



The Quest Connect!

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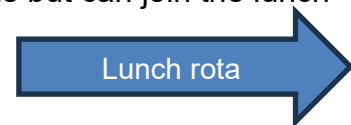
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Headlines

It is the final push of exams for Years 11,12 and 13. Our Year 11 will have their end of year celebration on Monday as they say goodbye to Year 11 and **hello to Year 12!**

Year 11 will often be off site from Monday coming in for their exams but can join the lunch queue at any point if they need lunch. **Year 7** will be first in.



Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

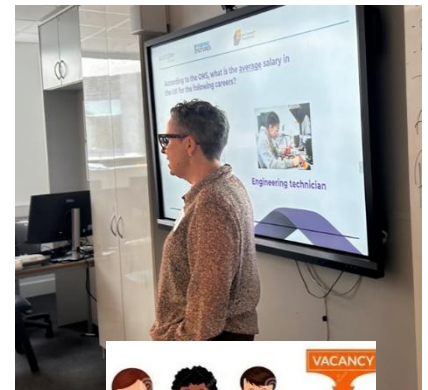
There is still the **FREE** breakfast each morning from 8am for all students to help them be ready for the day. The canteen is a to eat, relax and chat or even play Uno or chess.

Celebrations and Events!

On Monday this week **Year 7** had a **Higher Education & Careers** session, delivered by colleagues from Kingston University.



The sessions are to raise aspirations and help students understand the links between education, careers and future opportunities. Students will explore a range of career pathways, challenge common misconceptions about careers and qualifications, and learn about future routes including university and degree apprenticeships.



Year 10 also experienced career opportunities with **Croydon councils Careers Flash Internship** on the 8th June where students took part in a range of employability and workplace-focused activities designed to develop their understanding of careers, professional skills and future pathways. In addition there was a **Careers Interview Carousel** on the 10th and 11th June where local businesses gave one to one mock interviews.

The **Year 10's** did us proud. We had an incredible **101 students** take part in Mock Interviews, supported by 13 external volunteers who spoke extremely highly of our students' confidence, professionalism and conduct throughout the event. Students benefited from feedback on how to stand out in interviews and practise interview techniques with real businesses.





Continuing our commitment to the future careers of our students, 32 **Year 8** students had an opportunity for Careers Trip to KPMG on the 11th June where they got to experience the various careers that this company alone can offer and the pathways required to enter this workplace.

Quest Students out and about!



On Monday, 22 students from **Year 7** and **Year 8** had a trip to see the cricket at the Oval. Sadly, the British weather meant that they didn't get to see the play hoped for, but they did get to visit the iconic ground. Thank you to Mr Bevan and the PE department for organising.



Performing Arts Trip: On Wednesday students from across the key stages went to see an open-air performance of the opera *Così fan tutte*. Mozart's masterpiece "Così fan tutte" translates to "They all do it" or "The School for Lovers" which explores themes of love and fidelity with some comedic overtones, where the opera's storyline revolves around the idea that all women (and men) are susceptible to the same romantic temptations. The British weather again played a part but fortunately they arrived and got under the cover just before it poured with rain! The theatre provided blankets as even though it's June it's a bit chilly! Thank you Ms Abay for organising and Mr G for taking the students.



"The singing was really good, story line was fun, but it was a bit long!" (3 hours)

Year 8



Music Reminder:

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.



To celebrate all the amazing enrichment this year, Mr Bevan has organised a **SHOWCASE** event celebrating all the creativity and hard work students have put into these lessons. This event takes place on **Thursday 18th of June between 4 and 5 pm** in our main hall and canteen.

ENRICHMENT SHOWCASE 2026

A Celebration of Student Dedication, Creativity, and Hard Work

Thursday
18th June 2026

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Ground Floor –
Canteen and Main Hall

WHAT TO EXPECT – THE EXHIBITION

Fine Art

Design Technology (DT)

Textiles

Discover student artwork, innovative DT projects, and stunning textiles creations.

EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS

Custom Lightboxes

Handmade Picture Frames

Digital Design / Photoshop

Student-Designed T-Shirts

Custom Clocks

Architectural Birdhouses

WHAT TO EXPECT – THE PERFORMANCES

Cheerleading

Drama

Choir

Beatboxing Workshop & Demonstrations

A vibrant mix of live performances and student talent.

MAIN HALL LIVE PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

4:00 PM – 4:10 PM	School Choir – Opening Performance	
4:10 PM – 4:20 PM	Beatboxing Workshop & Demonstrations	
4:20 PM – 4:30 PM	Cheerleading – Routine Showcase 1	
4:30 PM – 4:40 PM	Drama Performance	
4:40 PM – 4:50 PM	School Choir – Closing Performance	
4:50 PM – 5:00 PM	Cheerleading – Routine Showcase 2	

★ Main Hall seating available. Performances run back-to-back.

INTERACTIVE ZONE

Room G3: Interactive Workshop Hub

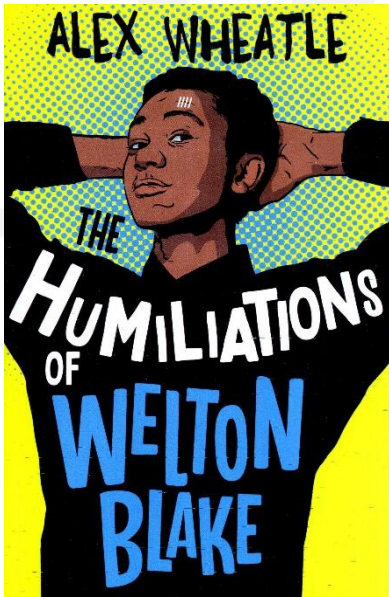
★ Hands-on skill sharing

Get involved and try a new craft or creative activity led by our talented students. Perfect for all ages.

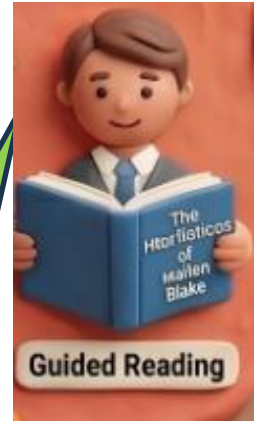
★ Our students are looking forward to sharing their achievements with you!

Quest Regular Readers:

This week the “**Quest regular reader**” from Ms Mason is taken from our “Guided Reading” programme that runs every morning with students in form time: **8S1** are reading 'The Humiliations of Welton Blake' by Alex Wheatle



'The book is great and the plot is very interesting with Welton Blake being humiliated the day after he asked a girl out. The description of the characters is amazing, and it is very detailed - I would recommend!' (Lucas C - Year 8)



What are you reading at the moment? Next week we will see what staff are reading too!

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:

Lucas C Year 8 for giving book review

Michael and Chelsea – for putting up new Careers and Academy day displays.

Year 10 for being committed and engaged with our visiting businesses with interviews.




Year 8 Heston, Azeen Year 7 Vinnie, Max for being Ms Samis “League of Legends leaders”



