



MacIntyre Academies  
Quest Academy

## MAY 2021 EDITION 2 NEWSLETTER

**COVID Testing: Regular asymptomatic testing** - It is vital that staff and learners continue to test twice weekly (Sunday & Wednesday evenings) in order to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19. If your child has had three tests on site, lateral flow tests will be periodically sent home from school.



**Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021**  
**Return : Monday 7th June 2021**

“Quote of the week”

*“Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out.”*

*John Wooden*

# WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to all the staff who go above and beyond on a daily basis to make a difference.

Throughout the term learners have been focussing on improving their work using our “purple pen” strategy. It is wonderful to know that despite the difficult year we have had that learners continue to show the resilience and perseverance needed to achieve their potential.

Many of you will be aware that Daisy Howden, who is the lower school family footings facilitator, will be starting her maternity leave in June. Congratulations to Stevie Jayne Farrell who was successful with her application to cover Daisy’s maternity leave.

After half term learners will be able to carry out some activities in the local community. A letter will be sent out to you about this with further details.

Now that we are beginning to return to some normality and that our uniform shop is now open please can you ensure that your child returns to school wearing their full school uniform. Learners will still be able to wear their PE kit to school on the day they have PE and Forest Schools.

I hope that you have a wonderful half term.

Kind regards,

*Nicola Wells.*

## **Parental feedback from an Annual Reviews:**

***We are successful because...***

***“...the mother of one of our learners said that her daughter is happy and settled at Quest. She would like her daughter ‘to stay at Quest ‘forever’. Since joining Quest, her mother said that she has developed resilience and the ability to recognise, communicate and start to regulate her needs effectively.”***

# FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXAMS - 7TH JUNE



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2021 exam changes Subjects Qualifications Professional development Exams administration

Subjects / Mathematics / Functional Skills / Mathematics (8361, 8362)

## Functional Skills Mathematics

8361, 8362

**Functional Skills exams will go ahead in summer 2021**

DfE and Ofqual have confirmed that exams and assessments should continue for Functional Skills qualifications. [Read more](#)

Find all the information, support and resources you need to deliver our specification.

**Teaching from:** September 2019  
**Exams from:** January 2020  
**QAN code:** 603/4257/2 (Level 1), 603/4258/4 (Level 2)

Specification Planning resources Assessment resources Key dates

As you can see, AQA have shared on their website a link to a DfE/Ofqual announcement about VTQ qualifications, confirming that VTQ exams will be going ahead in this year.

For our learners this means that they will now be required to sit **two Functional Skills Maths** papers on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** in the Sports Hall.

Telephone calls home to parents/carers have been made by the Class Team, so those that are effected, should already have been informed. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me [quest.office@macintyreacademies.org](mailto:quest.office@macintyreacademies.org).

*Laura-Jane Boshell,*

Office Manager and Exams Officer.

## Book of the Week

### Shadow and Bone (The Shadow and Bone Trilogy #1)

by Leigh Bardugo

Surrounded by enemies, the once-great nation of Ravka has been torn in two by the Shadow Fold, a swath of near impenetrable darkness crawling with monsters who feast on human flesh. Now its fate may rest on the shoulders of one lonely refugee.

Alina Starkov has never been good at anything. But when her regiment is attacked on the Fold and her best friend is brutally injured, Alina reveals a dormant power that saves his life—a power that could be the key to setting her war-ravaged country free. Wrenched from everything she knows, Alina is whisked away to the royal court to be trained as a member of the Grisha, the magical elite led by the mysterious Darkling. Yet nothing in this lavish world is what it seems. With darkness looming and an entire kingdom depending on her untamed power, Alina will have to confront the secrets of the Grisha . . . and the secrets of her heart.



# CORONAVIRUS REPORTING OVER HALF TERM



As we draw closer to the half term break, we want to ensure that you are all aware of the protocol should your child test positive for Covid-19 during this time.

**For those children taking part in home testing using Lateral Flow home test kits please continue using these between 5pm on a Sunday and 7am on a Monday, then between 5pm on a Wednesday and 7am on a Thursday.**

If the lateral flow home test kit indicates that your child is positive please email [QuestCovid@MacintyreAcademies.Org](mailto:QuestCovid@MacintyreAcademies.Org) to let us know and immediately book them a PCR test to confirm this result. Your household should then isolate until they have received a negative PCR result, or for 10 days whichever comes first. Lateral Flow home test kits are designed to detect Covid-19 in those that are asymptomatic, so if your child is displaying any of the following symptoms please book them a PCR test as soon as possible:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child develops symptoms any time **before 4pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May** (48 hours after last attending school) and they test positive for Covid-19, you must email us at the new address [QuestCovid@MacintyreAcademies.Org](mailto:QuestCovid@MacintyreAcademies.Org) so that we can identify any close contacts as soon as possible.

