



MacIntyre Academies  
Quest Academy

## JULY 2022 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER



**We look forward to seeing learners back in school on Tuesday 6th September 2022!**

Quote of  
the week

*“To plant a garden is to believe  
in tomorrow.”*

*- Audrey Hepburn*

# WELCOME



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you enjoy reading our last newsletter of the year which I hope gives you a glimpse of what has happened over the last few weeks.

It was wonderful to see so many families at our official opening afternoon and I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our gratitude for all your support this year. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you also to the Trust and staff who have gone above and beyond to ensure that the learners experiences at Quest have been the best that they can be.

We have a number of staff who are moving onto ventures new and who will not be returning in September:

- Lizzie who has been accepted for her doctorate to become a Clinical Psychologist
- Helen who will be studying full time for her Master's Degree.
- Harry who has been offered a clinical Occupational Therapy position at the NHS.
- Peter who has been successful in his application to become an Assistant Headteacher at another special school nearer to where he lives.
- Sarah B. who will be studying a full time PGCE course to become a teacher.
- Christie who has accepted another opportunity outside of education.
- Farreena who has accepted a TA role as a special school much nearer to where she lives.
- Nathan H. who has been successful in gaining another position.
- Nathan B. who has passed his one-year ICT apprenticeship with flying colours and has been successful in gaining a new ICT role outside of the education sector.
- Katie D. who has been offered a Head of English position at a nearby special school.
- Amy B. who is taking up another position at another local special school
- Eden who has a one-year TA contract and is pursuing her teaching career

Both Katie and Amy have been at Quest since we opened and have seen how the school has evolved. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them and all the staff who are leaving for everything they have done. They have all made a huge difference to the lives of everyone at Quest.



Congratulations also to Rhiannon who gained her QTS status and in completing her apprenticeship teaching course gained a distinction.

Other staff at Quest have been successful in gaining promotion and take up their new roles in September:

- Jess who will be the teacher for Helen Keller
- Emily who will be the teacher for Albert Einstein
- Gemma and Abby who were successful in their applications to become Compassionate Schools Coaches
- Sarah C. who will be the Higher-Level TA for Food Technology
- Michelle who will be the Higher-Level Phase TA for KS2
- Simon who will be Higher-Level Phase TA for KS3
- Connor who will be Higher-Level Phase TA for KS4

We also welcome the following staff:

- Emma who is a highly experienced Design Technology teacher who will be overseeing ACE including community work
- Katie F. who used to work at Quest and left for a year to complete her PGCE and now returns as a qualified teacher
- Faye who is a highly experienced teacher and who has been on supply here over the last term
- Zoe who will join us as a full-time music teacher. Due to her notice period she will not be joining us until November
- Andy who is a highly experienced teacher will be joining us permanently as PE Teacher
- Laura who will carry out a similar role to Lizzie as an Assistant Clinical Psychologist
- Chloe who will carry out a similar role to Lizzie as an Assistant Clinical Psychologist
- Matthew P who will be joining us as our new IT Apprentice
- Elise who will be joining us as TA
- Charlotte who will be joining us as a TA
- Shannagh who will be joining us as TA
- Bhavan who will be joining us as a TA
- Marianne who will be joining us as a TA
- Laura-Jayne who will be joining us as a TA
- Sharon who will be joining us as a TA
- Caroline who will be joining us as a TA for two days a week
- Chelsea who will be joining us as Volunteer TA .



Wishing you all a very happy summer holiday. We look forward to seeing learners back in their full school uniform on Tuesday 6th September. Learners will be class based for the first week back and will then follow their timetable on Monday 12th September.

Kind regards,

*Nicola Wells*



# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

If you would like to know more about mental health and ways to support yourself and other, please click and play this recorded [Mental Health Awareness](#) session with our Business Manager and Senior Mental Health Lead, Victoria Scranage. This can be found on our [Website](#).



## Book of the Week

### When I See Blue

By Lily Bailey

The author and mental health activist delivers an authentic, sensitively handled tale of living with OCD as a new boy at school learns to cope with the bully in his head with the help of friendship and understanding.

