



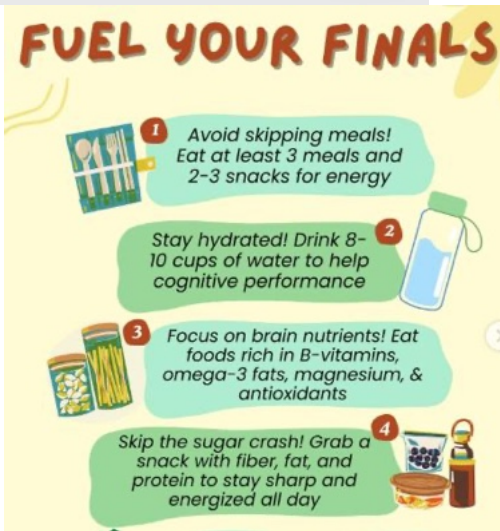
# The Quest Connect!

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## Headlines

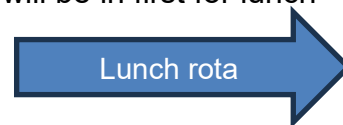


Exams are now in full swing and we want to say how PROUD we are of our students. It's lovely to see them coming out of exams positive and seeing how their hard work is paying off. Between exams students are still receiving lessons to support them so it's important that they still keep going. For subjects where all exams have been taken, students are still expected in those lessons to revise for the remaining exams.



until after the exam period..

To support them Year 11 will be in first for lunch



Year 11
Year 10
Year 7
Year 8
Year 9

As we said last week please encourage our exam students 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. Free breakfast is of course for everyone from 8am.

## Celebrations and Events!

### Science Fair!

Last week we reported on this wonderful event: we can now announce the winners from Ms Freemantle:

- Year 7  
Molli S and Anna S
- Year 8  
Heston H, Zack N, Tanzeel M and Lukas B
- Runner ups for Year 7 are Esme and Violet's group and Karma and Isabelle's group.

Please see Ms Freemantle for your prizes.



A reminder that the Year 7 Parents evening is on the 21<sup>st</sup> May please ensure you have signed up for the appointments as its going to be a busy evening.

We will be joined by representatives from the NHS School nurse service who are hand to talk through any issues, from sleep patterns to eating. They will be located outside the main hall.



### 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 are 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:

**Heston H Year 8 for being top student**

**Winners of the Science fair**

**Jack Holmes "teacher of the week" in MQJ**






**Lois C Year 12- consistent hard work in Sociology**

**Michael Year 12- Starting the work to update student leadership displays**

On our Quest displays Ms Sami shares the first, second and third places in each year group for **achievement points**. I see students looking to see their names! 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
	Janelle D	Heston H	Harvey O Amelia T	Khoi N	Polina K
	Roman C	Aazeen B Ollie P Finlee C	Albert D Amara K Teniola A Bessie L Arham M Rebeka K Lilly S	Aaliyah M	Summer G Anna P Kaylieh L Ben M Jonathan KB Ava Noel Kacper O Jacob H
	Max P Genelia C Rubymay B	Kiara T	Daniel Mason K Aaron O Angel O Bella T Duchess A Maha M Mariah BW Marwa M Chimaraugo U Blessin A Madina M Haleema M Robyn S Fatima SA Grace T Gabriel W Louise G Nurajannah T	Brooke KL Alex M Lateefah B Caral K Godstime O Jule H Jaimee OB Skye S Elis Rama	Ki G Florence L Nasir N Annalise DLD Ellie G Ellia B Sarah S Chloe A Kristine N Maciej S
<b>Quest 6:</b> Ed C    Abdulmalik A    Brandon W					

**Ms Sami's Student of the week:** A consistent 100% club member & achieved **42** achievement points last week. This was the highest number – across all our 100% club members. WOW!