It would be most helpful if you could include the following details in the email:

- Full name of your child and their class name
- The date and time they first developed symptoms, if asymptomatic please state
- The date and time that the test was taken and the date and time that the result was received

We will use this information to determine who will need to self-isolate due to being a close contact as per below:

- The period that needs to be considered for close contacts is the 48 hours prior to symptoms starting or 48 hours prior to a positive test if a child is asymptomatic.

A close contact would be anyone who has been within 2m for more than 15 minutes or anyone who has been within 1m (face to face) for more than one minute

We will call the parents/carers of all close contacts with instructions for their child to self-isolate. We ask that parents/carers monitor the telephone of which you have given school the



number of in the eventuality that you are contacted.

Where a child tests positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (**after** 4pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May), parents/carers should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. You do not need to contact the school for these cases.

We look forward to seeing your child back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, if they are having to self-isolate due to being a close contact or have tested positive for Covid-19 then please report these absences in the usual way.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

*Victoria Scranage*

School Business Manager

## FOREST SCHOOL

In ACE we have been looking at tool and fire safety within Forest School sessions. We have been able to cook some jacket potatoes, work together to make temporary shelters and create good habitats within the ground to help encourage wildlife into our outdoor space.





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MORETON MORRELL  
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# 2021 RESULTS DAY!



All Year 11 pupils are invited into school to collect their results on Thursday 12th August between 11am and 12pm.

Laura-Jane Boshell (Exams Officer), Ben Makins (SENCO) and members of SLT will be on site to talk through your results and next steps.

\*If you are unable to attend, we will ring you with your results and arrange for results to be sent home.



## Certificates

Although results are issued via a results slip on Thursday 12th August, certificates aren't printed by the exam board until November.

We will be in contact with parents/careers in due course to make arrangements.

Any unclaimed certificates will be stored securely at school for 12 months only.

**We look forward to seeing you!**



## YEAR 11



As our Year 11 are nearing the end of their time at Quest, the focus remains on being "Ready for Life" and to that end we have been supporting learners in taking the next steps in their educational journey. Many of our learners have now secured offers with their nearest FE college which include Warwickshire College Group Rugby, Moreton Morrell, Leamington Spa and City College Coventry. Courses that have been applied for range from Land based, Plumbing, Motor Vehicle, Sport, Carpentry and Business and IT.

To further support our learners we are looking at creating a final package for them involving Work Experience, Supported Study and visits to their college to help them become familiar with their new surroundings.

We remain excited at what possibilities our learners will now experience and we trust that they will keep in touch so that we can hear all about their continued successes.

*Jamie Rynberk*

Assistant Principal

## NEW STAFF

We have had a couple of new Teaching Assistants officially join our staff team over the last couple of weeks, so of course we had to do a Quest Quiz to get to know them! Below are Michelle's responses....



**1. What is the best job you've ever had and why?** My best job was working for Madame Tussauds London. Here I worked in various departments from guest experience where I would welcome guests, give them information about certain wax figures and ensure guest safety to retail where I was responsible for the 12 satellite units and the main gift shop at the end of the attraction. No two days were ever the same and I got to meet people from all over the World. It holds a very special place as this is where I met my husband – believe it or not he was actually a Zombie in the live horror walk-through!

**2. Where's the most interesting place you've ever been too?** That's a tough one as I have been to quite a few interesting places! I guess it would have to be a place called Discovery Cove in Orlando, Florida. Here you can swim with Dolphins, Stingrays and even Sharks.

**3. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?** I would live in Venice. I have been lucky enough to visit twice and love the fact that there are no cars whizzing around! As it is made up of so many canals, travel is either by foot or by boat. There is always something new to discover hidden within the little side streets such as open air Operas and delicious food to try.



**4. Who is the most famous person you've met?** Working at Madame Tussauds you get to see quite a few famous faces on a regular basis as they come in to model when making their wax figures. Out of the blue one afternoon we received a call to say that Michael Jackson was in London with his children and he wanted to show them his wax figure – he was very nice!

**5. Thinking about your working life, tell us about a time where you have gone beyond the requirements of your role to achieve something amazing?** I used to work for Hotel Chocolat and they have a Cocoa plantation in St Lucia called The Rabot Estate. A regular customer was getting married and taking their Honeymoon in St Lucia. I arranged a tour of the Cocoa Plantation and few extra surprises as a little gift from us to them. They had the best time and showed me all their amazing pictures from their honeymoon and gifted me the biggest bunch of flowers to say thank you.

