



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

AUGUST 2018 EDITION 1: NEWSLETTER



WELCOME



Dear Parents /Carers,

I thought it would be helpful to send you an additional newsletter before the start of term so that you have all the essential information you need to ensure that your child is fully prepared for the start of term.

Within the newsletter there are pictures of the changes that have made to our current building and the progress BAM have made with our new school. There are also some photographs of new faces at Quest and the Summer Activities that the Compassionate Schools have run over the holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support in ensuring that you child wears the correct school uniform. I would also like to clarify that pupils should either wear the school jumper or their blazer if they are cold and not their school PE sweatshirt / hoodie. Last year pupils were allowed to wear their PE sweatshirt / hoodie due to the problems we were having with the heating system, which have now been resolved.

If you have an additional queries please do not hesitate to contact the Admin Team on the Office number: 01788 593 112

I am very much looking forward to working with you over the next year and to celebrating your children's successes.

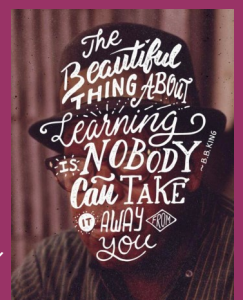
Kind regards

Nicola



"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you."

B. B. King



NEW FACES AT QUEST ACADEMY



Raj Bhogal

U3 Shakespeare:
Teaching Assistant



Sue Blower

L2 Winston
Churchill:
Teaching Assistant



Nicola Cahill

U3 Shakespeare:
Higher Level
Teaching Assistant



Nigel Ellis

U5 Marie Curie:
Teacher and
English Lead



Jade Harrison

Teaching Assistant
and
Administrator



Andy Matthews

Forest Schools and
Higher Lever
Teaching Assistant



Emily Smith

Compassionate
Schools Coach



Lorraine Thompson

Family Footings
Facilitator



Ed Wells

Compassionate
Schools Coach



Ian White

U3 Shakespeare:
Teacher and Maths
Lead

Book of the Week

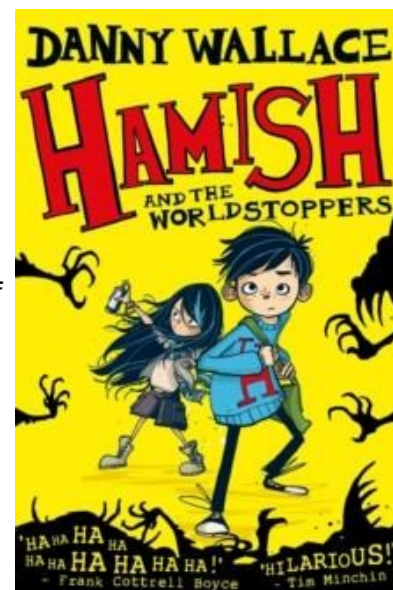
Hamish and the Worldstoppers

by Danny Wallace

Hamish and the WorldStoppers is the hilarious children's debut from presenter and bestselling adult author, Danny Wallace! Perfect for fans of David Walliams, Tom Gates and James Patterson. What would YOU do...if the whole world just stopped? Yes the WHOLE WORLD. Birds in the air.

Planes in the sky. And every single person on the planet - except you! Because that's what keeps happening to ten-year-old Hamish Ellerby. And it's being caused by The WorldStoppers and their terrifying friends The Terribles! They have a PLAN! They want to take our world for their own ...Oh, and they hate children.

Especially if you're a child who knows about them. Hang on - You know now, don't you? Oh dear. Can Hamish save us from the WorldStoppers? Only time will tell!



SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

We have recently reviewed our policy and procedures around supporting pupils with medical conditions and would like to bring the following to parent's attention:

- medicines should only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to do so
- no child under 16 should be given prescription or non-prescription medicines without their parent's written consent
- non-prescription medicines may be administered in extreme circumstances providing we have written consent in advance from parents and verbal consent will be required at the time the non-prescription medication is administered - Medication, e.g. for pain relief, should never be administered without first checking maximum dosages and when the previous dose was taken.
- a child under 16 should never be given medicine containing aspirin unless prescribed by a doctor.
- where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours
- we can only accept prescribed medicines if these are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is insulin, which must still be in date, but will generally be available inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather than in its original container
- Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing meters and adrenaline pens should be always readily available to children with spares available in school.
- when no longer required, medicines should be returned to the parent to arrange for safe disposal.



