

JULY 2025 EDITION NEWSLETTER





Teacher Training Day

Mon 21st July

Results Day
Thurs 21st Aug, 9.30 - 10.30

Teacher Training Day

Mon 1st Sept

Start of Term
Tues 2nd Sept

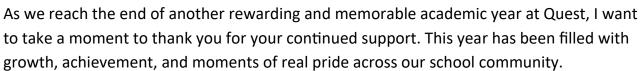
WE ARE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE...

...the parents of one of our learners have shared that their son likes Quest Academy, and he is motivated to attend, having formed positive relationships with his class staff team.

...the father of one of our learners said that his son presents motivation to attend school, and said that his son is happy at Quest Academy.

...the father of one of our learners said that he appreciates the Quest team effort with his daughter's support.

DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND LEARNERS,







We would like to wish all our learners and their families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break. We hope you are able to take time to rest, reflect, and spend quality time together.

A very special farewell goes to our Year 11 learners, who recently celebrated their time at Quest with a fantastic Leavers' Prom — a night full of laughter, reflection, and celebration. These young people will be greatly missed by all of us, but we are excited for what lies ahead for them. Whether it's college, apprenticeships, or employment, we wish them every success and happiness. And

please remember—the Quest door is always open, and we look forward to hearing how each of them is doing in the months and years ahead.

This year has also seen us introduce several key developments that have strengthened our school offer:

- The launch of Read Write Inc., supporting early reading and phonics.
- A new whole-school daily reading time, embedding a calm and purposeful culture around reading.
- The introduction of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, giving learners meaningful opportunities to build resilience, confidence, and teamwork.

We've also delivered a number of fantastic wider curriculum experiences for our learners, including:

- A joyful VE Day Garden Party for our Lower School learners.
- A whole-school STEM Day, culminating in an impressive Science Fair where learners proudly showcased their projects.
- A successful Careers Fair, connecting learners with a wide range of future pathways and opportunities.
- A week of engaging and thoughtful activities to mark National Safeguarding Week, exploring key themes around safety and wellbeing.

We are excited to build on this momentum next year and deliver even more experiences that inspire, challenge, and support our learners to thrive.

We are also proud to share that on 14th July 2025, Quest Academy was awarded the Bronze Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award (ATSSA), following a year's worth of focused work with Dr Jenny Nock. This achievement is a reflection of our school's commitment to creating a safe, nurturing, and emotionally supportive environment for all learners.

As we celebrate these successes, we also say goodbye to five valued members of staff: Jess, Steve, Aiden, Nathan, and Bethan. Each of them has made a meaningful contribution to our school community and will be missed by staff and learners alike. We thank them for their commitment and compassion, and we wish them all the very best on their new journeys.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for being part of our Quest community. Have a restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another successful year ahead.

Warmest regards,

Laura Thackaberry



You Can't Take an Elephant on Holiday

Written by Patricia Cleveland-Peck Illustrated by David Tazzyman

A cheetah in charge of a camper van? Rhinos rampaging round the campsite? Meerkats playing minigolf? This book features all sorts of crazy creatures that you would definitely NOT want to take on your holiday!

Imagine playing minigolf with meerkats or building a sandcastle with an armadillo! And don't even think about eating candyfloss when there's an albatross about! Jam-packed full with crazy creatures!

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The Night Before Summer Vacation

Written by Natasha Wing Illustrated by Julie Durrell

A little girl and her family are getting ready to go on vacation . . . or at least they are trying to. In the effort to pack everything that will be needed, there's bound to be something overlooked, and what that is provides a funny ending to this meter-perfect "twist" on Clement Moore's classic.



A Hero's Guide to Summer Vacation

Written by Pablo Cartaya

When a quiet kid and his grumpy yet famous grandpa hit the road in a vintage convertible, sparks fly and surprises unfold. From coast to coast, they battle old grudges, face unexpected challenges, and discover that real-life adventures can be the most epic of all!



Age 4 - 8

Reading age

Age 0 - 5

The Summer I Turned Pretty

Written by Jenny Han

For the whole of her life, Isabel has spent her summers at the beach house with family and friends.

She has always been the annoying younger sister, the little girl at the edge of the action never quite being allowed to join in but this year, as she turns sixteen, things feel different.



Are the boys really looking at her with new interest or is there something else going on, something she doesn't know about?

What at first appears to be a frivolous, frothy, beach read ends up tackling some tough issues and exploring both the joys and sorrows which characterise a girl's transition to adulthood.





