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## Executive Principal's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this we are on the threshold of public examinations for years 11 and 13. We are working extremely hard to ensure that they are well prepared and achieve all

that they are capable of this summer. Indications from the recent Mock examinations are that they are poised to do very well, but we are not complacent.

In this final preparation period you can support your sons and daughters by ensuring that they attend school every day, are well hydrated and rested and that they have a quiet place to do additional revision at home. In my recent assemblies to both year groups I emphasised a number of points: 1) 'effort achieves' - those who put the most work in now and make sacrifices to their usual activities will do best; 2) students in year 13 should aim for 5 hours of study per week outside of their lessons for each of their subjects and year 11 students should aim for 2 hours of study per week outside of their lessons for each of their subjects and that 3) help is always on hand from our expert staff, so they must ask at the earliest opportunity if they have any concerns at all.

Research suggests that one of the most effective ways to revise is simply to practice individual questions repeatedly until they get a mark they are happy with. This builds confidence, assists with time management and reduces anxiety when the real exams come around. I do wish all our students the very best for these examinations and look forward to celebrating their successes on the results days in August. This time of year is an appropriate time to reflect on the principles of 'kindness' and 'service to others'. Research on happiness indicates that those who are kind to others and who support others even when they haven't been asked to do so are amongst the happiest people.

I hope that many of our young people will embrace those principles and help develop our community spirit further.



**Mr A Crofts, BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH, NPQEL**  
Executive Principal

## Website Update Notice

We're pleased to share that the The Quest Academy website has recently had a major update.

The refreshed site has been redesigned to improve navigation and make it easier to find key information. Areas such as Curriculum, Admissions, Safeguarding, Policies, Careers, and News & Events have been updated, with clearer layouts and more accessible content. The site is also now easier to use across mobile, tablet, and desktop devices.

You'll find improved access to important information including term dates, student support, key contacts, and statutory documents. As this is a large update, some sections are still being finalised and will continue to be updated.

Please do have a browse and should you have any questions, please do email Mr Henry.

**View the website here:**  
<https://thequestacademy.org.uk/>



## Attendance continues to rise!

We're pleased to share a positive update on attendance at the The Quest Academy. Our current whole school attendance is 92.5%, placing us in the **top 40% of schools nationally**.

Even more encouragingly, we are on track to be over 3% higher than last academic year, showing strong and sustained improvement across the school. This progress reflects the collective effort of our students, families, and staff, alongside a continued focus on promoting the importance of regular attendance.

Strong attendance is vital for academic progress, wellbeing, and ensuring students can fully engage in all aspects of school life. We will continue to work closely with families and provide support where needed to maintain and further improve attendance.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our students attend regularly and succeed.





Students from the The Quest Academy recently had the exciting opportunity to visit Berlin as part of a memorable international trip.

During their time in Berlin, students explored the city's rich history and culture, visiting key landmarks and deepening their understanding of Germany's past and present. Highlights included learning about the impact of the Berlin Wall, experiencing local traditions, and developing independence while navigating a new city.

The trip provided a valuable opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, build confidence, and apply their learning beyond the classroom. They represented the school exceptionally well and demonstrated maturity, curiosity, and respect throughout the visit. We are incredibly proud of all students involved and look forward to offering more opportunities like this in the future.

We would like to thank the staff who supported and accompanied the trip. Their dedication and care ensured a safe and enriching experience for all students.

### Trip to the Theatre



Students recently enjoyed an exciting visit to the Peacock Theatre to watch a lively performance of Cinderella Pantomime. Students particularly enjoyed the colourful costumes, energetic performances and the chance to be part of a pantomime atmosphere. Visits like this play an important role in enriching students' learning, offering valuable cultural experiences and bringing the arts to life beyond the classroom.

### Hospitality and Catering Trip to Borough Market



Our Hospitality and Catering students recently took part in an inspiring visit to Borough Market. During the trip, students explored a wide variety of stalls, discovering fresh produce, international cuisines and artisan products. They had the opportunity to speak with traders, learn about ingredients, and see first-hand how quality food is sourced, prepared and presented.

Experiences like this continue to support and inspire our students as they develop their skills and knowledge in Hospitality and Catering.

### What Career? What University? Live



Our Sixth Form students recently attended the What Career? What University? Live at Olympia London.

This national event brings together universities, employers and apprenticeship providers, giving students the chance to explore their future pathways all in one place. Throughout the day, students attended seminars, spoke directly with representatives, and gathered valuable information about courses, careers and application routes. The experience helped students to better understand their options after Sixth Form, whether that be university, apprenticeships or entering the world of work, and supported them in making informed decisions about their next steps.

### Palace for Life Stadium Tour



Students involved in the Palace for Life programme recently had the exciting opportunity to visit Crystal Palace FC and tour their home ground, Selhurst Park. During the visit, students explored behind the scenes of a professional football club, including areas not usually open to the public. They learned more about the club's history, the match day experience, and the wide range of careers available within the football industry. The trip was both inspiring and informative, giving students a unique insight into the world of professional sport and reinforcing the valuable opportunities provided through the Palace for Life Foundation programme.

## Apply for our Sixth Form (Q6)

Thinking about your next step after GCSEs? Q6 Sixth Form offers the perfect environment to help you succeed and prepare for your future.



