



The Quest Connect!

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Headlines

This feels like a bumper edition this week! There is the choir going from strength to strength, **Year 10 exams**, sporting events and finally some nicer weather. We have had visiting speakers for careers and “healthy relationships” talks with **Year 9** and our cadets again taking part in exciting events. We are of course entering the exam phase with years 11, 12 and 13 sitting those exams to open the doors to their next chapters. We are proud of how well they have been working. On May 1st we came together as a school community to remember the life of **Daniel Qevani**, a valued and much missed student.

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 7

Year 8 in first for lunch this week.

Remember Monday 4th is a Bank Holiday, so the Academy is closed.

Celebrations and Events!



Quest Flying high!

Congratulations to Juhitha in **Year 13** who flew in an aircraft this week for part of her RAF Cadets training. Cadets will typically fly Grob Tutor T1 for powered flying and the Viking T1 for conventional gliding. This is an amazing achievement.

Any students interested in joining the Cadets and or the Duke of

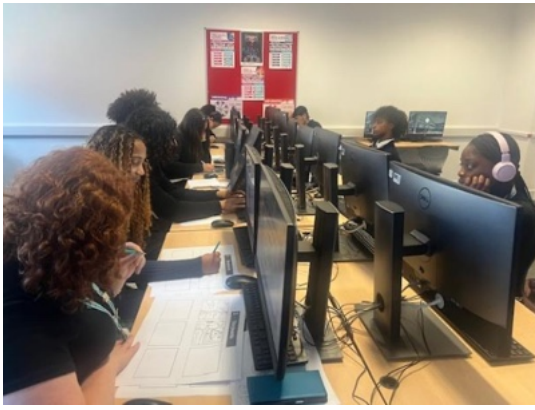
Edinburgh award, please see Ms Rose.



Last week **Year 9** had a visiting speaker to consider “Healthy Relationships.

Thankyou to Ms Flanagan for arranging: They were impressed with our Year 9s

” I just wanted to say a massive thank you today for arranging the 'Healthy Relationship' talks. I was impressed with the way in which the pupils responded and made the session interactive and interesting. (S Ray CEO)



More from **Quest 6** as Ms Lawmann wanted to say a well done to the Year 12 Creative digital media production students, who are currently working on translating their film script ideas into storyboards.

Also for Q6 students, there is this opportunity for paid work placement that might be of interest to some.



WANT A 6-WEEK PAID WORK PLACEMENT THIS SUMMER?

What is it?
A paid and supported 5-week summer job for young people aged 16-20 who are facing challenges.*

"Recently, my life... hasn't been the most positive thing. So, it was just nice to see everyone was excited around me that I'm doing something good" Summer Jobs Participant

Why take part? Paid work Real experience
Skills and confidence Support throughout

How to get involved?
You can refer yourself, or speak to a youth worker or support organisation.

Where?
Across England and Wales (selected areas)
The organisation leading the programme in your area is
Sculpt UK

Find out more and apply:
bit.ly/SummerJobs-REFER
Or contact
leah.pinter@sculptuk.org

THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAMME

*Eligibility criteria apply

Creative Writing competition RESULTS! ALL YEARS: These have been amazing- if fact we have had to add more prizes as we have been so bowled over by the creativity and standard of these. This is definitely something we will run again. Well done to:

Zoe Year 11 First Place (£20 Amazon voucher)

Faith Year 7 Second Place (£10 Amazon voucher)

Elizabeth Year 7 Third Place (£5 Amazon voucher + chocolate)

Highly commended **Maksymilian** Year 9, **Sienna** Year 7, **Paige** Year 7, **Tabithia** Year 9,

Danilia Year 10 (£5 Amazon voucher)

All have been put forward to receive a Head Teachers commendation too.

Prizes will be given to you next week inschool. Thankyou for all taking part.

Quest Science Week 27th April – 4th May

This year's theme is
Curiosity: what's your question?

Year 7 and 8 will be making models in science lessons and a prize will be awarded to the winning group in each year

TQA Science Fair:
- Wednesday 6th May (15:25 – 16:00)
Science Fair S1

SCIENCE WEEK
CURIOSITY: WHAT'S YOUR QUESTION?