AMAZING PHOTOGRAPHY WORK!

Brayden has been experimenting with the visual style of the famous artist David Hockney. Brayden shot a series of photographs of the Teepee exploring angle, framing and zoom. He then put them together to form an abstract of the structure which is still recognisable. His inspiration was a piece of work called 'Luxembourg Chair'.







The Artwork...

ARETHA FRANKLIN CLASS

Maps - during art Aretha Franklin class created their own pirate treasure map. They stained the

paper with cold tea and allowed them to dry before drawing out the different features they wanted on their maps. (Troy and Hayden's work).





Theme - During a lesson based on the Rainforest the class was asked to create their own Rainforest picture. Maison asked if he could create one on a canvas and spent two days creating his masterpiece.



QUESTS NEWEST ARRIVALS!









We are incredibly proud of our Duke of Edinburgh learners who have recently earned their Volunteering Certificate through their hard work and dedication.

As part of their volunteering section, they raised money for two vital charities: Cancer

Research UK and the British Red Cross. Their fundraising efforts included making and selling slushies, cakes, and cookies to staff members - showcasing not only their initiative and teamwork but also their compassion for important causes.

Well done to all involved!





SAFE & RESPECTFUL CONDUCT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We kindly remind all parents and carers who drop off and collect their children to adhere to the 5mph speed limit when driving on school grounds. Please remain vigilant as staff, learners, and other parents/carers may be crossing the car park. We all share the responsibility to ensure the safety of everyone on the school site.

Additionally, please be mindful of the conversations you are having, especially with learners around, and ensure that appropriate language is used at all times while on school premises. We kindly ask for your cooperation, as access to the school site may be reviewed for those unable to follow these guidelines.

If you have any concerns regarding your own child, another child, or another parent/carer, please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your understanding and support in maintaining a safe and respectful environment.



Learners <u>do not</u> need to bring in their own balls, we have them available. If they do, they will have to be <u>handed in on arrival</u> like tech.



UNIFORM SUPPLIER

You can order uniform directly from Webb Ellis in Rugby.

Online: http://www.webb-ellis.co.uk/schools/

Telephone: 01788 567777

Email: sales@webb-ellis.co.uk

Address: Webb Ellis Ltd, 5&6 St. Matthew's Street,

Rugby, CV21 3BY



MEDICATION REMINDER

Any prescribed medication sent into school must be in original packaging, with pupil's name, date of birth and dosage clearly marked (and within date) and be given to the taxi escort and then directly to staff. Learners must not carry their own medication unless it is inhalers.

- We ask that you read the 'Supporting Learners with Medical Needs' Policy (available on the school website).
- We would like to reiterate that there is no legal duty requiring school staff to administer medication therefore it should be noted that this is a service that the school is not obliged to undertake.
- In order for the school to deliver medication you need to complete the 'Administration of Medication Consent Form' (available from reception).
- If your child vomits or spits out the medication given, the dose will not be repeated.
- Please notify the school of all changes in medication and/or any relevant information.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 1st September 2025
Start	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
End	Friday 24th October 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025
Start	Monday 3rd November 2025
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 28th November 2025
Term End	Friday 19th December 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026
SPRING TERM 2026	
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 5th January 2026
Start	Tuesday 6th January 2026
End	Friday 13th February 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026
Start	Monday 23rd February 2026
Trust INSET Day (no learners on site)	Friday 13th March 2026
Term End	Friday 27th March 2026
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026
SUMMER TERM 2026	
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 13th April 2026
Start	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Bank Holiday (no learners on site)	Monday 4th May 2026
End	Friday 22nd May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026
Start	Monday 1st June 2026
Term End	Friday 17th July 2026
INSET Day (no learners on site)	Monday 20th July 2026

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KS2 NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING WEEK



This year's National Safeguarding Week theme focused on 'Empowering and protecting learners in an increasingly digital world', with a particular emphasis on online safety and digital safeguarding within schools. Throughout the week, Key Stage Two (KS2) learners took part in a variety of engaging and educational tasks. These included designing posters to promote awareness of the week,

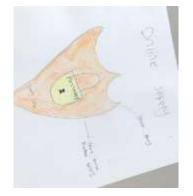
exploring the importance of password protection, participating in hidden emoji challenges, and learning about the impact of fake news in today's society. It has been encouraging to see learners participating in open and supportive whole-class discussions. These conversations have provided a platform to explore key



issues around digital safety, challenge misconceptions, and encourage responsible online behaviour. Learners were able to ask thoughtful questions in a safe and respectful environment - many of which may not have been addressed previously. It was a valuable opportunity to strengthen learners understanding of digital safeguarding and to empower learners to navigate the online world with greater

confidence and self-safety.