Any questions please contact the school office

LOWER SCHOOL TIMETABLES

Teacher Chris / TA Stevie-Jayne/ HLTA Andy

L1 JK ROWLING	9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:30		10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 11:45		11:45 - 12:15	12:15 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:15	1:15 - 2:00	2:00- 2:15	2:15 - 3:00	3:00 - 3:30	
	30	60		15	60		30	45	15	45	15	45	30	
Monday	PSHCE	Literacy		Break	Numeracy		Lunch	Forest School						Tutor Time
Tuesday		Literacy			Numeracy			Topic		Topic		Life Skills		
Wednesday		Literacy			Numeracy			Topic		Science		Life Skills		
Thursday		Assembly (PSHCE)	Literacy		Numeracy			Comp		PE		Mentoring		

UPPER SCHOOL TIMETABLES

Year 8 Teacher Dave / Matt / TA Amy B / HLTA Cathy

	1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
U1 GANDHI	9:00 - 9:15	9:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:45	10:45 - 10:55	10:55 - 11:40	11:40 - 12:25	12:25 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:45	1:45 - 2:30	2:30 - 3:15	3:15 - 3:30			
	15	45	45	10	45	45	35	45	45	45	15			
Monday	Tutor Time	PE		Break	English	Maths	Lunch	Enterprise	Food Tech	Mentoring	Tutor Time			
Tuesday		Forest Schools			Maths	English		Cultural Studies	Personalised Learning	PSHCE				
Wednesday		Science	Comp		Maths	English		Project Work (Humanities/RE)		PSHCE				
Thursday		Comp	Science		English	Maths		Careers	Art	PSHCE				
Friday		Maths	English		Enrichment			PSHCE						

Year 9 Teacher Kim / TA Beccy / HLTA Cathy

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
U2 ALAN TURING	9:00 - 9:15	9:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:45	10:45 - 10:55	10:55 - 11:40	11:40 - 12:25	12:25 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:45	1:45 - 2:30	2:30 - 3:15	3:15 - 3:30
	15	45	45	10	45	45	35	45	45	45	15
Monday	Tutor Time	Forest Schools		Break	Maths	English	Lunch	Food Tech	Enterprise	Mentoring	Tutor Time
Tuesday		PE			English	Maths		Personalised Learning	Cultural Studies	PSHCE	
Wednesday		Comp	Science		English	Maths		Project Work (Humanities/RE)		PSHCE	
Thursday		Science	Comp		Maths	English		Art	Careers	PSHCE	
Friday		Maths	English		Enrichment			PSHCE			

Year 10 Ian / TA Raj / HLTA Nicola C

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
U3 SHAKE-SPEARE	9:00 - 9:15	9:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:45	10:45 - 10:55	10:55 - 11:40	11:40 - 12:25	12:25 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:45	1:45 - 2:30	2:30 - 3:15	3:15 - 3:30
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Monday		Maths	English	Break	Careers	PSHCE	Lunch	Core PE		Mentoring	Tutor Time
Tuesday		English	Maths		Science	Computing		Opt 2 PE / Photography			
Wednesday		English	Maths		Computing	Science		Opt 1 Art / Food Tech			
Thursday		Maths	English		Science	PSHCE		Asdan		PSHCE	
Friday		Maths	English		Enrichment			PSHCE			

Year 10 Teacher Tyla / TA Sylvia

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
U4 DALAI LAMA	9:00 - 9:15	9:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:45	10:45 - 10:55	10:55 - 11:40	11:40 - 12:25	12:25 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:45	1:45 - 2:30	2:30 - 3:15	3:15 - 3:30
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Tuesday		English	Maths		Computing	Careers		Opt 2 PE / Photography			
Wednesday		English	Maths		Computing	PSHCE		Opt 1 Art / Food Tech			
Thursday		Forest School				PSHCE		Project Work		PSHCE	
Friday		Maths	English		Enrichment			PSHCE			

Year 11 Teacher Nigel / HLTA Mark / TA Aime

	1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
U5 MARIE CURIE	9:00 - 9:15	9:15 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:45	10:45 - 10:55	10:55 - 11:40	11:40 - 12:25	12:25 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:45	1:45 - 2:30	2:30 - 3:15	3:15 - 3:30			
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Tuesday		Maths	English		Computing	Science		Opt 1 Art / Food Tech						
Wednesday		Maths	English		Science	Computing		Opt 2 PE / Photography						
Thursday		English	Maths		PSHCE	Science		Asdan		PSHCE				
Friday		English	Maths		Enrichment			PSHCE						

MEALS, SNACKS & DRINKS



We will continue to offer a free healthy breakfast and healthy snacks at break times (we have some lovely donations from FareShare), we also encourage pupils to drink water.



We have water coolers installed into each of our classrooms and ask that each pupil bring in their own 'named' plastic water bottle to replenish through the day.



