



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

Another week has passed and more exciting achievements of our students. Our **Year 8 footballers** go from strength to strength, there is news from our Cadets latest Adventures in the Isle of Wight and we have had assemblies celebrating Shakespeare's birthday from Ms Connolly, reflecting on his influence and relevance even today. **Year 9**

had a workshop on careers, a theme that will continue into activities next week.

Year 10 have their exam week next week and we know how hard they have been preparing for these. To support them **Year 10** will be in first for lunch this week (week B).

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

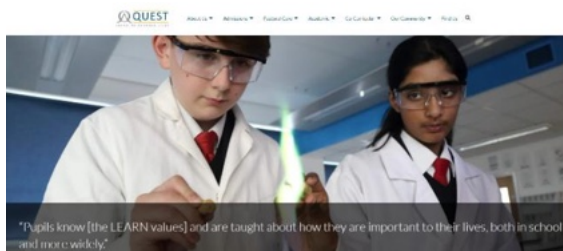
Year 10

Year 9

Year 11

Year 7

Year 8



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

there as well!

Celebrations and Events!

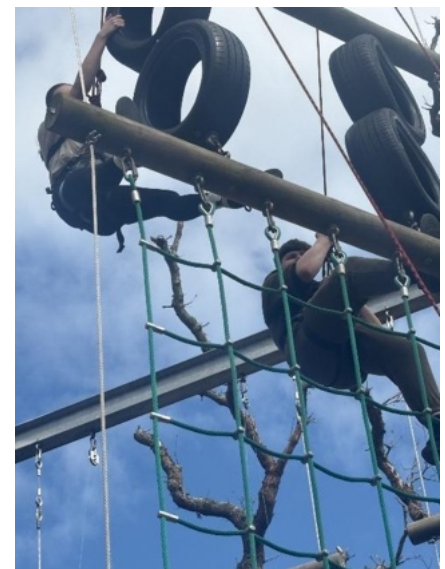


Our Cadets took part in an event held in the Isle of Wight over the Easter break. Thank you to Ms Rose for giving your time to support them.



They were of course brilliant ambassadors for our school.

'Our cadets had an amazing time on the Isle of Wight at the PGL centre. They participated in many of the games like the Trapeze, the Giant Swing, Vertical Wall Challenge, Combat Laser. Mason S was our winner for the day!' Ms Rose.



Any students interested in joining the Cadets and or the Duke of Edinburgh programme, please see Ms Rose.

'Going on the PGL trip to Isle of Wight was the best thing! Jack

'I enjoyed the breakfast every day, as well as the Trapeze'

'Going with all the CCF cadets made it more fun' Mason

'I really enjoyed the giant swing' Josiah

'I got the chance to prove to myself, how far I could go' Lily



Creative Writing competition ALL YEARS: Entries are now all in and results were due this week. However due to the number and standard we will share the results next week and also a way we can share these amazing stories with you all. We would like students to use these skills and start to take over the production of our weekly Quest Connect.....

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.



Student Leadership

Student leadership has achieved a lot this year, from uniform changes, to signing up to the HALO project to working across the trust with other schools and playing a vital role in our interview processes.

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 form and 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:

Doyle and Archie Year 8 Being selected for Croydon Under 13 football and scoring twice in the first game against Sutton. This is an amazing achievement! We are so proud of you.

Our Cadets who took part in the Camp on the Isle of Wight over Easter.

Year 8 Football team for amazing 6-0 victory and chance at the league title!

All the authors of the excellent short story entries- so impressed with the quality and creativity of writing.



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

The Cheerleaders are working hard and perfecting routines! You would never know they have only been a team for a few weeks!



Congratulations Year 8 Footballers! Home game against Archbishop Tenison 6-0 WIN!!!

Quest started off strong as we pressed from the front scoring 2 quick fire goals in the first half. As we continued to display our excellent team pressing we created a lot of chances for everyone on the pitch to score as we went into half time in the lead, feeling confident and comfortable.

We continued our press in the second half as we did not allow the opposing team a way out of their half. We continued to score goals as their defence could not cope with the pressure and chances we continued to make. Quest ended the game with a **6-0 win** and a well deserved clean sheet for the defence as we played with makeshift keepers both halves but did not allow their strikers a chance at goal. The win means we have a potential of winning the league if all results fall our way. Mr Brett.