KS3 NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING WEEK

interactive tasks designed to deepen their

understanding of digital safety.



Key Stage Three (KS3) learners actively participated in a range of activities to mark National Safeguarding
Week. Throughout the week, learners
engaged in a series of educational and

Activities included creating posters to raise awareness of National Safeguarding Week, investigating the importance of strong password protection, tackling code-cracking challenges, and examining the influence and implications of fake news in today's society.



It has been particularly encouraging to see learners involved in open, respectful whole class discussions, asking insightful questions. These sessions provided a platform for exploring key digital safety issues, challenging common

misconceptions, and promoting responsible online behaviour. It was a valuable opportunity to strengthen learners understanding of digital safeguarding and to empower them to navigate the online world with greater confidence.









KS4 NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING WEEK



KS4 focused on National Safeguarding week every morning in their tutor time. The theme saw learners exploring areas of digital safety. KS4 also explored other themes within their online safety lessons, including privacy, data and fake news. The learners engaged really





well and have shown a great understanding of how to keep safe in different

online situations. As part of exploring the capacity of artificial intelligence, learners were tasked with

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using an art generation tool to create their own
Digital Safety Poster. Learners observed that you can spot Al
generated imagery by the spelling mistakes, incorrectly

a very literal interpretation of design ideas. In addition, learners explored their relationship with a variety of online

composed hands and





scams by first identifying the terms through a 'mix and match' exercise and then recounting their own experiences with them. Most learners stated they were most exposed to 'phishing scams' and online hatred and knew how to stay safe. Learners were most unsure about 'the dark web' and how it could be accessed.





BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

Year 11s explored both the Black Country Living Museum and the tunnels of the Dudley canal. They represented the school with excellence showing maturity and displaying fantastic politeness engaging with the museum staff and members of the public. They topped off their trip with a fish and chip lunch and a ride on an old bus. A great day had by all.



SILVERSTONE



TRANSITION

Crime Scene Investigations











Cup Challenges













Touch Rugby













VR & Board Games













ROBOT WARS

The learners design, build and battle in an octagon -

This year's winner was Milan!



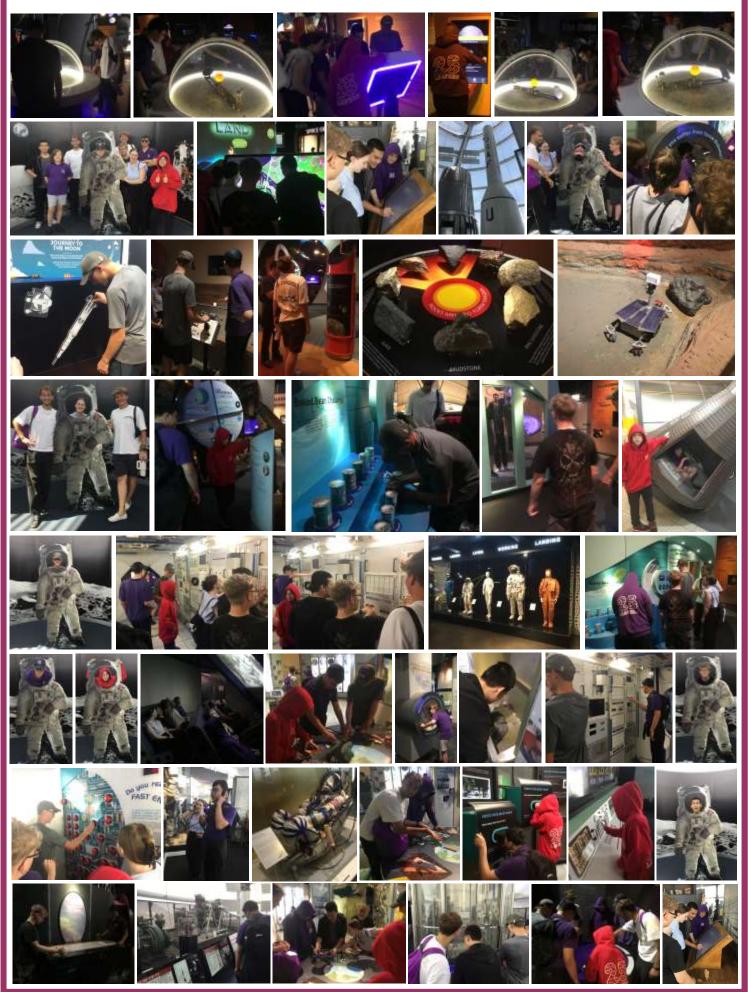








SPACE CENTRE -19.06.2025



CAREERS FAIR

On Thursday 12th June, Quest was proud to host a whole-school Careers Fair—an inspiring and informative event that gave every student across the school the opportunity to explore a wide range of future pathways.

