

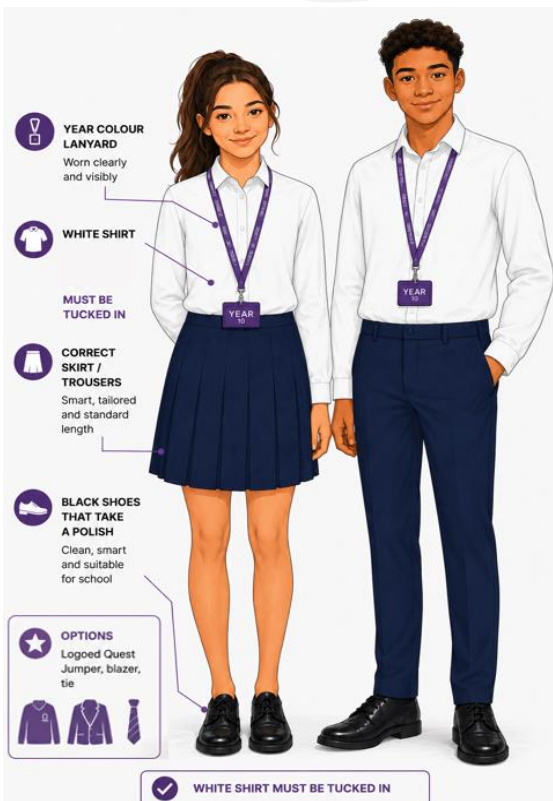
The Quest Connect!

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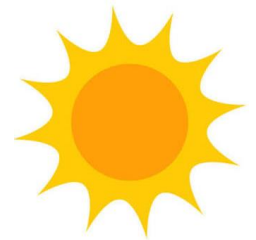
Assistant Principal: G Chenery

Headlines



This week has been a very strange one and very hot as we headed back to remote learning due to the red alert for extreme heat. Our school has been built to be environmentally friendly, keeping heat in, but this week this has not helped. Thank you to all the students and parents who have embraced this challenge. A massive shout out particularly to **YEAR 10** who have been exceptional in their reliance and engagement. Staff have been saying how hard they have worked. *See shout outs later!* Summer uniform has never been more important when we return next Monday. We thank you for your support and students reported feeling more comfortable.

Sadly our Sliver Duke of Edinburgh expedition had to be postponed this week, which caused disappointment all round, but risk assessments need to be adhered.



On Monday **Year 8 Careers**

experience continued with a talk from the Department of Work and pensions. Thankyou to Mr Henry for organising.



We also bid a fond Farewell to our amazing Year 13 as they head off on to their next chapters of higher education or work. We kicked off the celebrations with assembly in the main hall



where students took part in presentations, shout outs to staff and awards.

We then screened a tribute video, celebrating the past 2 years at **Q6**.

Students and staff then enjoyed a terrace BBQ party and more presentations on YR13 students' next steps. Finally, there was lots of laughter, reminiscing and dance performances followed by a staff v students' football friendly resulting in a disappointing draw!!



Lunch rota for next week **Year 10** are in first. Please also note the email letter from Mr Crofts re **summer uniform**. It is important that standards are still maintained, shirts being tucked in, shoes, which take a polish, not trainers so we all still look smart. There will be a real focus on maintaining this next week, so we do appreciate your support. Please do complete the parent survey on Smart phones to help us shape policy, more details have been emailed out by Mr Crofts and QR on page 6.



Celebrations and Events!



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practise expedition took place on the 18th and 19th June in the New Forest. This is an amazing opportunity Quest students get that not all schools offer. The 34 students have shown commitment and determination on this. Thank you to Ms Rose who works very hard all year to make this happen and to the supporting staff Ms Thomas, Mr Frith, Mr Spector and Ms Iwo who gave up time to accompany and also slept in tents!



Well done to year 9, who showed tremendous strength and determination on the Duke of Edinburgh bronze practice expedition.

