



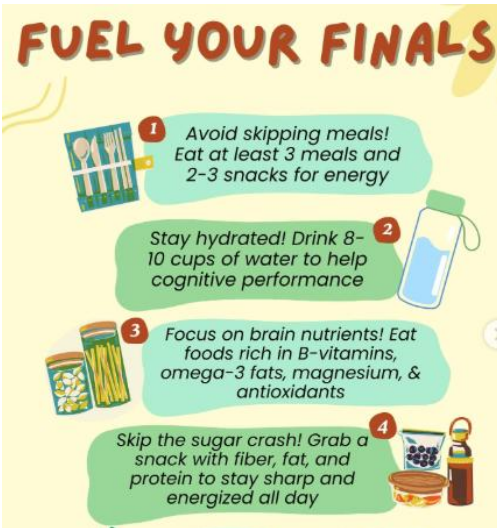
The Quest Connect!

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Headlines



It's a shorter week this week due to the bank holiday but no shortage of things happening.

Public exams have now started and we wish our amazing Year 11, 12 and 13 all the best with the exams as we know that they have worked hard.

To support them Year 11 will be in first for lunch unitl after the exams.

Lunch rota

Year 11

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

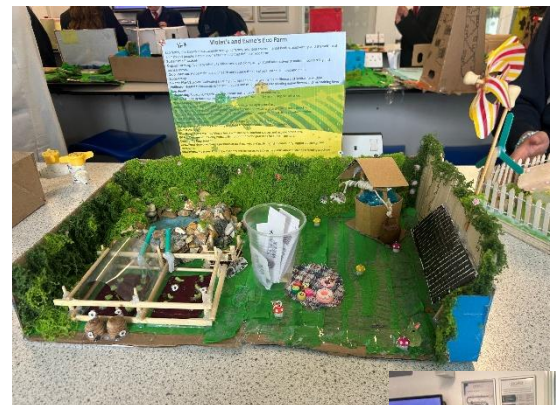
Year 10

Also please encourage our Year 11 to get to school early and take advantage of the FREE breakfast each morning so they are really brain ready. The Canteen can be a great place to eat, relax and chat over last minute concerns.

Celebrations and Events!

Science Fair!

Wow! This was an amazing event arranged by our science department. Science Week at Quest Academy was a fantastic celebration of creativity, innovation, and, most importantly, curiosity. Throughout the week, students explored how scientific thinking can help solve real-world challenges, with this year's theme encouraging students to ask questions, investigate ideas, and imagine a better future.



A particular highlight of the week was the exciting project completed by our Year 7 and Year 8 students, who designed and built models based on sustainable cities and sustainable farms. Working in teams, students researched environmental issues and explored how science and technology can support greener, healthier communities. They considered important topics such as renewable energy, recycling systems, adaptations of organisms production, and protecting natural habitats.

The creativity and enthusiasm shown by students were truly impressive. Many of the models included innovative features such as solar-powered homes, vertical farming systems,

eco-friendly transport networks, rainwater collection systems, and community green spaces.



Students demonstrated not only scientific understanding but also excellent teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills throughout the project.

On Wednesday 6th May, students proudly presented their models during an after-school showcase attended. The event created a wonderful atmosphere of celebration and curiosity, as students confidently explained the scientific ideas behind their designs and answered questions about how their projects could help create a more sustainable future.



The presentations reflected the hard work and dedication students had shown and it was inspiring to see students thinking critically about global challenges while developing practical and imaginative solutions of their own.



The Science Department would like to thank all students, staff, and parents for their support and enthusiasm throughout the week. We are incredibly proud of the effort, creativity, and confidence shown by our students, and we look forward to continuing to nurture their curiosity in the future.
Ms Freemantle.

Year 6 Visit DT

This Thursday Quest hosted Year 6 Students from Applegarth Primary school as they joined our DT department for the day to experience this subject.

Thanks to Ms Daley for organising this event who said *"it was a pleasure welcoming Applegarth Primary to TQA, they were a pleasure to teach and the cars they created were amazing"*



Thank you for a fantastic day yesterday- the children were buzzing and were talking about it for ages!