### At Q6, you'll benefit from:

- A wide range of A Level and vocational courses
- Strong academic support from experienced teachers
- A modern Sixth Form centre with dedicated study and social spaces
- Opportunities for leadership, enrichment, and career development

We are proud of our students' success, with many progressing to university, apprenticeships, and exciting career pathways. If you're ready to challenge yourself and achieve your ambitions, Q6 is the place for you.

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**Be ambitious. Be successful. Be Q6.**

## Year 11's remain unbeaten in the League!

Our Year 11 team secured a fantastic 2-1 victory over local rivals Lanfranc Academy to remain unbeaten in the league. In a closely contested and high-energy match, the team showed great resilience and determination throughout. Diego calmly converted a penalty to give the team the lead, before Taylor produced a stunning long-range strike to secure all three points. Defensively, the team remained organised and disciplined under pressure, showing real maturity to manage the game in the closing stages.

Their work rate, communication, and commitment were clear throughout, with every player contributing to an excellent team performance. The result reflects the squad's continued progress this season, highlighting their teamwork, discipline, and growing confidence. A brilliant win that keeps the unbeaten run going and builds strong momentum heading into the next fixtures.



## Live Theatre at The Quest Academy!



A visiting theatre company performed *Romeo & Juliet* and *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* at the The Quest Academy to support Year 11 with their GCSE texts.

The engaging performances brought key scenes to life, helping students develop a deeper understanding of characters, themes, and context. Through live performance, students were able to see how tension, emotion, and dramatic techniques are used, supporting their analysis and interpretation. This experience has helped to build confidence and strengthen their preparation as they approach their final exams.

## Y8 Welcome London Lifesavers to TQA!



Year 8 students at The Quest Academy recently took part in an engaging and practical session delivered by London Lifesavers, an organisation that works with schools to teach essential life-saving first aid skills. During the visit, students learned how to recognise emergencies, respond calmly and confidently, understand the basics of CPR, and know when and how to call for emergency help.

The session was hands-on, informative, and empowering, helping students realise that they can make a real difference in serious situations. Our Year 8s showed excellent focus and maturity throughout, and many left feeling more confident and prepared to help others if needed.

## Year 11 Work Experience (September 2026)



Current Year 10 students at the The Quest Academy will be required to organise four days of work experience as they move

into Year 11. This will take place from Tuesday 1st September to Friday 4th September 2026, with students returning to school after the summer break on Monday 7th September 2026.

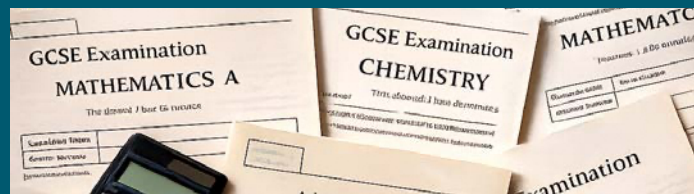
Work experience is a vital part of our careers programme, helping students develop key employability skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and independence. It also gives students valuable insight into the expectations of the workplace, helping them to explore career interests and make more informed decisions about their future pathways. Importantly, work experience can strengthen applications for sixth form, college, and apprenticeships, as it demonstrates commitment, initiative, and real-world understanding.

Students can also draw on these experiences when writing personal statements or preparing for interviews. Students are expected to secure their own placements, building independence and resilience, with guidance provided throughout. All information, steps, and support can be accessed via our online platform, Unifrog. Parents and carers can also scan the QR code to access the full work experience letter and key information. We encourage students to begin exploring placements early to secure a meaningful and relevant experience.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Careers Lead, Mr Henry, who will be able to assist you further.



## Good Luck to our GCSE and A-Level Students!



We would like to wish all students at the The Quest Academy the very best of luck as they begin their GCSE and A-Level examinations. This is an important milestone in your academic journey and an opportunity to demonstrate the hard work, resilience, and determination you have shown throughout the year. Remember to stay calm, focused, and organised during this period - preparation and a positive mindset will make a real difference.

Trust in your abilities, approach each exam with confidence, and take pride in the effort you have put in to reach this point. We are incredibly proud of your commitment and perseverance.

## Year 11 Prom



We are excited to be celebrating our Year 11 Prom on 10th July, with over 130 tickets already sold - it promises to be a fantastic evening to mark the end of their journey at The Quest Academy.

To help ensure every student can fully enjoy this special event, we are kindly asking for donations of prom dresses, suits, shoes or accessories. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and will help support students who may need a little extra help preparing for the night. Thank you in advance for your support in making this a memorable occasion for all.

## Dates for your Diary!

### TERM DATES

#### SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 17th July 2026  
(Monday 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday)

#### Half-Term

Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

#### End of Summer Term

Friday 17th July

#### Summer Holiday

Monday 20th July to Friday 28th August

### AUTUMN TERM 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026

Staff INSET Day - Tuesday 1st September

Year 7 and Year 12 only - Wednesday 2nd September

Open to all students - Wednesday 3rd September

#### Half-Term

Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October

End of Autumn Term - Friday 18th December

#### Christmas Holiday

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

### SPRING TERM 2027

Monday 4th January - Thursday 25th March 2027

#### Half Term

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

#### Easter Holiday

Friday 26th March - Friday 10th April