Ms Rose



Quest Regular Readers:

This week the “**Quest regular reader**” from a member of staff as I hope our students are all remote reading!



Staff reader this week is Ms Chenery, reading “*Evil Under the Sun*” by Agatha Christie. A fabulous crime novel by one of Britain's most prolific crime writers. Written in 1941 *Evil Under the Sun* is widely celebrated as a masterclass in misdirection and timeline plotting. Set on a secluded island, it brilliantly deconstructs a seemingly obvious "crime of passion" involving a closed circle of suspects, culminating in one of the most ingenious solutions in detective fiction!

“I love this book and the glamour of the 1940's characters, whilst trying to work out “who dunnit”. I also have this on Audio book so I can listen to it if my eyes are tired.

Ms Chenery

What are you reading at the moment?

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.



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!! This week I asked for shout outs for the remote learning: I have been overwhelmed with emails from staff with list of students and their engagement **Year 10** you have really led the school in how to make the most of online learning and **Year 7** have been brilliant as your first real experience. **Years 8** and **Year 9** also lots of praise: I have tried to capture here, but students can look out for their names on our display board on Monday.

Ms Khan Maths to x12 Year 10s

7s 2 Science

Ms Chenery 8L2 Geography

Ms Watson DT x 10 Year 7

Ms Jumani 9S1 Science and Aaron J

Ms Rose x3 Year 10 Khoi, Joshua and Hayden

Ms Khan Science 8S/Sc2 - Logan, Adonai, Mikayla, Evie, Freya, Thomas, Aazeen, Maygol, Kai, Isabelle and Summer

Ms Patil Logan, Nico, Frankie

MS Campbell x 15 Year 10s

Ms Abay 9L2 and Year 10

Ms McCarthy Year 7 x 7 and year 10 x 21

Mr Baptiste Mason and Bade 9L1 and Finlee year 8

Ms Marwood 7s/Ma1 and Year 9T/Ma1

Ms Erwee 7A and Nana, Amos, Jake, Arli and Elly

Mr Reissland Year 8 Samuel, Yusuf and Joel



Student Leadership



Please refer to the letter emailed out from Mr Crofts re **summer uniform**. Students have voiced concerns over temperatures and the fact that next week is due to be even hotter and have made suggestions of how we can adapt our uniform to still look smart, but not to overheat! We have taken this on board. Please can you impress that listening and making allowances is respecting student views, but they do need to ensure that footwear is still the same standard of black shoes, which can take a polish, please ensure no trainers and that shirts are all tucked in.

Sports and clubs

Summer term after school sport clubs:



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



The Astro rota is under constant review as we want all participants to have a safe experience:

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 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 for week B with more in the pipeline. We are **still** waiting to hear about funding for more table tennis tables!

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

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 this week



were filming a short video. We just need to edit it! They have some great plans for supporting our new year 7 in September as well as completing this last task for their community badge.



SEND Spotlight!

As we experience the current heatwave, it is important to be aware that some of our learners have sensory differences, including hypersensitivity (being very sensitive to sounds, tastes, feel of items like clothing or lighting in different rooms) or hyposensitivity (having a reduced awareness e.g. not aware of their name being called in class). This can mean that they may feel uncomfortable more quickly than others or, may not notice when they are becoming too hot or too cold. In some cases, children may continue to wear warm clothing in hot weather or may not recognise when they need to drink fluids. Our summer uniform therefore supports all students dress appropriately for the warmer weather and bringing in water helps them to remember to drink water regularly throughout the day. We want to keep all students safe and comfortable during this period of high temperatures.



Sensory Processing

Please see information below that provides further information:

[Autism and sensory processing](#)
[NHS England » Sensory-friendly resource pack](#)
[Sensory Processing | NELFT NHS Foundation Trust](#)



Parental Voice!

Thank you for continued feedback: **Please let us know of achievements of students outside Quest so we can celebrate them.**

Have Your Say – SMART PHONES!