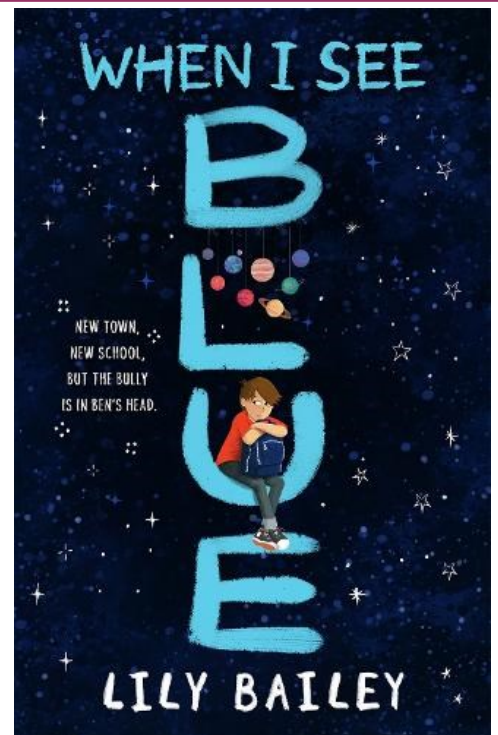
New town, new school, but the bully is in Ben's head...

There are 4 things you should know about Ben:

1. He's 12 years old
2. He's the new kid at school
3. His special number is 4
4. He has a bully in his brain

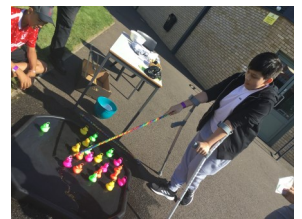
Sometimes Ben's brain makes him count to 4 to prevent bad things happening. Sometimes it makes him tap or blink in 4s. Mostly it makes the smallest things feel impossible. And with a new school, a moody big brother, an absent dad and a mum battling her own demons, Ben feels more out of control than ever. But then he meets April, and with his new friend, Ben might finally figure out how to stand up to the bully in his brain, once and for all.

An authentic and affecting #ownvoices story about living life with OCD, from the inspiring author and mental health activist, Lily Bailey. Perfect for readers of [A Kind of Spark](#) and [The Goldfish Boy](#).



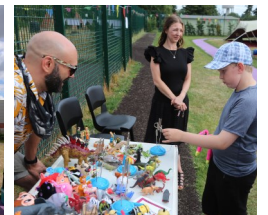


# Questival





# grand opening







## FOREST SCHOOLS FUN WITH WINSTON CHURCHILL CLASS



## VACCINATION PROGRAMME: 2022/2023

For your information please note **changes** to the school **vaccination programme** for the academic year **2022/2023**:

- **NHS influenza vaccination Programme:**

Secondary school children in Years 7 to 11 will **not** be offered the nasal flu vaccine routinely in school for 2022 to 2023. Those in clinical risk groups will be invited to have a flu vaccination by their GP practice.

- **NHS HPV vaccination Programme:**

HPV vaccines will now be offered to all pupils in **Years 8 & 9** during the **Spring Term (Jan – April)**.

- **NHS Doubles vaccination Programme:**

Tetanus, diphtheria, polio (Td/IPV) and Men ACWY vaccines will now be offered to all pupils in **Year 9** during the **Summer Term (April – July)**.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

- If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) please apply via the online application form using this link [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)
- For learners currently on our FSM list you do not need to reapply - (new learners will need to let Warwickshire Council know they have transferred).



## TERM DATES FOR 2022 - 23:

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
INSET day (no learners on site)	Monday 5th September 2022
Starts	Tuesday 6th September 2022
Half term	Monday 24th October - Wednesday 2nd November 2022
Start of term	Thursday 3rd November 2022
Ends	Friday 16th December 2022
Christmas holiday	Monday 19th December 2022 - Monday 2nd January 2023
SPRING TERM 2023	
INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Starts	Wednesday 4th January 2023
Half term	Monday 20th - Friday 24th February 2023
Trust INSET (no learners on site)	Friday 10th March 2023
Ends	Friday 31st March 2023
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April 2023
SUMMER TERM 2023	
Starts	Monday 17th April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2023
Half term	Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June 2023
INSET day (no learners on site)	Monday 10th July 2023
INSET day (no learners on site)	Tuesday 11th July 2023
Ends	Friday 28th July 2023

## TAXIS / ESCORT IN VEHICLES 2022 –2023

Pupil are transported to and from Quest Academy in taxis with an escort. You will need to apply to your local Specialist Transport.