Applegarth Primary school

Ms Thomas asked for a special mention to all the Year 11 MFL students who have been sitting their exams this week



They have worked really hard and took advantage of this opportunity to shine!
(Ms Thomas)

Year 8 Parents Evening: It was lovely to see you all at the evening and hear the productive conversations taking place. We were also joined by representatives from the NHS School nurse service who were on hand to talk through any issue, from sleep patterns to eating. They will also be present at the **Year 7 Parents evening on the 21st May**. If you do need their services at all please do contact Ms Waterhouse.



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:

Year 11 Spanish and French Speaking Student who have worked so hard (Ms Thomas)




Max P Year 7 for being top student

Winners of the Science fair



This week on our Quest displays Ms Sami shared the first, second and third places in each year group for **achievement points** and what a difference a week makes as some new names here! Well done to all of you



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	Max P	Maygol G-M	Louie G	Richard T	Summer G Nashara A Sarah S
	Janelle D	Isabella W Lucas C	Mariah BW Bessie L	Peter M Libby N	Nene J Kacper O Axel MS Eduard B Zoe B
	Jake P	Aazeen B Archie S Lucas S	Ali Z	Brooke KL Ayomide O Chais S Tasnim J Elif A Rachel P Kensia N Nathan M Issabella O Finley CO	Garcia N Charlie M Thaksiga S Rafeeqah S Archie S Ellia B Ellie G Afsheen I Ellie G Maisie P Briana O Kristine N Yvonne AK Riyaan K Cassie B Polina K Macy H
Quest 6: Rachel O. Joshua OB Desmond K Alina K Harry B Kieran OS Araf K Zaida G Abigail F Lois C Keziah BY Bea ZP Sadaq M Michael F					

Ms Sami's Student of the week: A consistent 100% club member & achieved 57 achievement points last week. This was the highest number – across all of our 100% club members. WOW!

Max P (7L1)



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



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	

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

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.

Safeguarding spotlight

Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse:

This week, students have had an assembly on reducing their screen time and having screen-free periods of time.

Our students often tell us that they would like to reduce their screen time but find this task challenging. At school, we want to support students to build healthier digital habits that protect their wellbeing, focus and sleep.

High screen use can affect concentration, mood, and sleep quality. This makes it harder for students to switch off, relax, and be present in real life.

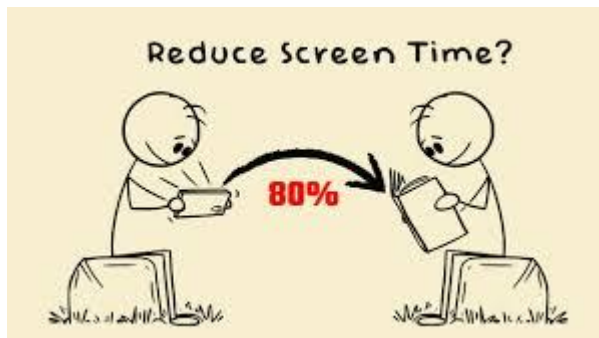
Tips on reducing screen time:

- Offline swaps – replace scrolling time with reading, drawing sports or music
- Time limits – set daily time limits for social media apps
- Wind-down – Have at least a 60-minute screen break before going to bed
- Focus modes – put your phone in another room when completing homework or revision to avoid distraction
- Mealtimes – have a 'no phone' rule during mealtimes and encourage participation in conversation

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's SEND spotlight is on dysgraphia, a specific learning difficulty that affects written expression. Pupils may find handwriting, spelling, organising ideas on paper, and keeping up with note-taking or timed written tasks challenging, even when they can explain their ideas well verbally.

Useful websites to find out more include:

www.dysgraphia.life.

www.occupationaltherapy.com

www.understood.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:



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.



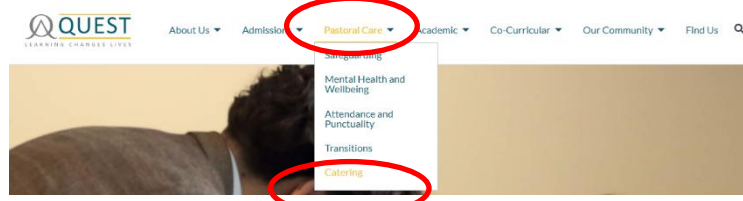
Free School Meals: provide eligible children with nutritious meals during the school day, supporting their health, learning, and wellbeing.

