership has achieved a lot this year. As we enter the exams though we are mind full of extra stress on these students, especially our President, so the team will be on a recess until after the exam period.



Achievement Leaders

Each student is collecting **merits** for their own records and for the Year competition. This week those achieving the “**4 star Standard**” from last term were celebrated. Look out for those extra blazer badges!



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:

Dante Year 7 – helping another student find their glasses

Jack H Year7- 2nd place in martial art competition.

Year 11- Production company said how AMAZING you were on Academy Day!

All the authors of the excellent short story entries- so impressed with all the writing.

Savannah Year 9- Helpful to Ms Chenery thankyou



Sports and clubs

As we enter the summer term there are new after school sport clubs to reflect the change in the weather.

Day	Club	Year group
Monday	Cheer	All
Tuesday	Cricket	All
Tuesday	Tennis/Pickleball	All
Wednesday	Cheer	All
Thursday	Rounders	All
Friday	Athletics	KS3/4
Friday	Trampolining	All years



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

Safeguarding spotlight

Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse:

Ignite Young Minds is an organisation that works with young people to support their personal development, confidence, and engagement with school. Through structured mentoring sessions, students are supported to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Develop positive attitudes towards learning
- Improve behaviour and decision-making
- Strengthen communication and social skills

The programme is designed to support students in reaching their full potential, both academically and personally, and has already created fantastic outcomes for other students within our trust. Ignite Young Minds will be working with a select group of students each term and will also be immersing themselves into our school community and supporting all students during break and lunch times.



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 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

SEND spotlight



Inclusion is at the heart of what we do here at Quest. I know many were sorry when our SENCO left recently but we are delighted to welcome Ms Johnson to the Quest family. As well as being SENCO Ms Johnson will also be teaching English so I know you will all welcome her.

Hello, My name is Jo Johnson, and I am the newly appointed Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) here at The Quest Academy. I will be working closely with you, your child's teachers, and outside agencies to make sure we provide the best possible support for your child. If you do have any worries or concerns, please feel free to contact me. jjohnson@thequestacademy.org.uk.

Anti-bullying

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



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. Keep an eye on the website!



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:

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"> KS4 Table Tennis (Mr Bevan) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball (Mr Brett) Astro Football: KS3
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Games (Ms Alagoa, G4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astro Football: KS4
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Club (Mrs Erwee, G6) KS4 Debate Club (Mr G, G4) Drama Club (Mr Baptist, G8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astro Football: KS3
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: KS4
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS3 Table Tennis (Mr Brett, Activity Studio) KS3 Daley Creators (Ms Daley, G5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astro Football: KS3

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

Parents raised they were aware of 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 in attendance so a HUGE thank you.

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

Attendance this week: Tutor Groups

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
93%	99%	95.45%	100%	85%	94.78%
8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
95.6%	95.42%	97.6%	91.9%	86.96%	92.17%
9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
85.71%	93.33%	87.59%	95.36%	91.85%	87.59%
10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
84.64%	91.43%	93.57%	91.03%	91.35%	87.78%
11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
96.67%	91.07%	91.67%	96.79%	96.67%	85.56%
12.1	12.2			13.1	13.2
83.33%	82.43%			83.94%	87.37%

Well done to the tutor groups highlighted in **Yellow!** You have achieved over 95% which is our end of year target. A huge shout out goes to **7L2** – Your Tutees will be sent a letter and 100% certificate this week!



Brain Gym!

As well as the many talents our students have they also have a great sense of humour! Each week I will put the best jokes I have heard this week!

What is a little bear with no teeth is called?

A Gummy bear!

What is a pizza's favourite type of jokes?

Cheesy ones!

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 20th April 2026: (Week A) the focus this week is **Independence**, and how we can be responsible for own decisions and self confidence to navigate life. Assembly will be thinking about the impact Shakespeare has had on our lives.

Heads up of things coming up from our calendar:

Year 7- 21st May 2026 Parents evening

Year 8 – 7th May 2026 Parents evening



Term Dates 2025 / 2026

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 20th APRIL 2026 is WEEK A