**6. Do you prefer hot sunny holidays' or wonderful winter holidays and why?** Always hot sunny holidays. There is something so satisfying about arriving in another country and feeling that first wave of heat touch your face as they open the Aeroplane door. I hate being cold, the only day it is acceptable is Christmas day because a warm Christmas would just be strange!

**7. What is the most disgusting food you've ever eaten?** Oysters. I love shellfish and seafood but just can't bring myself to eat oysters...or jellied eels!

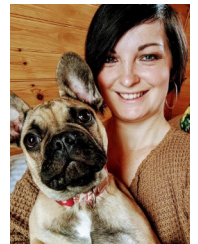
**8. What car do you drive?** I drive a red Toyota Aygo called Rodney.

**9. If you were to have friends/family round for dinner, what meal would you cook and why?** I would cook a big seafood paella. I got married on a beach in the Canary Islands and so this would remind us all of just how amazing that day was.





- 10. Have you ever done anything to raise money for charity?** I have taken part in various charity events but one of the most memorable has been the Race 4 Life in memory of my Nan.
- 11. What's your favourite food and why?** I'm from South East London so it has to be traditional Pie and Mash.
- 12. Which tv programme/series did you binge watch over lockdown?** Cobra Kai...I don't really watch much TV as my son is King of the remote control.
- 13. What car would you like to drive if money was no question?** If money was no question I would probably choose a stretch limousine but have a chauffeur to drive me around so I can take naps instead!
- 14. What's the silliest thing you've googled during lockdown?** The Jaja Ding Dong lyrics from the film Eurovision, Story of Fire Saga. When we are feeling a bit silly at home we put that on Youtube and have a little dance around the kitchen.
- 15. What's the thing you enjoy the most about lockdown?** I enjoyed having a few days where I didn't need to get out of my pyjamas, and not having to do anything at all. Sometimes we are so busy trying to fit everything into our days that it was nice to remember it's ok sometimes if we don't do anything at all other than recharge our batteries!
- 16. What's on your To Do List for 2021?** Getting back on a plane again! My son is desperate to visit the Statue of Liberty in New York City and so I am hoping to surprise him for his birthday this October. Fingers crossed!
- 17. How did you spend your spare time? Hobbies etc?** Planning holidays! :) I spent a lot of time at the park with my French Bulldog Neville, he loves nothing more than snoozing in the sun making little piggy noises! We also tried to recreate moments from our trip to Florida with a few Harry Potter & Disney World inspired meals and activities to keep our spirits up.



#### Below are Ashleigh's responses....

1. **What is the best job you've ever had and why?** Working in social care because I absolutely love trying to help people live life to the fullest.
2. **Where's the most interesting place you've ever been too?** Venice
3. **If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?** Australia
4. **Who is the most famous person you've met?** Chelsea football player, can not remember his name.
5. **Do you prefer hot sunny holidays' or wonderful winter holidays and why?** I love both because they both bring different types of joy, the hot days bring tans, BBQs and fun, winter days being festive spirit and magic.
6. **What is the most disgusting food you've ever eaten?** Marmite.
7. **What was the last TV series you watched?** Bones.
8. **Which tv programme/series did you binge watch over lockdown?** Vampire diaries
9. **What car would you like to drive if money was no question?** Mustang
10. **What's the thing you enjoy the most about lockdown?** Spending time with my family.
11. **What's on your To Do List for 2021?** Go on holiday





Find out more  
[Luntromanfort.org](http://Luntromanfort.org)

## May Half Term at Coventry Museums

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### The Romans Return

2 & 3 June | 10.00am – 12.00pm & 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Join us at the Lunt Roman Fort this May Half Term for two days of fun and games! Test your investigative skills with our challenging Roman scavenger hunt, and claim your reward by taking part in an interactive soldier's drill, led by our costumed guides!

[Book online in advance](#) | Site entrance fee applies

Adult: £4.63, children and concessions: £3.83, family ticket (2 adults & 2 children): £12.45, under 4s free

### COVENTRY TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Driving curiosity

### This Makes That With These: Star Inventions

29 May & 1 June | 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Take everyday things apart to understand how they work, and use your imagination to rebuild your own invention.

Embrace and discover your engineering skills and get hands-on, making star inventions from household objects.

[Book online in advance](#) | £5.98 per child, including one accompanying adult

### Make And Play Engineers: Playing with Stars

2 & 3 June | 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00pm

5 June | 10.30am – 12.30pm

Embark on a playful adventure of creativity, engineering, and mathematical thinking with this hands-on workshop.