- To apply for Home to School Travel Assistance for Pupil's with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) in **Warwickshire** please follow this link: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendtransport>
- For **Northamptonshire** follow this link: <https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-transport/Pages/special-educational-needs-travel-assistance.aspx>
- For **Coventry** follow this link: [http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/4332/send\\_travel\\_assistance\\_application\\_form](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/4332/send_travel_assistance_application_form)



# Pirate Day





# WW2 Day





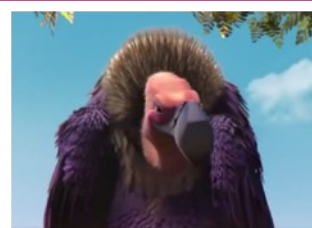
# ROBOT WARS

In year 10, Quest 8 we have been exploring a 'Robot Wars' in lessons. The current champion is Haydn and his invention 'The Killdozer',



## JAMES'S DIARY

(Home Learning) based on the video:  
<https://www.literacysshed.com/catchit.html>



*Dear Diary,*

I was in my burrow hibernating, when I realised hibernation was over. Then I exited the burrow, my eyes were blinded by the rising beam of light. Suddenly, I saw it. The juiciest pomegranate I have seen all year! But that's probably because I've been asleep for so long. I climbed up the tree and as I went to grab it, a vulture appeared, diving down as fast as 1000 men.

It snatched the pomegranate from before my eyes. I was shocked and enraged! All the meerkats started screaming around, shortly after, I joined in. Quickly, we charged full speed meerkat army. My friend grabbed me, threw me onto the pomegranate with all my might. The vulture flung me off with ease. With a big thump I hit the ground. We all jumped onto the vulture, I just made it in time before they flew. The vulture thrashed and thrashed. We fell off, plummeting at sonic speed. Then a meerkat snatched the pomegranate. We started playing catch with it whilst still falling. Without a moment to think, the vulture snatched it off me! It started flying and flying. Luckily, it wasn't concentrating and flew into a mountain. Successfully, I caught it! I threw it to my friends, then they did the triangle position and caught it!

However, Doofus caught it! He kicked it to a tree and it splatted. So we moaned at Doofus. The end. Hold up, wait a minute!

*From Bob the Meerkat.*

# FREE SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE WARWICKSHIRE CHILDREN

The Government's Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) will be available once again this summer throughout the county, coordinated by Warwickshire County Council (WCC). It is primarily for children aged 4 to 16 in reception to year 11.

The government funded programme enables children and young people nationwide to enjoy fun activities with friends during holiday periods, whilst learning and developing new skills. The Warwickshire HAF programme is launching at the start of the summer holidays and is aimed at those who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

There are a variety of local holiday clubs involved, all of which help young people to improve socialisation and learn new things by taking part in enriching activities from sport to music, dance, drama, art, cooking and college workshops, junk modelling, den building, farm animal welfare and much more.

Cllr Jeff Morgan, Portfolio Holder for Children and Families said: "We are really pleased that we can continue with the HAF programme in Warwickshire as we know how much it benefits children families across the county.

"We want children to make the most of the summer holiday by learning new skills, socialising with friends, eating healthy meals and taking part in fun activities, all of which also helps to alleviate some pressure on parents and carers.

"If you're a parent or carer in Warwickshire and you think you might benefit from free holiday clubs then please make sure you find out more about this exciting programme!

Applications are now open to enrol children in a free holiday clubs programme over the summer and places are free for those who are eligible for free school meals. Children will be able to access lots of activities throughout the summer and there are also activities available for children with SEND or additional needs.

Eligible families will have received a HAF booking code via text from Warwickshire County Council. If you think you may be eligible but haven't received a text please email [hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call the Family Information Service on 01926 742274.

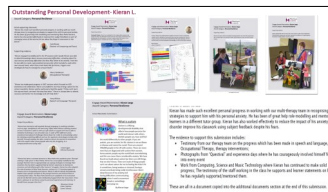
The HAF programme helps children across Warwickshire to live, learn and grow so that they can reach their full potential and look towards a brighter future. View the summer holiday activities taking place across Warwickshire at <https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf>

# engage Awards

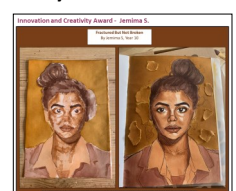


As previously mentioned we had 4 finalists in the National Engage Progress & Achievements Award Ceremony:

- Special Judges Award - Personal Resilience: **Kieran L.**
- Silver Award - Outstanding Achievement: **Grace T.**