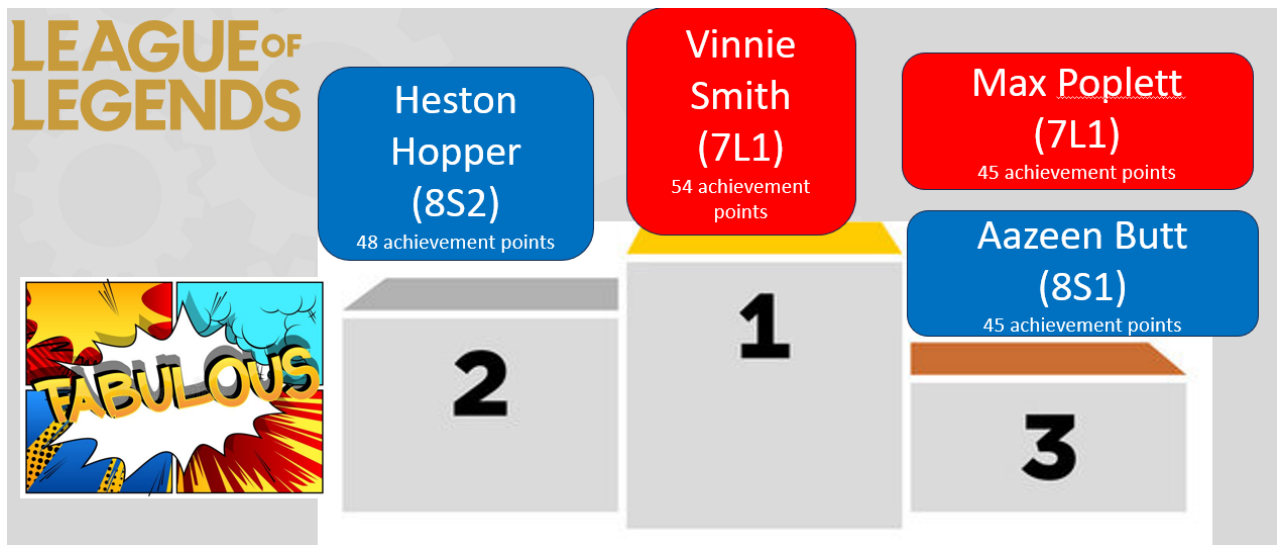
Here is Ms Sami’s first second and third places in each year group for **achievement points** this week: Some new names here. Well done to all of you!



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	Vinnie S	Heston H	Ruby S	Lola-G B Faizan T	Zoe Ba Zoe Be

					Gracie M Esther O Oliver G Yvonne AK
	Max P	Aazeen B	Aaron O Christina R	Heidi G Jules H Emmanuel O	Briana O Amelia T Nahara A Gabrilla O
	Isabelle B Caio Z	Lucas G	Amelia L Angel O Ethan R Lacey D Jordaine P Khaqan A Louie G Eishal J	Mckayla A Jaycee K Tianna M Hoang N Adrian W Faith F Ciara E Alishba A Archie D Jayden G Tasnim J Abdulbaasit MKsenia N	Archie S Rafeeqah S Bryan A
Quest 6: Michael-Waine					

Ms Sami's Students of the week or "League of Legends" not just one this week but 4!! Well done to you all.



LEAGUE OF LEGENDS

FABULOUS

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Heston Hopper (8S2)
48 achievement points

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Vinnie Smith (7L1)
54 achievement points

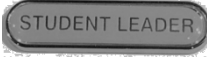
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Max Poplett (7L1)
45 achievement points

Aazeen Butt (8S1)
45 achievement points

Student Leadership

Student Leadership met this week to reflect on all the great things achieved this year and to ensure we are ready for September. Year form rep meetings will take place next: keep an eye out for dates and places. I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing members in year 13 as they move on and to Year 11 who we hope to see continuing their work as part of Quest 6.



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:



The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area): The MUGA is for basketball use only for safety reasons. However, a number of students are currently using footballs, often switching between football and basketball when challenged. To ensure clarity and consistency for both students and staff, only **basketballs** will be allowed on the MUGA moving forward. Ms Ogunseye

Lunchtime Clubs

Lunchtime clubs for week B with more in the pipeline.

We are still waiting to hear about funding for more table tennis tables!

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

Safeguarding spotlight

Pastoral Director Ms Waterhouse:

Everyone's invited!

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

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.

SEND Spotlight!