Quest Science week has also been running this week with Curiosity as a theme. There is a Science Fair after school on Wednesday in S1. Ask your science teacher for more details.

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.



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:

Ollie P Selected for Croydon District Under 13 football and already played a game. This is an amazing achievement! We are so proud of you.




Juhitha in year 13 who flew in an aircraft

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



This week on our Quest displays Ms Sami shared the first, second and third places in each year group for **achievement points** I thought you might all like to see this too as so many of our students work hard each and every day, making us proud. Amazing how many students are on the same number of achievement points so it's a close run thing!



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	Max P	Savannah A-E	Amelia L	Mckayla A Aaliyah M	Summer G Kacper O
	Janelle D	Ethan G Lucas S Kiara T Heston H Ricky-Junior B Akingbade J	Aaron O Angel O	Khoi N Shiar H Yasmin B	Kayleigh L
	Roman C Mason C	Stanley G Maygol G-M Ollie P Sumayah A Evie A Kenny A Jacob S	Arham M	Aronya P Abdurahim K	Florence L Anna P Ellie G Jude M Nashara A Ellia B Nene J Gabriella O Faye S Sarah S Chole A Zoe B Gracie M Esther O Cassis B Maciej S

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.



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



News from our Quest Choir!

Our Year 7–9 choir recently took part in an exciting workshop at Riddlesdown School, where they joined forces with the Riddlesdown choir for a fantastic day of music-making. Led by Rachel Maby from The Sixteen – a world-renowned choir – students worked with a professional musician to develop their vocal skills. After a long (and very steep!) walk uphill to get there, they threw themselves into learning three new pieces: *Stargazing* by Myles Smith, *Bright Morning Stars Are Rising*, and *There Must Be An Angel*. Impressively, they sang in three-part harmony, showing great teamwork and musical skill. It was a brilliant experience for all involved! Our

students sang beautifully and we are very proud! A big thank you Andrei for coming with us and helping out! Ms Erwee

Rounders club! Thursday: This looked like great fun!

It was great to see all years taking part! The weather this week has really helped I think! I know Ms Flanagan is looking to put together a tournament between the years so watch this space!!



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

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 A with more in the pipeline

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!

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

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

Safeguarding spotlight

Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse:

Supporting Students with their Mental and Physical Health

Last week, our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) came into school and provided a drop-in clinic, triaging over 20 students and providing tips and guidance on coping mechanisms and how to access support. Following on from this drop-in, many students will be offered 1-1 sessions to work with a clinical practitioner in school, accessing a bespoke treatment targeted at improving their mental health.

We have recently established a partnership with local nurses who will be coming in once a fortnight to provide a health check-up for our students. This will focus on students who may face the following issues:

- Sleep hygiene and fatigue
- Diet concerns for weight gain or weight loss
- Self-harm
- Gastronomical issues

If your child experiences any of the issues listed above, please email: office@thequestacademy.org.uk to give a brief summary of your concern and request a nurse appointment. We have capacity for 30 students to be seen before the end of the academic year.

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.

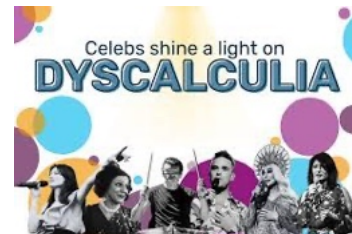
All students should be eating lunch, whether that is provided by the school or a packed lunch brought in from home.

Magic breakfast is available for all from 8am



SEND spotlight

This week, our SEND focus is dyscalculia, a specific learning difficulty that affects understanding of numbers and mathematical concepts. Students may struggle with recalling number facts, telling the time, estimating, or following multi-step calculations. The famous, 'Take That' singer, Robbie Williams has been diagnosed and has demonstrated that success is not limited by these challenges.



At home, you can support your child by using real-life maths (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and encouraging a calm, positive approach to mistakes. Many individuals with dyscalculia develop strong creativity, resilience, and problem-solving skills, which are valuable strengths for life. For further support please look at the following websites: National Numeracy (www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk) which offers practical resources for teens, and STEM Learning (www.stem.org.uk), which provides maths support resources. Ms Johnson.



Anti-bullying

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



They are currently working on a presentation for Year 6 students joining our school and a wider audience and some are working on a short video!