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

Safeguarding spotlight

Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse:

We have recently updated our website. For all safeguarding and e-safety information please follow this link: [Safeguarding & eSafety - The Quest AcademyThe Quest Academy](#)

There is an option at the bottom of the page to report a safeguarding concern, should you need to do so. All concerns will be read by the safeguarding team. Once submitted, someone will be in contact with you to discuss this further. We do offer for information to be anonymised, however please be mindful that this may limit the scope of our investigation and support.

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



This week our SEND focus is on dyslexia, raising awareness, celebrating strengths, and deepening understanding across our school community.

Dyslexia is often associated with challenges in reading and spelling, but it is equally important to recognise the many strengths linked to dyslexic thinking. Many individuals with dyslexia demonstrate creativity, problem-solving skills, and an ability to see the “bigger picture” in ways that others may not.

There are many well-known individuals including Tom Holland, Albert Einstein, and Keira Knightley. Their success highlights that dyslexia does not limit potential. At school, we continue to support our students by recognising both their needs and their strengths. By fostering inclusive teaching approaches and celebrating different ways of thinking, we aim to ensure that every student can thrive. If you would like further information, please contact the Send team or look at the following sites:

www.bdadyslexia.org.uk
www.madebydyslexia.org



Anti-bullying

The Quest Anti-bullying ambassadors: Thank you 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!

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

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.



Free School Meals: provide eligible children with nutritious meals during the school day, supporting their health, learning, and wellbeing.

Eligibility

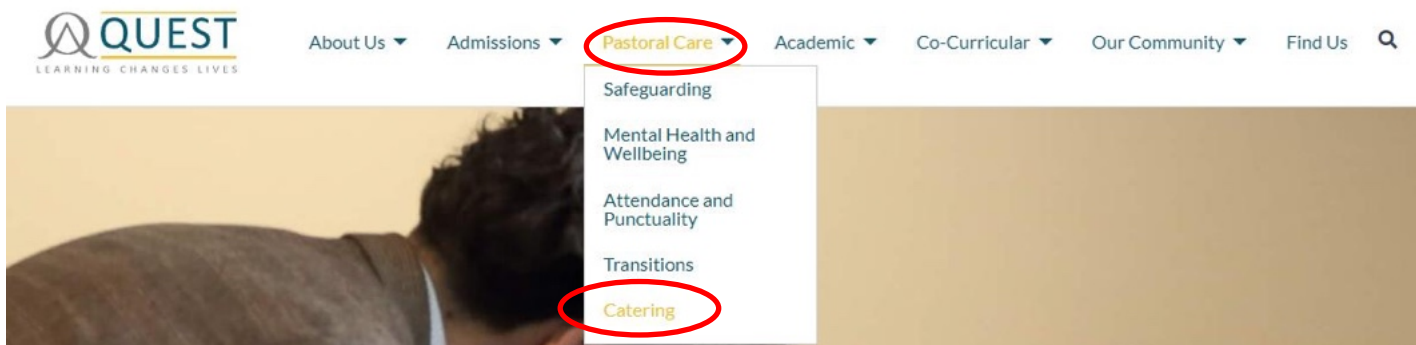
Children are eligible for free school meals if their families receive certain benefits, including Universal Credit, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or other qualifying support. From September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will automatically qualify, regardless of income thresholds.

Following a request from Parent Forum, "what is actually included?" I have spoken to our catering manager to clarify and they have confirmed that: Free School Meals provides:

£2:61 every day, which will purchase a hot main meal and a desert or this money towards other options, which will require a top up to their accounts. They can spend this in the canteen at either break or lunch time.



More information on applying for Free School Meals and menus can be found on our website under the "Pastoral Care" tab then select "catering".



The Astro rota is under constant review as we want all participants to have a safe experience:

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

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

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	

Funding for more table tennis tables has been applied for so fingers crossed we will be able to say that we have secured this soon!