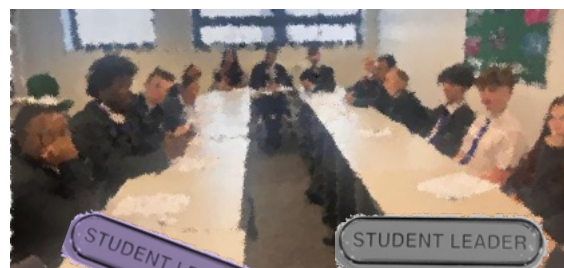
**Heston H (8S2)**



## 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 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

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 A	Indoor Clubs	Outdoor Clubs
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS4 Table Tennis (Mr Bevan)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball (Mr Brett)</li> <li>Astro Football: KS3</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Games (Ms Alagoa, G4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Astro Football: KS4</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Club (Mrs Erwee, G6)</li> <li>KS4 Debate Club (Mr G, G4)</li> <li>Drama Club (Mr Baptist, G8)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Astro Football: KS3</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Club (Mrs Erwee, G6)</li> <li>KS3 Movie Club (Ms Manuel, S15)</li> <li>French &amp; Spanish Club (Mr Ble &amp; Miss Thomas, G4)</li> <li>KS4 Table Tennis (Mr Bevan)</li> <li>Diversity Club (Ms Rose, F5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Astro Football: KS4</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS3 Table Tennis (Mr Brett, Activity Studio)</li> <li>KS3 Daley Creators (Ms Daley, G5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Astro Football: KS3</li> </ul>

Mr Bevan has applied for funding for more table tennis tables, 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:

As our Year 11 students move deeper into their GCSE exams, it's completely normal for them to feel pressure, uncertainty, or heightened stress. This period can be demanding, but with the right support around them—both in school and at home—they can stay grounded, healthy, and confident.

### Supporting Students' Mental Health

Young people often try to "push through" stress, but their wellbeing is the foundation for good performance. Encourage your child to:

- **Talk openly** about how they're feeling — even short check-ins help them feel seen and supported.
- **Take regular breaks** during revision to reset their mind and avoid burnout.

- **Keep perspective** — remind them that exams are important, but they do not define their worth or future.

If you notice changes in sleep, appetite, mood, or motivation, these can be signs they're feeling overwhelmed. Reassure them that asking for help is a strength, not a weakness.

### How Parents and Carers Can Support at Home

Small, consistent actions at home can make a big difference:

- **Create a calm study space** — somewhere quiet, organised, and free from distractions.
- **Help them plan** — a simple revision timetable can reduce anxiety and give structure.
- **Encourage healthy habits** — regular meals, hydration, fresh air, and sleep are essential for focus and emotional balance.
- **Celebrate effort** — recognising hard work boosts confidence and resilience.

If you're worried about your child's wellbeing, please contact the school's safeguarding or pastoral team. We are here to listen, support, and work with families to ensure every student feels safe and cared for.

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 Croydon's Local Offer. This is a central place for parents and carers to find information, advice and support for children and young people with SEND, including education, health and social care services. It can help families understand what support is available, where to go next, and how to access specialist help in Croydon.



**Croydon's Local Offer**

What it can provide:

- Information on SEND services, agencies and activities for children and young people in Croydon.
- Advice about support available through school, the Local Authority and voluntary/community organisations.
- Guidance on autism, transport, respite care and support from the Children With Disabilities Team.
- Help from Croydon SENDIASS, a free, impartial and confidential service for parents, carers and young people.
- Support with EHCPs, annual reviews, mediation, tribunals, letters, forms and meetings.
- Early help and other support when family or wider circumstances are affecting a child's education.

If you think your child may need additional support, the Local Offer is a good starting point for understanding what is available in Croydon. Families can also speak to the school SENCO at any time if they would like help.

[Synergy - Enquiry](#)

## 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 are working on a short video! They have great plans for supporting our new year 7 in September.



# 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](mailto:inclusion@thequestacademy.org.uk) with requests for uniform items, or to donate and items. This link is also on the Website.