- Payment for hot lunches need to be made in advance via ParentPay. With effect from 1st September 2018 a school meal will cost **£2.45** per meal (**£12.25** per week). **Your account needs to be in credit at all times.** If you have not paid for a meal in advance your child will need to bring in a packed lunch from home. If you haven't currently got a ParentPay account please contact Quest School Office on 01788 593 112.
 - 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 (for pupils currently on our FSM list you do not need to reapply - new pupils will need to let Warwickshire Council know they have transferred).
 - If your child does not want a hot lunch they may bring in a packed lunch.
 - Fizzy drinks and sweets **are not allowed** in school. On special occasions Quest may buy sweets/ ice-cream for the pupils. Please also note we are a nut free school.
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- We have our lunch delivered by a company called Educaterers, we have already provided families with the three week dinner menu. If there is a day where your child does not like anything then they will need to bring in a packed lunch.

ATTENDANCE

As you are probably aware there is a strong correlation between pupils' attainment and attendance at school. The DfE published a report last summer and their findings included:



“73% of pupils who have over 95% attendance achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades A-C”*

“Only 3% of pupils whose attendance is 50% achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades A-C”*

Below is an example of how many days a pupil will miss linked to 98%, 95% 90% and 80% attendance:



Percentage attendance	Number of days missed of school
98%	4 (Just under a week)
95%	10 (2 weeks)
90%	19 (3.8 weeks)
80%	38 (7.6 weeks)

We are constantly working on attendance as a school in order to encourage the best possible outcomes.

Quest Academy is committed to improving achievement through attendance and monitors the attendance of all of its pupils. Any pupil whose attendance falls below **90%** is

considered a ***persistent absentee*** by the most recent government guidance and is monitored as per local and national government guidance.

Attendance is important because your child cannot learn if they are not in school;

- ⇒ **90% Attendance = ½ day missed every week**
- ⇒ **1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed**
- ⇒ **90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school = ½ school year missed**
- ⇒ **17 missed school days a year = one GCSE grade drop in achievement**

CHILDREN “MISSING IN EDUCATION”

If your child is absent for more than 5 school days you will need to provide the school with a medical certificate. If we do not receive a medical certificate and your child is absent for more than 10 school days we have a duty of care to report that your child is “missing in education” to the Warwickshire Safeguarding Board.

GETTING READY FOR SEPTEMBER

If you would like to purchase new uniform, we have a limited stock of polo shirts, jumpers and blazers available in school. Please see stock level and prices below.

If we don't have the size or you require PE uniform, these can be ordered directly from Webb Ellis in Rugby. You can call and order over the telephone on **01788 567777** or email directly Christine@webb-ellis.co.uk.

Blazer Size	Quantity In Stock at Quest	Price
28" / 6	1	£34.99
30" / 8	1	£34.99
32" / 10	1	£34.99
34" / 12	1	£34.99
36" / 14	3	£34.99
38" / 16	2	£36.99
40" / 18	2	£36.99



V-Neck Jumper Size	Quantity In Stock at Quest	Price
30" / 76cm	1	£19.99
40" / 102cm	1	£21.99
42" / 107cm	2	£21.99

DON'T FORGET IT'S NON-UNIFORM DAY EVERY FRIDAY!

Compulsory uniform:

- ♦ **Purple** polo shirt with white Quest logo
- ♦ **Black** V-neck jumper or blazer (one or both)
- ♦ Standard **black** school trousers
- ♦ **Black** school shoes, or completely **black** trainers (no logos or entirely black logos)







PE hoodies are to be worn only for sports based activities and not as part of daily uniform.

Polo Shirt Size	Quantity In Stock at Quest	Price
9 - 10 Years	2	£11.99
11 - 12 Years	1	£12.99
S	3	£13.99
XL	4	£13.99



QUEST POINTS

To support pupils' understanding of what behaviours and attitudes are expected to gain Quest Points we have created a visual aid, which appears in every classroom.

QUEST points	How do I earn my points?
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 Understanding others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being polite and showing respect to everyone. (<i>You cannot earn this point if you continue to swear after one warning</i>) "T.H.I.N.K. before you speak". Being kind and helping others. 
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 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 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. 
<p>You will lose 5 points each time you push through a door or enter a room that is out of bounds.</p> <p>You will be given 2 additional QUEST points automatically each day for breaks/lunch times – You will lose these points if you display any unsafe behaviours</p> 	

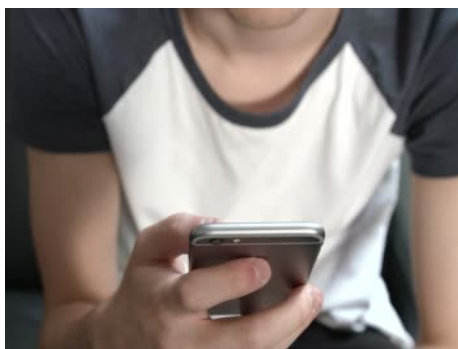
Pupils will need to be wearing their uniform to gain their **Engaged** point. We are aware that there are circumstances and occasions where a pupil may not be able to wear their uniform and we would like to reassure you that we are very understanding in relation to this. If a child arrives at school not wearing uniform we have purchased spare uniforms which your child will be expected to wear. This will need to be returned laundered within five working days.