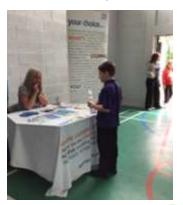
Throughout the day, all classes accessed the fair, where they engaged directly with employers, further education providers, and training organisations. The event aimed to raise aspirations, spark curiosity, and help pupils begin to consider the exciting possibilities ahead of them.

We were thrilled to welcome representatives from a variety of sectors, including:

- Moulton College offering insights into courses in agriculture, construction, sports and animal care
- The British Army sharing pathways into service and the many roles available
- NHS Careers discussing the wide range of roles within healthcare and support services
- New Meaning Training post 16 alternative provision showcasing alternative learning routes and hands-on training opportunities
- Proactive Young People providing information about opportunities employability and enterprise
- Warwickshire Apprenticeship Service guiding students through apprenticeship options and career routes
- Severn Trent Water highlighting roles in engineering, sustainability and environmental services

Students were engaged, curious, and full of questions, showing great enthusiasm for learning about the world of work, further education and training!

Events like these remind us of the importance of early careers education and the powerful impact it can have. We look forward to building on this success with more opportunities in the future for both learners, parents and carers!



















THINGS TO DO IN THE SUMMER - HERBERT ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

Event: Lego Bricks & Creative Superheros / Crafts Drop In - £2.50 per child, Under 3's FREE

Daily Activities: Week One: Create Your Superhero—Saturday 16, Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20

August: Wooden Spoon Hero Puppets: Transform simple wooden spoons into your favourite

superheroes or everyday heroes! Use paper, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, soft felt, and other fun materials to craft amazing hero puppets. Once you have added all the details, take your creative creation home to entertain friends and family.

Thursday 21, Friday 22 August: Heroes Capes & Masks: Get ready for a super summer of creativity. Join us to design your own no-sew superhero cape and matching mask using various colourful materials and fun embellishments. Whether you decorate your cape with your favourite superhero's symbol or create your unique logo, the choice is yours. Once your masterpiece is complete, take it home and wear it proudly. Show off your superhero skills all summer long!

- Week Two: Sculpting Superstars Saturday 9, Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 August: Clay characters: Explore the techniques and possibilities of clay by using various methods and tools to bring your superheroes or dinosaurs to life. Take your sculpture home to display your skills.
 Thursday 14, Friday 15 August: Slippery Soap Dinos: Slip away into the world of soapy dinos or other superheroes. Have a go at soap carving to create marvellous abstract sculpture art. Make your creation extra special by gift wrapping it in cloth and ribbon, then take it home or gift it to a family or friend.
- Week Three: Lego Prints & Big Portraits Saturday 26, Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 July: Lego
 Printing Self-Portraits: Discover the art of printmaking by designing your self-portrait with LEGO
 tiles! Arrange the tiles on baseplates to create a relief image of your face, then print it onto a quality card to make a fabulous piece of art.
 - Thursday 31 July, Friday 1 August: Life Size Drawings Make life-sized drawings! Trace around your body on giant paper and then immerse yourself in fabric, paper and pens to embellish your portrait with plants, rainbows and everything you love. How will your portrait express who you are? Once your masterpiece is complete, you can roll it up to take it home.
- Week Four: Mosaic Magic & Mythical Art Saturday 2, Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 August: Mosaic Number Masterpieces: Dive into the vibrant world of mosaics and explore what numbers are meaningful to you. Inspired by Jason's exhibition Adventure 254, discover why 254 is special to him and create your unique mosaic number. Design a beautiful masterpiece with a touch of vintage charm using colourful tiles, buttons, beads, and shimmering mirror pieces. Take your finished creation home to display proudly in your home or garden.