Our aim at TQA has always been simple: everything through the lens of what is best for students. The evidence on smartphones is now too clear, and too consistent, to ignore as well as government legislation. Please see the email letter sent out from Mr Crofts which has more information and the proposal we are putting forward. In short: we are proposing that The Quest Academy becomes a smartphone-free school. From Year 7 to Year 11, no smartphones would be brought into school at all. We

want to hear what you think before we decide anything.

Please complete our survey here on the link or use the QR code to access.



Smartphone-free proposal | Parent voice



[Smartphone-free proposal | Parent voice – Fill out form](#)

Definition: Any internet-enabled mobile phone or device with a touchscreen that can access the internet and social media, run apps, and take photos and videos, such as an iPhone or an Android phone; it includes smartwatches with the same functions.

Parent requests:

Regarding requests about preloved uniform.

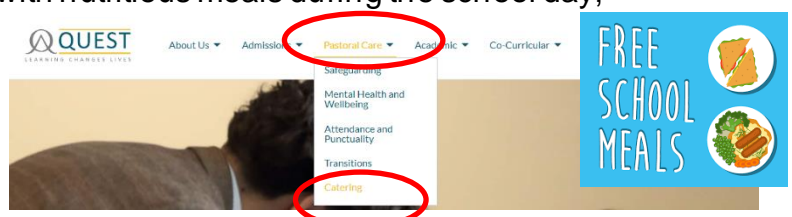
The Academy does have a limited supply of second-hand uniform items. We can help families by providing them with items of pre-loved uniform such as blazers, jumpers and PE kits. Anyone is welcome to donate pre-loved uniform or collect anything they need, subject to availability.

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 any 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".



Brain Gym!

Thanks to **Year 7** for jokes this week!

What do you call a bear with no ears?

A "B!"

Why should you never give Elsa a balloon?

She'll let it go.



Who is who? At 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

Improved! All 7-10 forms have at least 2 tutor groups above target!

Attendance this week: Tutor Groups

7H1 97%	7H2 90.5%	7L1 94.29%	7L2 98.5%	7S1 92.92%	7S2 98.1%
8H1 96.25%	8H2 97.5%	8L1 96.83%	8L2 88.57%	8S1 87.74%	8S2 90.48%
9H1 94.12%	9H2 92.5%	9L1 97.92%	9L2 92.76%	9S1 95.2%	9S2 79.66%
10H1 86.55%	10H2 97.14%	10L1 92.86%	10L2 95%	10S1 92%	10S2 88.93%
11H1 44.74%	11H2 39.69%	11L1 35.63%	11L2 34.44%	11S1 41.76%	11S2 35.29%
12.1 82.81%	12.2 79.73%			13.1 8.54%	13.2 10.71%

Ms Boylan is launching a new initiative, the **Quest 8 Challenge with Year 8**. The initiative is designed to improve attendance through a friendly competition between tutor groups.

Each week, tutor groups will compete to achieve the **most improved attendance**, with the winning tutor group receiving a prize every Friday. We will also be recognising **Quest 8 Star Students** who

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

What is The Quest 8 Challenge?



The Quest 8 Challenge is a competition between all **Year 8** tutor groups to improve attendance and be in school every day.

achieve 100% attendance during the week. Due to the remote learning this week, more will be reported in the future.



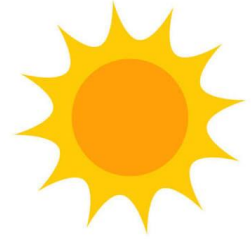
By attending regularly, you help your tutor group earn rewards and recognition.

Dates for the Diary and other upcoming events

Week Beginning 29th June 2026: (Week B) the focus this week is being NICE and how we can do this whilst being independent.

Summer uniform is in place:

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

16th July is ACADEMY DAY – please see emails about booking trips.

17th July is our Culture Day and final day of the academic year. **The academy closes at 1pm.**

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 29th June 2026 is WEEK B