Who is who? At the Quest

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

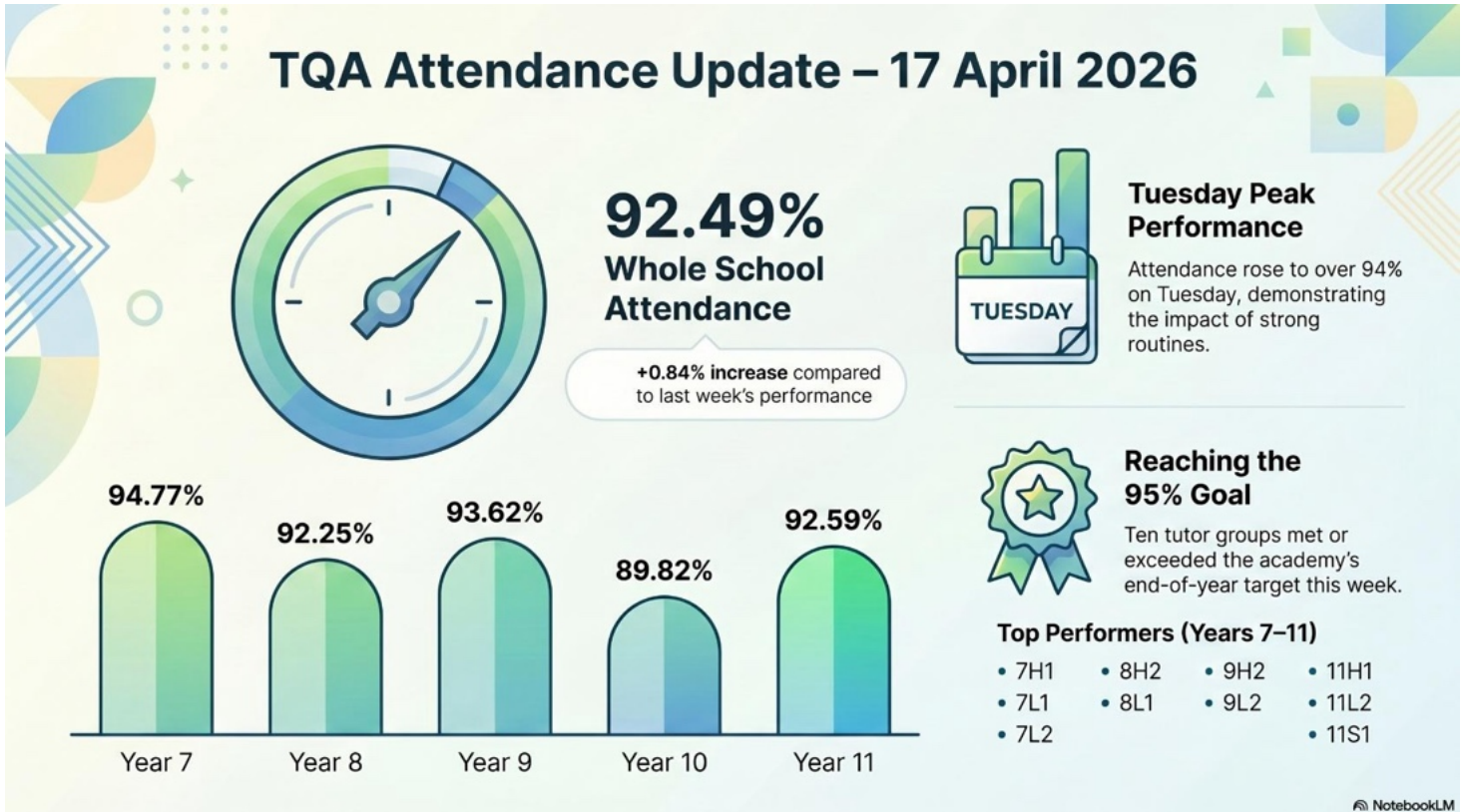
Ms Dean – Deputy Principal

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



Brain Gym!



Thanks to Lilly in Year 7 for jokes this week!

What do you call a fake noodle?

an impasta

Why did the picture frame go to jail?

.....because it was framed

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 27th April 2026: (Week B) the focus this week is **Empowerment and Confidence!** We will be considering career paths and assemblies will focus on "Media World Press Freedom Day" which is very topical with current world events.

Heads up of things coming up from our calendar:

1st July -Sports Award Evening

7th July -**Year 7** and **Year 8** Celebration evening

8th July - **Year 9** and **10** Celebration evening

11th July – Year 11 and Q6 Celebration evening



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 24th APRIL 2026 is WEEK B