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.

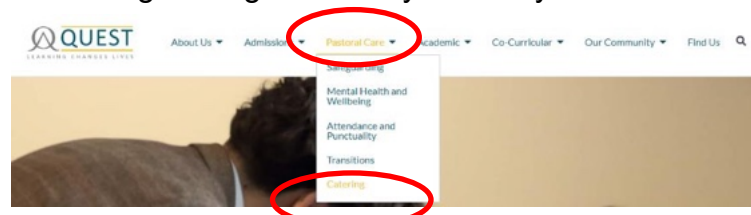


Free School Meals: provide eligible children with nutritious meals during the school day, supporting their health, learning, and wellbeing.

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".

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

Attendance this week: Tutor Groups

7H1 95%	7H2 96%	7L1 96.36%	7L2 95.5%	7S1 88.7%	7S2 99.55%
8H1 96.34%	8H2 99.17%	8L1 95.2%	8L2 91.82%	8S1 83.04%	8S2 91.3%
9H1 92.07%	9H2 93.21%	9L1 94.83%	9L2 93.93%	9S1 91.6%	9S2 93.79%
10H1 84.08%	10H2 93.1%	10L1 94.64%	10L2 89.66%	10S1 91.35%	10S2 92.14%
11H1 98.4%	11H2 85%	11L1 86.96%	11L2 95.17%	11S1 98.26%	11S2 83.7%
12.1 96.12%	12.2 92%			13.1 83.73%	13.2 84.21%

Look at all those Yellow above target tutor groups!

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

Brain Gym!



Thanks to Lilly in Year 7 for jokes again this week!

Why did the bicycle fall over?

it was two tired

What do you call a fly with no wings?

.....a walk!

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 4th May 2026: (Week A) the focus this week is **Aspiration and Ambition!** This follows the recent Questionnaires on future skills (Year 7 will be completing theirs on Tuesday- other year groups already have) and assemblies will focus on going “screen free” and what this might mean!

Heads up of things coming up from our calendar:

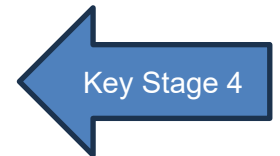
- 1st July -Sports Award Evening
- 7th July -**Year 7** and **Year 8** Celebration evening
- 8th July - **Year 9** and **10** Celebration evening
- 11th July – Year 11 and Q6 Celebration evening



Year 7- 21st May 2026 Parents evening
Year 8 – 7th May 2026 Parents evening NEXT WEEK!

Exams this week at a Glance: Note: please refer to student individual timetable to guarantee accuracy.

Wed, 06 May 2026	13:00	16:00	Pearson	BTEC IT Unit 2 - Creating Systems to Manage Information - Part A
Thu, 07 May 2026	09:00	11:00	Pearson	BTEC IT Unit 2 - Creating Systems to Manage Information - Part B
Thu, 07 May 2026	13:00	15:00	Pearson	BTEC Business Unit 2 - Developing a Marketing Campaign - Part A
Fri, 08 May 2026	09:00	12:00	Pearson	BTEC Business Unit 2 - Developing a Marketing Campaign - Part B
Tue, 05 May 2026	09:00	10:15	Pearson	Functional Skills English L3 - Reading (HWBD2) (Pearson)
Tue, 05 May 2026	13:00	14:00	Pearson	Functional Skill English L3 - Writing (HWBD2) (Pearson)
Thu, 07 May 2026	09:00	09:45	Pearson	Turkish Listening (H) (1TU0 1H)
Thu, 07 May 2026	09:00	10:05	Pearson	Turkish Reading (H) (1TU0 3H)
Thu, 07 May 2026	13:00	14:45	AQA	Citizenship Studies Paper 1 (8100/1)
Fri, 08 May 2026	09:00	10:15	OCR	Sport Studies: Cntmpry Issue Sprt Wtn (R184/01)
Fri, 08 May 2026	09:00	10:45	AQA	Sociology Paper 1 (8192/1)
Fri, 08 May 2026	13:00	14:45	Pearson	Drama - Set Text A Theatre Makers (1DR0 3A)



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 04th May 2026 is WEEK A
 QUEST is CLOSED on May 4th**



See you Tuesday 5th May!