



MacIntyre Academies Quest Academy

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to update you about some changes that we will be making from Monday 8th November regarding our Behaviour and Reward system. We will be amending our Behaviour Policy to reflect some of the changes and will share the draft copy whilst it is being ratified by our LAB.

As many of you will be aware, prior to March 2020, when the Country went into its first lockdown, we had a very successful reward system based on QUEST Points. Unfortunately, due to not being able to go on trips, this system had to be put on hold.






We are now in a position where we can re-introduce an amended version of our highly successful QUEST Point system, which allows us to celebrate learners' achievements and provide them with different opportunities to take part in a range of Friday activities and trips based on the status they have gained throughout the week. This will also link in with our "Quest 8 Ready for Life Award".

This year we are introducing a new Diamond Status Award in addition to our Platinum, Gold and Silver Awards. Learners who gain Platinum Status will be able to choose any reward from each category, they will also be able to go on an external trip that will additionally involve having a food reward.

Learners will continue to work together to gain their EMPATHY points and class reward where they are able to decide the reward they all wish to have. The points gained can be used on a weekly, termly or at the end of the year basis.

For learners in KS4 we are introducing a new lunchtime social club that will take place every lunchtime between Monday and Thursday. As this club will be a privilege to attend, learners will need to demonstrate that they are good role models to others.

Below is a summary of the QUEST Point system:

Our Goals	Quest points	How do I earn my points?
Q uality of work	Q Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completing all work to the best of your ability. Completion of all activities including extension work set by staff where appropriate. 
U nderstanding others	U Understanding others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being polite and showing respect to everyone. (You cannot earn this point if you continue to swear after one warning) "T.H.I.N.K. before you speak", Being kind and helping others. 
E ngaged	E Engaged with learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Quest's expectations, for example, correct school uniform, correct use of mobile devices. On task and completing work for 85% of the lesson. 
S afe behaviour	S Safe behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following staff instructions. In lessons unless given permission to leave. Respecting the building and equipment. Respecting others. 
T alking it out	T Talking it out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledging WWW/ EBI ideas. Talking about problems with staff. Talking about how you feel. Making a sensible safe choice. 



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As you are aware, we use Personalised Programmes of Support, to support learners to overcome their barriers to learning. Whilst we are able to deliver some of these programmes during the week we are mindful that in delivering these it can mean that a learner can miss out on their learning.

To ensure that learners receive the support they need so that they are “Ready for Life” we will be holding additional Programmes of Support.

Personalised Programmes of Support will take place between 13:30 and 14.30 on a Friday afternoon. If your child has been identified as requiring a Programme of Support, parents/carers will be contacted no less than 24 hours prior. If you are unable to collect your child at 14:30 on the Friday, please let school know and we will provide transport in these exceptional circumstances. However, if you are able to collect your child, this does provide an opportunity for a face-to-face handover.

We will be communicating the changes to learners on Monday during our ‘Ready for Life’ Morning PowerPoint. I know that the learners were disappointed when we had to stop QUEST Points and so I am sure that they will be delighted to know that QUEST points are back.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ring me.

Kind regards,

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