PROGRESS AT THE NEW QUEST ACADEMY BUILDING SITE

We're very exciting to announce that over the summer break, the very first digger has arrived at the site of our new school, to begin work on the access roads. Thank you to Alex, Jo and Cathy who have all sent in images.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES, IPADS & PHONES

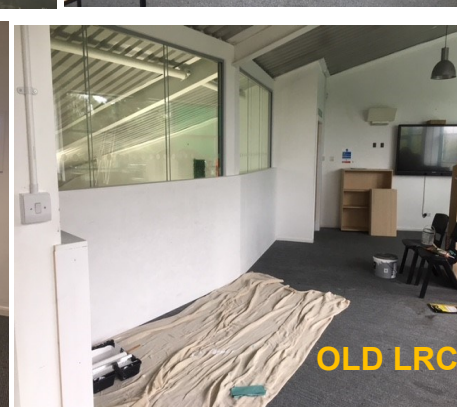
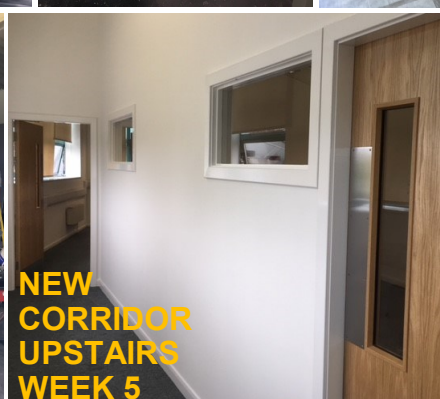
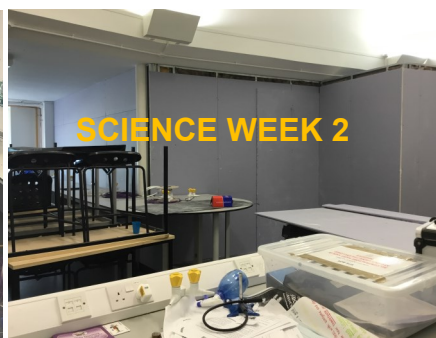


On arrival to school pupils will be asked to hand over their electronic devices to a Compassionate Schools Coach in the canteen area. Their phone will be placed in an sealed, named envelope, and placed in a locked cupboard during the day. Phones will then be returned to the pupils at the end of the day. If parents/carers need to pass an urgent message to their child then they can do this via our main

office school number.

***The school will not take responsibility for any damage or loss of any electronic devices**

BUILDING PROGRESS AT OUR CURRENT SCHOOL SITE



TERM DATES 2018- 19

♦ September – December (Autumn Term 2018)

INSET Day: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September (no school)

Start of Term: Wednesday 5th September

Start of Term for New Pupils: Thursday 6th September

Half Term: Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November

INSET Day: Friday 23rd November (no school)

Last Day of Term: Friday 21st December

♦ January – April (Spring Term 2019)

INSET Day: Monday 7th January (no school)

Start of Term: Tuesday 8th January

Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 2nd February

INSET Day: Monday 18th March (no school)

Last Day of Term: Friday 12th April

♦ April – July (Summer Term 2019)

**Start of Term: Monday
29th April**

**Bank Holiday: Monday
6th May (no school)**

**Half Term: Saturday 27th
May – Friday 31st May**

**Last Day of Term: Friday
19th July**



SUMMER ACTIVITIES



ANSWERS TO 'HINK PINK' BRAIN TEASER

A Hink Pink (sometimes called a "rhyming pair") is a pair of rhyming words that matches a silly definition.

example:

a black bird that does not fly fast - slow crow

Can you find rhyming pairs for these clues?

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. paperback thief | 1. <u>book crook</u> |
| 2. lengthy tune | 2. <u>long song</u> |
| 3. closet to keep a sweeping tool | 3. <u>broom room</u> |
| 4. light red beverage | 4. <u>pink drink</u> |
| 5. small buzzing insect that is not wet | 5. <u>dry fly</u> |
| 6. large group of people that is noisy | 6. <u>loud crowd</u> |
| 7. stinging insect that doesn't cost money | 7. <u>free bee</u> |
| 8. unhappy father | 8. <u>sad dad</u> |
| 9. rabbit that tells jokes | 9. <u>funny bunny</u> |
| 10. fast elevator | 10. <u>swift lift</u> |

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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 e-mail 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.