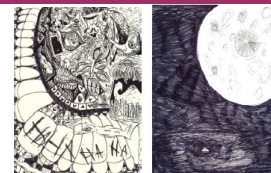
- Gold Award - Good Citizen: **Kiyia A.**
- Gold Award - Innovations & Creativity: **Jemima S.**



We also had learners succeed in the Creative Awards - Photography and Art - Theme: Mental Health

## Art

**Hayden H** 1<sup>st</sup> Place When I think of stuff I like'



**Kody H** Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Place Feeling overwhelmed



**Kiyia A** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place How we can be happy'



## Photography

**Archie G** 1<sup>st</sup> Place When I can Fly

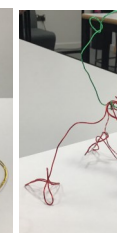
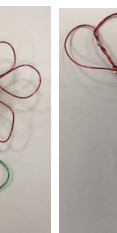
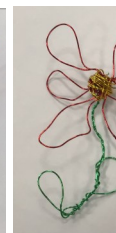
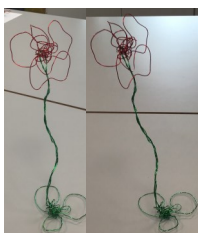
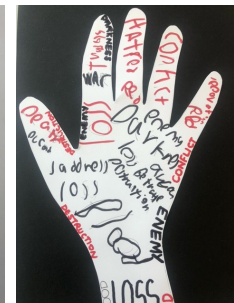
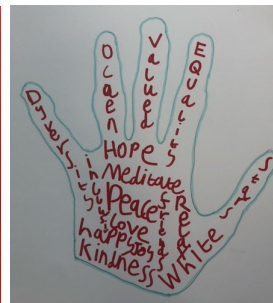
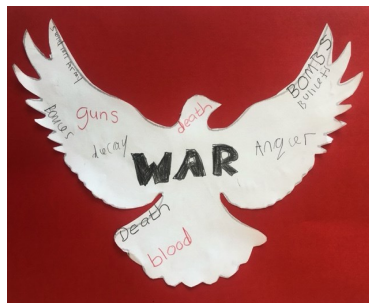
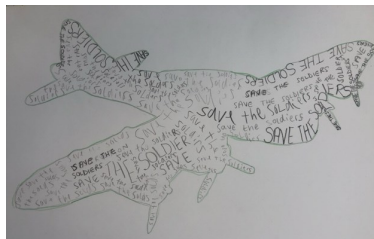
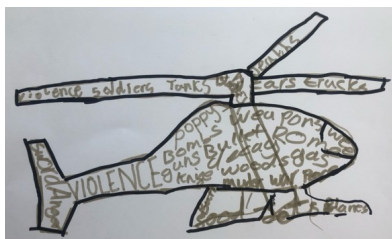


**Lewis C** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place I can't always speak or see what I feel





## AMAZING ART



## STARTING AND CHANGING SCHOOLS

My Family Coach are running a free class for parents and carers "Starting and Changing Schools". The class will cover how to support your child with preparing to start school, easing worries about changing schools and tips for a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. If you wish to share this class with your parents you can do so with this link <https://bit.ly/3Pc9Zzr>

Signing up for My Family Coach is free for both schools and parents. All the content on the site is accessible for free, the only paid content is 1-1 coaching which can't be free as the coaches time needs to be paid for. Please do sign up as a school and explore the site <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/school-registration/>. We have already seen hundreds of schools sign up and share the site with their parents.

Kind regards, **Dan Hardy**

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

*... the parents of one of our learners said that the environment at Quest Academy is good for their son and prioritised the support that he needs. Their son has increased independence and participation in learning and activities.*

*... the mother of one of our learners said that since starting at Quest, her daughter has 'bounced back' following mental health issues. Her daughter's use of spoken communication has improved and she has built a network of trusted adults.*

*...the mother of one of our learners said that she is happy with the Quest provision for her daughter, who is settled and trusts in the support for her needs.*

# READY TO FIGHT FOOD WASTE?

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Does your child struggle with reading/writing/maths or have problems with memory? Dyslexia could be the cause. **Lexify Tuition** can offer an informal assessment and tailor a multisensory teaching programme to meet your child's specific needs (up to age 18)

#### Catch-up tutoring:

Many children are still struggling with the effects of covid on their schooling. **Lexify Tuition** can offer catch-up tutoring in small groups in English and maths either face to face or virtually.