Playing around with measurements, symmetry, and construction with fun equipment, you can see your own star take shape!

[Book online in advance](#) | £5.98 per child, including one accompanying adult

Find out more  
[Transport-museum.com](http://Transport-museum.com)

# Herbert

Art Gallery & Museum

Find out more  
[theherbert.org](http://theherbert.org)



## May Half Term – Wildlife Wonder & Nature

29, 31 May & 1 – 5 June | 10.30am - 12.00pm & 2.00pm - 3.30 pm

Discover the awe and wonder of our natural environment, with its colourful wildlife and plant forms.

### Daily activities:

- 29, 31 May & 1 June **Into the Wild Sculptures:** Get messy with Modroc! Sculpt your favourite wild creatures using this versatile material.
- 2 & 3 June **Picturesque Pastel Drawings:** Explore your favourite nature-scape and discover beautiful scenes of wildlife, using dry pastel to draw onto card.
- 4 & 5 June **Willow Wood Coasters:** A beautiful way of combining visual art and nature. Create your very own colourful coasters using a selection of natural willow branch slices.

[Book online in advance](#) | £5.98 per child, including one accompanying adult

## Art Masterclass: Wet Felting Art

3 June | 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Explore nature through the world of wet felting.

Take inspiration from our exhibition 'UnNatural History' and explore different techniques of blending merino wool fibres and get hands on with some wet felt making.

[Book online in advance](#) | £11.37 per child, including one accompanying adult



## ART & DESIGN

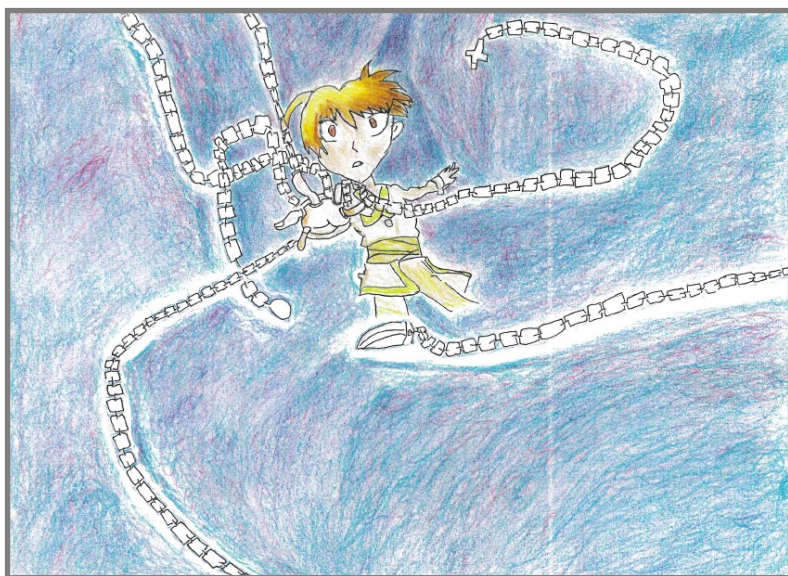
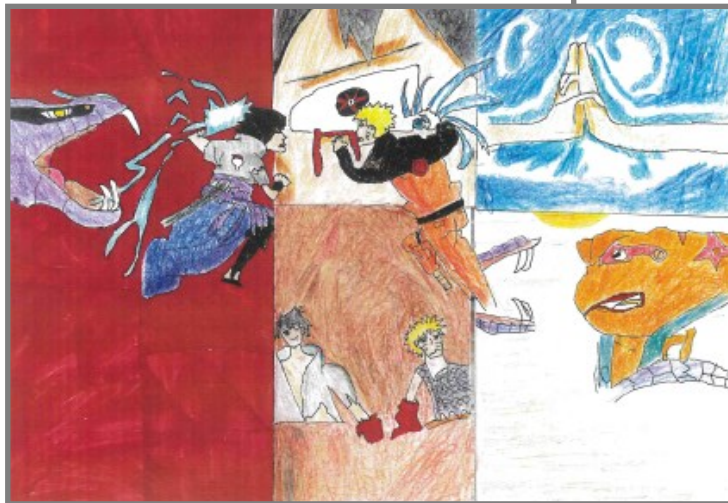
Learners in Alan Turing and George Eliot have been looking at the work of artist Keith Haring and the Change4Life campaign. They have been working with acrylic on canvas, combining Human Form with their initials or name.





## FANTASTIC ART BY GRACE

We absolutely love showcasing learners work. How fantastic are these anime creations by Grace!?!



## ACCIDENT REPORTING

We have altered how we report accidents at Quest.

We will alert you via text message should your child have been involved in a minor accident /injury throughout the day.