We really want the **Quest Connect** to have more student work. I am really proud to present this weeks SEND spotlight as it is written by one of our students who wishes to be anonymous, a poem on the struggles for students with SEND. I think you will agree this is very thought provoking:

Different Roads, Same Light by Quest Student

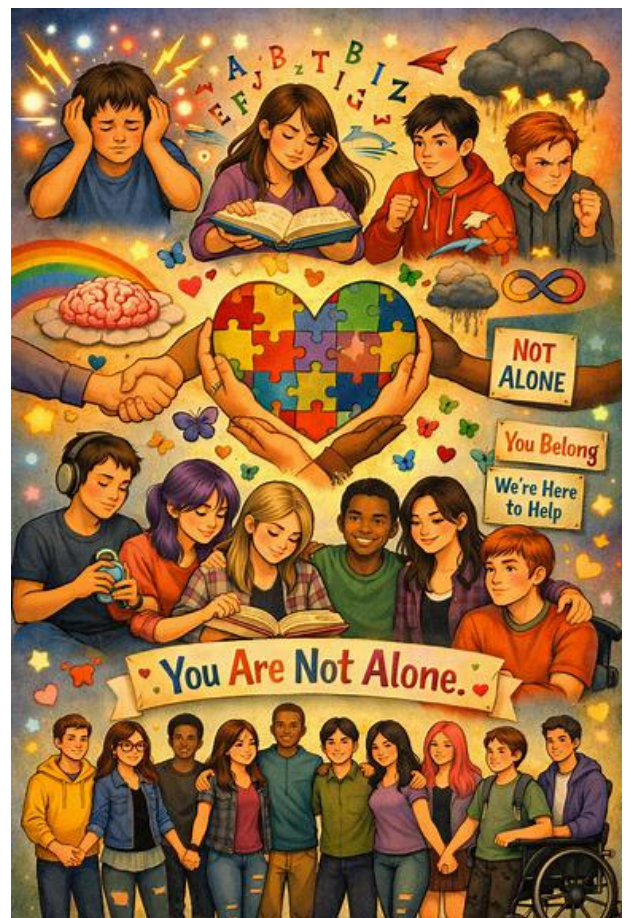
Sounds hurt too much, lights feel too bright —
Autism makes the whole world feel too tight.
ADHD thoughts zoom here, there, everywhere,
Hard to stay put or keep things clear.
ODD means feelings blow up fast and hot,
Dyslexia turns words into something forgot,
Letters mix up, words move and stray,
Reading feels hard most every day.

People say “try harder”, “just pay more mind”,
Like it’s easy to fix, like it’s something you find.
They think you’re lazy, or naughty, or just don’t care,
So you shrink back quiet, like you’re not even there.

But here’s the thing no one always says:
Lots of people walk these same hard days.
Same messy feelings, same stuff that feels tough,
All just need a little extra help, that’s enough.

You don’t have to carry all this on your own,
There’s others just like you, you’re not alone.
Autism, ADHD, all the names and the rest —
Just different ways to be you, no less, no less.

You fit right here, you matter, you’re strong,
And you never have to go through it all alone.



Ms Johnson SENDCO

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.

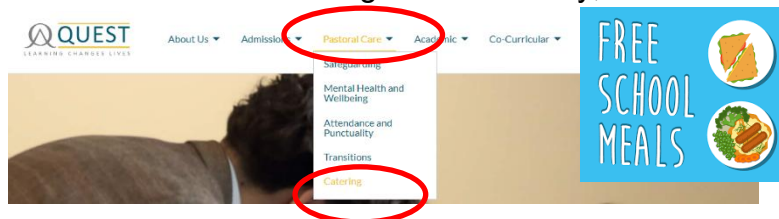
The Academy does have a limited supply of second-hand uniform items. We can help families by providing them with items of pre-loved uniform such as blazers, jumpers and PE kits. Anyone is welcome to donate pre-loved uniform or collect anything they need, subject to availability.



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 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.

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



Parent forum: We would like to invite you to the next meeting of the Quest Parents' Forum on **Monday 15th June at 16:30**. We will be hearing from our Student Leadership Team on the work they have been doing to improve student voice as well as hearing from Mr Crofts, our Principal, to talk about next academic year. The agenda for the evening is as follows:

Item	Detail
1	Welcome to Parent Forum <i>Miss Thomas</i>
2	Student Leadership: Update <i>Student Vice President</i>
3	Next Academic Year <i>Mr Crofts</i>
4	Parent survey <i>Miss Thomas</i>
5	Any other questions <i>Miss Thomas</i>
6	Close

We look forward to welcoming you to this event which is an important opportunity for you to voice your opinions and ask us your questions. The library will remain open and supervised during this time to enable you to still attend should childcare be a problem as we can accommodate them outside of the meeting.