#### Primary Schools:

Do you have children at your school with literacy difficulties? **Lexify Tuition** can carry out learning assessments to gauge the degree and type of difficulty and produce recommendations for class teaching and support at home.

Please contact us for more details or to book an appointment.

[lexifytuition.co.uk](http://lexifytuition.co.uk)

[info@lexifytuition.co.uk](mailto:info@lexifytuition.co.uk)

07886 935838

37 Caldecott Street, Rugby, CV21 3TH





# CHILDREN CAN EAT FOR JUST £1 AT ASDA CAFÉS

across England and Wales this Summer –

Asda has announced its next move in bids to help feed children this summer, meaning kids across England and Wales can eat for just £1 at any time of day in Asda Cafés, seven days a week, with no minimum adult spend required.

To help tackle holiday hunger at a time when the cost-of-living is higher than ever, children aged 16 and under can access a hot or cold meal for just £1.

**ASDA**

## An Asda spokesperson said:

“We know that families can find the summer holidays tough, and our customers are telling us that this year more than ever, they’re concerned about holiday hunger. With that in mind, we are so pleased to be able to offer children’s meals for just £1, with no minimum adult spend, to ensure that those who would normally rely on a school meal aren’t left without.”

The Kids Eat for £1 initiative is available all day, every day from **25<sup>th</sup> July until 4<sup>th</sup> September** in England and Wales, as long as the Café is open and dependent on the store, a hot meal or cold meal, or both, will be on offer.

Baby food is also available as part of the initiative, with little ones able to enjoy a free pouch of Ella’s Kitchen baby food (70g pouch) in their local Asda Café.

### KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



<p><b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.</p> <p><b>ASDA CAFE</b> Kids eat FREE every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.</p> <p><b>DUNELM</b> One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.</p> <p><b>YO!</b> Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.</p> <p><b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.</p> <p><b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.</p>	<p><b>IKEA</b> Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).</p> <p><b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.</p> <p><b>DOBBIES</b> Kids eat free with an adult main meal.</p> <p><b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.</p> <p><b>CAFE ROUGE</b> Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.</p> <p><b>MORE TO COME!!</b> M&amp;S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.</p>
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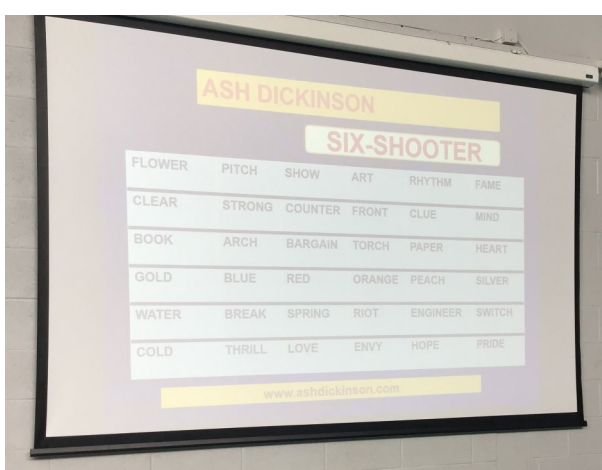
Warwickshire County Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The free places are funded by the Department for Education. Visit the [government website](#) for more information on the national programme.

If your child is not currently in receipt of benefits tested free school meals and you think they will be eligible, you can make a [Free School Meals Application](#)



## WHEN POET, ASH DICKINSON CAME TO QUEST

Ash Dickinson has been full-time as a poet since 2008. He is a multiple slam champion, including Edinburgh, Cheltenham, the Museum of Scotland and BBC Radio. He has performed in Australia, Canada, USA, Spain, Jordan, the Czech Republic and Germany, and headlined shows and festivals throughout the UK. Ash is in great demand to run writing workshops in schools, galleries, museums, prisons and with writing groups, and we were lucky enough to have him come to Quest!



# SAFEGUARDING & FAMILY FOOTINGS



- **Daisy** is responsible for lower school families and is available on;  
[daisy.howden@macintyreacademies.org](mailto:daisy.howden@macintyreacademies.org) Work mobile 07504001918



- **Joan** is responsible for upper school families and is available on;  
[Joan.goodrich@macintyreacademies.org](mailto:Joan.goodrich@macintyreacademies.org) Work mobile 07377990796

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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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.**



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