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 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	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
99%	97%	96.36%	94%	91.3%	99.09%

8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
100%	100%	94%	95.91%	88.18%	90.83%

9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
95.17%	97.06%	94.81%	95.71%	88.35%	92.76%

10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
85.17%	94.48%	94.64%	92.41%	93.45%	93.06%

11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
94%	86.43%	89.57%	96.55%	94.78%	84.13%

12.1	12.2
88.33%	87.94%

13.1	13.2
86.21%	79.13%

Look at all those Yellow above target tutor groups! Go Year 8 with 2 groups at 100%

Well done to the tutor groups highlighted in **Yellow** - you've achieved over 95% attendance, meeting our end-of-year aspirational target! A special mention goes to **8H1** and **8H2** for their outstanding effort. Letters and certificates have been sent home to recognise and celebrate students who have achieved 100% attendance - a fantastic accomplishment.



Brain Gym!

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

What did the ocean say to the beach?

Nothing it waved!

What do you call a deer with no eyes?

No eye deer!

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 11th May 2026: (Week B) the focus this week is Resilience as we start the exam season.

Heads up of things coming up from our calendar:

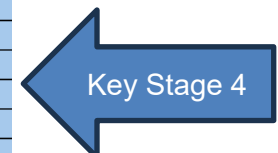
- 1st July -Sports Award Evening
- 7th July -**Year 7** and **Year 8** Celebration evening
- 8th July - **Year 9** and **Year 10** Celebration evening
- 11th July – Year 11 and Q6 Celebration evening



Year 7- 21st May 2026 Parents evening: look out for booking forms next week!

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

Mon, 11 May 2026	09:00	11:00	Pearson	Economics - Markets & Bus. Behaviour (9ECO 01)
Wed, 13 May 2026	09:00	11:15	Pearson	English Literature - Drama (9ETO 01)
Wed, 13 May 2026	13:00	15:00	Pearson	Business - Market, people & Global Bu (9BS0 01)
Wed, 13 May 2026	13:00	14:30	Pearson	BTEC Sport Unit 1 - Anatomy and Physiology
Thu, 14 May 2026	09:00	10:30	Pearson	Mathematics Non Calculator (F) (1MA1 1F)
Thu, 14 May 2026	13:00	15:00	Pearson	BTEC Business Unit 3 - Personal and Business Finance
Fri, 15 May 2026	09:00	10:30	OCR	Applied Science: Fndmntls Of Science Wrtn (F180/01)
Fri, 15 May 2026	09:00	11:00	OCR	Applied Science: Unit 1 Science Fundamentals
Fri, 15 May 2026	09:00	11:00	AQA	Psychology Adv Paper 1 (7182/1)
Fri, 15 May 2026	13:00	15:00	Pearson	Information Technology Systems (60297T01)
Mon, 11 May 2026	09:00	10:45	AQA	English Literature Paper 1 (8702/1)
Mon, 11 May 2026	13:00	13:45	AQA	Chinese Listening Test Tier H (8673/LH)
Mon, 11 May 2026	13:00	14:00	AQA	Chinese Reading Test Tier H (8673/RH)
Mon, 11 May 2026	13:00	14:45	Pearson	Business - Investigating Small Bus. (1BS0 01)
Tue, 12 May 2026	09:00	11:00	WJEC	RS Route A COMP1 In The Modern World (C120U10-1)
Tue, 12 May 2026	13:00	14:15	AQA	Science - Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1f (8464/B/1F)
Tue, 12 May 2026	13:00	14:15	AQA	Science - Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1h (8464/B/1H)
Wed, 13 May 2026	09:00	10:30	AQA	Geography Paper 1 (8035/1)
Wed, 13 May 2026	13:00	14:30	OCR	Computer Science: Computer Systems Wrtn (J277/01)
Thu, 14 May 2026	09:00	10:30	Pearson	Mathematics Non Calculator (F) (1MA1 1F)
Thu, 14 May 2026	09:00	10:30	Pearson	Mathematics Non Calculator (H) (1MA1 1H)
Thu, 14 May 2026	13:00	14:45	AQA	Citizenship Studies Paper 2 (8100/2)
Fri, 15 May 2026	09:00	10:20	Pearson	History - Crime & Punishment (1HI0 10)
Fri, 15 May 2026	13:00	14:45	AQA	Sociology Paper 2 (8192/2)



Term Dates 2025 / 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026

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 11th May 2026 is WEEK B