You will be advised before the end of a school day and there will be a follow up call or note from the class team with more information.

Your child has sustained a minor injury at school today. Please be assured the relevant first aid has been given. A member of the class team will contact you regarding this. If you have any concerns please contact the school office on 01788 593112.



Join Our #MillionMileMission

### **Great British Spring Clean – 28 May to 13 June 2021**

This spring, join Keep Britain Tidy and our community of #Litterheroes on our #MillionMileMission to clear litter from our streets, parks and beaches. Because what is good for our environment is good for our mental and physical health too.

In the past 12 months our outdoor spaces and places have mattered to us more than ever before. So join us and show some love for those special places that helped us through lockdown.

Great news! You can now let us know how many hours & minutes of litter-picking you will pledge during the Great British Spring Clean [here](#). You can pledge as an individual or as a group, which at the moment is you plus one other person, a family group or bubble, or a school.

We've got all the [advice and information](#) you need to get started, and our [Covid-19 guidance](#) is updated regularly.

You can also read a little more about why litter-picking matters, and how you can make a difference [here](#).

Please continue to share your wonderful photos and videos with us on social media. Just tag us @keepbritaintidy #GBSpringClean #MillionMileMission

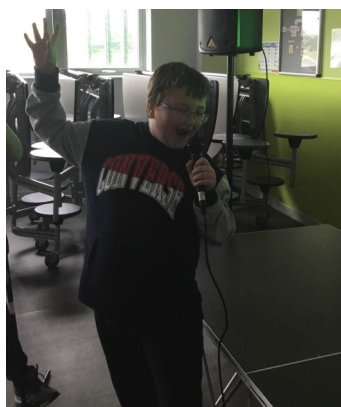
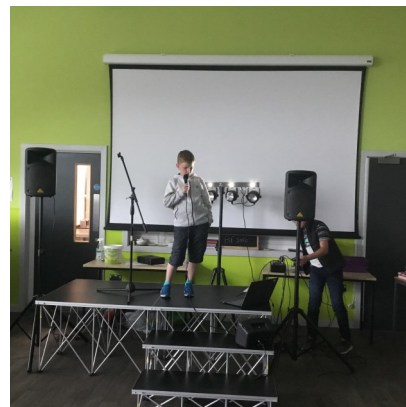


**The Great British Spring Clean 2021** May 28 – June 13



# QUEST OPEN MIC

On Friday 21st May we had some talented Quest learners step up for an Open Mic.



## QUEST TERM DATES FOR 2020 - 21:

SUMMER TERM 2021	
Half term	Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021
Ends	Friday 23rd July 2021

## QUEST TERM DATES FOR 2021 - 22:

AUTUMN TERM 2021	
INSET days (no learners on site)	Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021
Starts	Monday 6th September 2021
Half term	Monday 25th October – Wednesday 3rd November 2021
Start of term	Thursday 4th November 2021
Ends	Friday 17th December 2021
Christmas holiday	Monday 20th December 2021 – Monday 3rd January 2022
SPRING TERM 2022	
INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Starts	Wednesday 5th January 2022
Half term	Monday 21st – Friday 25th February 2022
Trust INSET (no learners on site)	Friday 11th March 2022
INSET day (no learners on site)	Monday 14th March 2022
Ends	Friday 8th April 2022
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April 2022
SUMMER TERM 2022	
Starts	Monday 25th April 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2022
Half term	Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
Ends	Wednesday 27th July 2022



# SAFEGUARDING & FAMILY FOOTINGS



- **Stevie-Jayne** is responsible for lower school families and is available on;  
[Stevie.JayneFarrell@macintyreacademies.org](mailto:Stevie.JayneFarrell@macintyreacademies.org) Work mobile 07504 001 918



- **Joan** is responsible for upper school families and is available on;  
[Joan.goodrich@macintyreacademies.org](mailto:Joan.goodrich@macintyreacademies.org) Work mobile 07377 990 796



- If you have any higher level Safeguarding concerns or questions please contact **Anna** on [anna.stelfox@macintyreacademies.org](mailto:anna.stelfox@macintyreacademies.org) Work mobile 07377 990 797.

We are available to help families with things like accessing family support, Early Help, Child In Need Meetings, Child Protection Meetings, taxi queries, support working with other professionals such as CAMHS, general safeguarding questions and much more.

## Quest Contact details:

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Warwickshire  
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T: 01788 593 112

## How to contact members of staff:

Please contact Reception if you would like to speak with a member of staff. You will either be transferred or reception will email the member of staff to let them know that you have called.

## Reporting pupil absence and lateness:

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.



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.