Students will have an opportunity to express their opinions and concerns about next year in student council meetings which will also take place in the same week.

We look forward to seeing you there on Monday 15th June! **Miss Thomas**

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

Attendance

Attendance is UP on last week. Check out your tutor group! 14/ 30 groups, just under half are above our ambitious target of 95% Well done!

Attendance this week: Tutor Groups

7H1	7H2	7L1	7L2	7S1	7S2
95.5%	88%	97.14%	95.5%	92.5%	95.24%

8H1	8H2	8L1	8L2	8S1	8S2
96%	91.25%	94.4%	96.26%	85.91%	93.33%

9H1	9H2	9L1	9L2	9S1	9S2
92.39%	92.81%	95.73%	96.21%	96.07%	88.97%

10H1	10H2	10L1	10L2	10S1	10S2
80.69%	95%	95%	91.43%	88.7%	84.48%

11H1	11H2	11L1	11L2	11S1	11S2
96%	90.37%	88.75%	95.52%	98.52%	87.5%

12.1	12.2	13.1	13.2
88.46%	84.67%	73.24%	58.75%

Well done to the tutor groups highlighted in **Yellow** - you've achieved over 95% attendance, meeting our end-of-year aspirational target!

Over half of tutor groups are above the target of 95% Well done!

Brain Gym!

Thanks to **Year 9** for jokes this week!

Why are fish so smart?

They live in schools.

Why can't you tell a joke to an egg?

It might crack up.



Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 15th June 2026: (Week B) the focus this week is Aspirational and we will return to "in person" year assemblies, thinking about how we can take responsibility being the best versions of ourselves.

Heads up of things coming up from our calendar:

Year 11 Monday 15th June: remember to bring your shirts for signing if you wish to! (These will NOT be allowed to be worn for any exams)

PARENTS FORUM - Monday 15th June 4.30 (childcare available in the library)

ENRICHMENT SHOWCASE – Thursday 18th June 4-6 please bring children of all ages to watch the show and try out activities themselves!

Year7 Core exams 17-19th June (see email from school)

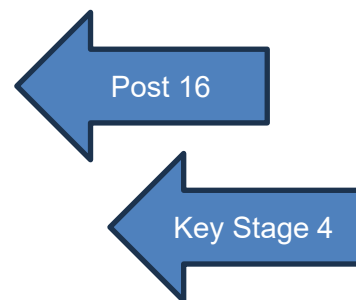
1st July -Sports Award Evening

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

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

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

Thu, 18 Jun 2026	13:00	15:00	Pearson	Statistics & Mechanics (9MA0 03)
Thu, 18 Jun 2026	13:00	15:00	Pearson	Statistics (9MA0 31)
Thu, 18 Jun 2026	13:00	15:00	Pearson	Mechanics (9MA0 32)
Mon, 15 Jun 2026	09:00	10:15	AQA	Science Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P2f (8464/P/2F)
Mon, 15 Jun 2026	09:00	10:15	AQA	Science Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P2h (8464/P/2H)
Tue, 16 Jun 2026	09:00	09:45	Pearson	Spanish Reading (F) (1SP1 3F)
Tue, 16 Jun 2026	09:00	10:00	Pearson	Spanish Reading (H) (1SP1 3H)
Wed, 17 Jun 2026	09:00	10:15	Pearson	Spanish Writing (F) (1SP1 4F)
Wed, 17 Jun 2026	09:00	10:20	Pearson	Spanish Writing (H) (1SP1 4H)



Term Dates 2025 / 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026 **Monday 13th April 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026**

End of Summer Term – Friday 17th July (**last day finish at 1pm**)

Summer Holiday – Monday 20th July to Friday 28th August

More from The Quest next week Ms G Chenery



NEXT WEEK 15th June 2026 is WEEK B