Thursday 7, Friday 8 August: Mythical Watercolours: Set sail on a magical adventure under the sea. Bring dazzling jellyfish, enchanting mermaids, or mythical sea creatures to life using watercolour paints and wax-resist techniques. Add the final touch with intricate 3D origami boats, making your artwork leap off the page. Let your imagination flow and create a piece of art as mythical as the sea itself!

- Week Five: Stylish Totes & Friendship LEGO bracelets: Saturday 23, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 August: Block Print Totes: Create stylish tote bags using beautiful block print stamps and colourful used LEGO pieces. Inspired by the intricate hand-carved blocks of India, you'll learn how to easily print fun and modern designs on fabric. From geometric patterns to floral designs, there's a stamp for everyone. Use fabric paints to add your personal touch and make a tote for yourself! Thursday 28, Friday 29 August, Saturday 30 August: Lego Friendship Bracelets: For the final summer activity, try your hand at making cool, colourful woven friendship bracelets—a perfect symbol of kindness! Create a unique bracelet to give to old and new friends and embellish your woven yarn with pre-drilled LEGO bricks. Bring your imagination to life by designing unique patterns.
- Event: Dippy The Nations Favourite Dinosaur Prices: vary from £2.00 £4.50

 If you live in Coventry please see this website as you may be eligible for a Go CV+ plus card The GO CV card is a FREE Scheme for Coventry Residents. They can benefit from offers and discounts on events, activities and attractions. https://go-cv.co.uk/about/
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booking slot/ ticket through the website. Dippy the dinosaur is a life-size, plaster-of-paris replica of a Diplodocus carnegii skeleton. It became the first Diplodocus to go on display anywhere in the world when it was gifted to the Natural History Museum by Andrew Carnegie on 12 May 1905. Diplodocus carnegii lived during the Late Jurassic period, about 155 –



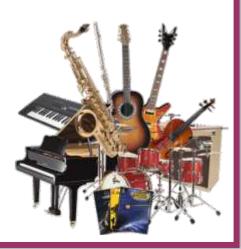
145 million years ago and their skeletons have been found in North America. They were huge, plant-eating dinosaurs, with long whip-like tails. They grew to about 24-26 metres long and probably weighed up to around 15 tonnes. For comparison, a London double-decker bus is around 14 metres long and weighs 12 tonnes. **Location:** The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum Jordan Well, Cov, CV1 5QP

Event: Bands in the Park Cost: Included with admission Time: 10:00 - 15:15

Enjoy Live music across Coventry's Parks on Sundays from 2pm – 3.30pm. This is a free event. There will be chairs available from the Rangers but do feel free to bring your own and possibly a picnic and enjoy the lovely atmosphere please see below dates and parks

- Sunday 20 July: War Memorial Park Triumph Pipe Band
- Sunday 27 July: Coundon Peace Orchard Coleshill Town Band
- Sunday 3 August: Allesley Park Phoenix Rock and Roll Band
- Sunday 31 August: Nauls Mill Park Non Stop Bop
- Sunday 7 September: Spencer Park: Westwood Heath Band
- Sunday 14 September: Caludon Castle Park Cubbington Silver Band

For more information please contact urbanrangers@coventry.gov.uk



WHAT'S COMING UP LOCALLY?





Looking for a fantastic fun day out?

Come and meet the herd and learn all about alpacas!

Venue: Faerie Tale Farm, Rouncil Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 1NNT Book please use this website: http://www.faerietalealpacas.co.uk/

Suitable for:

- 2 hour Alpaca Experience | 6+
- 1 hour Alpaca Meet and Greet | All ages







Welcome to Summer Reading Challenge 2025

For children aged 4-11

All you have to do to be part of this year's Summer Reading Challenge is pop into the library after 5th July 2025 and tell us you'd like to join. We'll get you signed up - it's free! Once you've signed up, to complete the challenge just pop into the library at least twice more over the summer holidays to tell us about your reading. You can read anything, but we'd love you to borrow books from us while you are visiting.

You can come in and chat to us any time we are open, but - if you can - join us for our Story Garden Club sessions throughout the holidays (from 21 July - 29 August). See overleaf for more information about the activities on offer.

If you complete your 3 library visits, you'll receive a medal and certificate, either straight away or at our fantastic Medal Ceremony. We'll tell you more when you sign up!