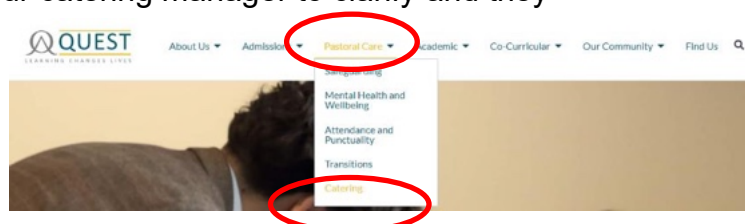
**Free School Meals:** provide eligible children with nutritious meals during the school day, supporting their health, learning, and wellbeing.

## 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

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
100%	99.38%	86.36%	96.25%	95.11%	97.73%
8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
97.5%	95.83%	95%	92.61%	93.75%	89.13%
9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
94.4%	97.69%	93.3%	93.75%	90.5%	92.67%
10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
86.21%	94.4%	90.18%	91.38%	91.38%	92.67%
11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
97.5%	87.5%	91.15%	87.5%	92.93%	82.14%
12.1	12.2			13.1	13.2
83.5%	90%			95.15%	85.03%

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 **7H1** who achieved 100% Attendance last week. Certificates have been sent!

Look at all those Yellow above target tutor groups. Well done 7H1 100%!

11H1 also over the 95% target.

# Brain Gym!



Thanks to **Year 7** for jokes again this week! (Come on other Year groups- please share!)

How do you count cows?

With a cowculator!

When a lemon is sick, what do you do?

Give it lemon-aid.

# Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

**Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026: (Week A)** the focus this week is Environmental Responsibility.

## Heads up of things coming up from our calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> July -Sports Award Evening

7<sup>th</sup> July -**Year 7** and **Year 8** Celebration evening

8<sup>th</sup> July - **Year 9** and **Year 10** Celebration evening

9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 11 and Q6 Celebration evening  
(\*thanks to the parent who pointed out my error on last weeks edition!)



**Year 7- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 Parents evening: Please book up now!**

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

Mon, 18 May 2026	09:00	11:00	AQA	Sociology Adv Paper 1 (7192/1)
Mon, 18 May 2026	13:00	15:00	Pearson	Economics - National & Global Economy (9EC0 02)
Tue, 19 May 2026	09:00	11:00	Pearson	Business - Activs,decision & Strats. (9BS0 02)
Wed, 20 May 2026	09:00	11:00	AQA	Psychology Adv Paper 2 (7182/2)
Wed, 20 May 2026	09:00	11:00	OCR	Applied Science: Unit 2 Laboratory Techniques
Thu, 21 May 2026	13:00	14:30	OCR	Health & Social Care: Pncpls Hlth Sci Care Wrtn (F090/01)
Mon, 18 May 2026	09:00	10:15	AQA	Science - Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1f (8464/C/1F)
Mon, 18 May 2026	09:00	10:15	AQA	Science - Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1h (8464/C/1H)
Mon, 18 May 2026	13:00	14:15	AQA	Chinese Writing Test Tier H (8673/WH)
Tue, 19 May 2026	09:00	11:15	AQA	English Literature Paper 2 (8702/2)
Tue, 19 May 2026	13:00	14:30	OCR	Computer Science: Comp Thnk Algrthm Prgm Wtn (J277/02)
Wed, 20 May 2026	09:00	09:45	Pearson	French Listening (F) (1FR1 2F)
Wed, 20 May 2026	09:00	10:00	Pearson	French Listening (H) (1FR1 2H)
Wed, 20 May 2026	13:00	14:00	WJEC	RS Routea COMP2 Study Ofchriianity (C120U20-1)
Thu, 21 May 2026	09:00	10:45	AQA	English Language Paper 1 (8700/1)
Thu, 21 May 2026	13:00	14:45	Pearson	Business - Building A Business (1BS0 02)
Fri, 22 May 2026	09:00	10:30	Pearson	PE - Fitness And Body Systems (1PE0 01)
Fri, 22 May 2026	09:00	10:25	Pearson	Turkish Writing (H) (1TU0 4H)

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Key Stage 4

## Term Dates 2025 / 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

End of Summer Term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (last day)

Summer Holiday – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

**More from The Quest next week Ms G Chenery**

**NEXT WEEK 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 is WEEK A**