Warwick Library Mondays & Fridays 21 July - 29 August

Mondays* 10.30am Stories & Book Chat Fridays 2.30pm Library Crafts

Free - just drop in No need to book

*bookable session Mon 4 Aug - see separate posters no session bank hol Mon 25 Aug



Summer Reading Challenge Activities @ Warwick Library

21st July - 29th August 2025 For ages 4-11

> Every Monday 10.30am - 11.30am Story Garden Club

Storytelling session, and people to chat to about your reading. Free, just drop in, no need to book.

NB. Bookable session Mon 4th August (see below)

No session Mon 25th August (bank holiday)

Every Friday 2.30pm - 3.30pm Library Crafts

Simple crafts on a magical nature theme. Free, just drop in, no need to book.

> Monday 4th August 10.30am Storytelling with Kate Coleman

Free, but booking required - scan the QR code below for more info and to book, or ask a member of staff









Create Learn Enjoy Discover

Find out more at www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun

in our summer holiday workshops!

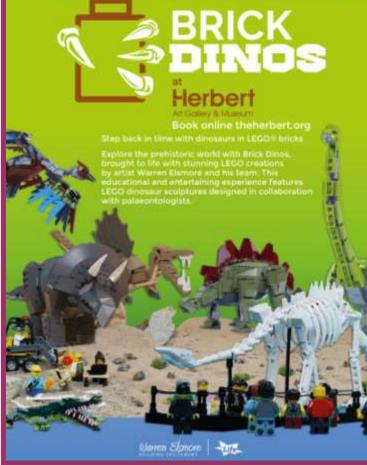
Go Ape Coventry: Tree Top Adventure

Costs: 2-4 hrs £3.50 4-24 hours £5

https://goape.co.uk/locations/coventry

Venue: Coombe Abbey Country Park,
Brinklow Road, Brinklow, Coventry,
CV3 2AB









SEN @ THE HERBERT ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

The Learning and Engagement team at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum will be delivering 4 funded Sensory Arts sessions across the summer holidays, with each one specifically designed to support children and young people with the following access needs:

- Visual impairments Thursday 24 July
- Hearing Impairments Thursday 14 August
- Neurodiversity (moderate to high level) Thursday 21 August
- Physical mobility Thursday 28 August

Please share these events with your school families. Find out more via the following link: https://eequ.org/culturecoventry For any questions please get in touch with lisa.ford@cvlife.co.uk

Creative Bridges: Courses in Art and Design and Games Design are being offered as part of a Coventry Alternative Provision programme. The Herbert Media team, an Alternative Education Provider, specialize in working with neuro-diverse young people (14 - 19) in their digital media studios, supporting young people back into education. The programme is exclusively available to schools who have signed up for Coventry Alternative Provision.

Further details are available at this link: https://www.theherbert.org/learning/creative-bridges-.aspx. For any questions please get in touch with https://www.theherbert.org/learning/creative-bridges-.aspx. For any questions please get in touch with https://www.theherbert.org/learning/ https://www.theherbert.org/learning/ https://www.theherbert.org/learning/ https://www.theherbert.org/learning/ https://www.theherbert.org/



Attendance: At Quest Academy, we seek to ensure that all our learners receive a full time education which maximizes opportunities for each learner to reach his or her true potential: we feel that good attendance (95% or above) and good punctuality too are a vital part of this and we want all learners to strive towards this.

Government statistics have proven that children with poor attendance are 47% less likely to meet their potential examination results compared to learners with good attendance.

We have a desire to strive towards 100% attendance for all of our learners and expect all parents/ carers to actively support us in ensuring that their children are in school, safe, at all times. We also aim to hold all parents / carers that give low priority to good school attendance accountable.

Lateness: Pupils must attend registration on time to be given a present mark. Registration starts at 8.50am until 9am. Arrival after the start of morning registration will be given an 'L' code. After 9.30am a 'U' code (unauthorised absence) will be given.

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Reporting pupil absence and lateness: Please can we remind parent/carers to call school on 01788 593 112, before 9am if your child may be late or is unwell. You will also need to contact the taxi company to let them know. If your child is absent for more than 7 days you will need to provide a doctors certificate. If we do not receive a doctors note and have not seen your child we will have no alternative but to refer the matter to the Safeguarding Board in line with our safeguarding procedures.

PRIVACY NOTICE

MacIntyre Academies collects and uses pupil information which complies with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This is Europe's framework for data protection laws – it replaces the previous 1995 data protection directive, which UK law has previously been based upon.

Please note that limited personal data is used and stored as per the MAT Retention Policy.

You can read the full details of our Privacy Notice in the policy. This includes more details of our legal basis for the use of specific information.







