



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

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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.



“Quote of the week”

“Remember, happiness doesn’t depend upon who you are or what you have, it depends solely upon what you think.”

Dale Carnegie

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the bank holiday weekend. I have been impressed with how the learners have returned back to school following the Easter Break.

Last week members from the Extended Leadership Team read through the Engage Awards nominations submitted by staff. It provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the progress and contributions learners have made to their school and wider community. We will share some of the comments made by staff in our Newsletter as soon as we have gained permission from their families.

I would like to congratulate those who participated in Macintyre's first ever MacRunner Challenge and thanks to Venture Academy who came up with the idea. Altogether as a trust we counted 2350km in 5 weeks! Particular mention to:

- Highest Individual Contribution for Quest Young People: Kieran with 26km
- Highest Individual Contribution for Quest Staff: Amy W with 124km
- Fastest Kilometre Recorded Sharon with 4.23m/km

We continue to review our COVID 19 risk assessment and have not made any changes to it. Our latest version can be found on the school website. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of carrying out twice weekly lateral flow tests to support us keep everyone safe.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Kind regards,
Nicola Wells.

SUSHI AND WAFFLES IN FOOD TECH



Amazing Sushi and waffles made by Owain, Nathan, Callum R and Matthew H.



Definitely look good enough to eat!



REGULAR ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

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Tests can also be ordered from the Governments website:

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition>

The advertisement features a woman in a colorful striped sweater holding a COVID-19 test kit in a home setting. In the background, two children are visible. The top left corner displays the HM Government logo. The top right corner features the NHS Test and Trace logo. A yellow banner across the middle contains the text 'Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing'. On the left side, white text reads 'Test at home', 'Report online', and 'Keep life moving'. At the bottom right, it says 'Let's take this next step safely.' followed by 'GET YOUR TESTS FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE' with a yellow arrow pointing right.

HM Government

NHS
Test and Trace

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COVID-19 testing**

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Report online
Keep life moving

Let's take this next step safely.

GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Discover your future at an Open Event
taking place in-person at our colleges 21 June - 1 July

Book now: wcg.ac.uk/openevents

WCG

OPEN EVENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Summer Term Open Events

We're delighted to be able to plan our [first in-person open events](#) of the year, taking place between 21st June - 1st July. Dates and times for each college are below - more information will be sent to you soon but this is an early 'save the dates'.

Royal Leamington Spa College | Monday 21 June, 5.30pm-8pm [Book your place](#)

Rugby College | Tuesday 22 June, 5.30pm-8pm [Book your place](#)

Moreton Morrell College | Thursday 24 June, 5.30pm-8pm [Book your place](#)

Evesham College | Monday 28 June, 5.30pm-8pm [Book your place](#)

Pershore College | Tuesday 29 June, 5.30pm-8pm [Book your place](#)

Warwick Trident College | Thursday 1 July, 5.30pm-8pm [Book your place](#)

Malvern Hills Centre for Digital & Cyber | Thursday 1 July, 5.30pm-6.30pm [Book your place](#)

T Levels - online information and resources for learners

As you may be aware already, from September 2021, we will be introducing the T Level in [Digital Support Services](#) at our Royal Leamington Spa College and Malvern Hills Centre for Digital & Cyber Technology (based at Malvern Hills Science Park).

There are some new videos on our website at wcg.ac.uk/tlevels which might provide more guidance to any students that are interested in applying for a T Level this or next year.

In September 2022, we will be introducing T Levels in **Engineering and Manufacturing, Health and Science** and **Surveying and Design**. These will be detailed in our new course guide this Autumn.

Kind regards,



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THE QUEENS BIRTHDAY

WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL

Her Majesty The Queen celebrated her 95th birthday on Wednesday 21st April. This was her actual birthday but she is lucky enough to have two! The second, and official, birthday is usually celebrated on the second Saturday in June. In fact, next year the nation will come together, the week before, over a four-day Bank Holiday weekend to celebrate The Queen's 70-year reign. The Queen usually spends her actual birthday privately, but the occasion is marked publicly by gun salutes in central London at midday. Official celebrations to mark the Sovereigns' birthday have often been held on a day other than the actual birthday, particularly when the actual birthday has not been in the summer when there was a greater likelihood of good weather for the Birthday Parade, also known as Trooping the Colour.

On her official birthday, Her Majesty is joined by other members of the Royal Family at the spectacular Trooping the Colour parade which moves between Buckingham Palace, The Mall and Horse Guards Parade as well as a public appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

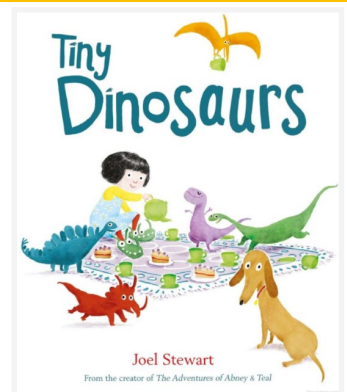


Book of the Week

Tiny Dinosaurs

Book and illustrations by Joel Stewart

What would you do if you found tiny dinosaurs living at the bottom of your garden? Make friends with them, of course! That's exactly what Daisy does when she finds a tiny t-rex, mini stegosaurus, and titchy triceratops. But will Daisy still want to play with her best friend Rex the dog now that she has DINOSAURS to play with? Of course she will! And that's because true friendship lasts forever. A charming, timeless picture book about the joy of making new friends (especially if they are tiny dinosaurs!)



WE GAINED COMMUNICATION ACCESS ACCREDITATION!

Communication Access UK is an initiative developed in partnership by charities and organisations that share a vision to improve the lives of people with communication difficulties.

What are communication difficulties?

Communication is not simply about the ability to speak but also the ability to hear and understand what is said to us.

Some people may find it hard to ask a question, name an object or ask for help, while others may have speech difficulties that make them difficult to understand. Others may have problems processing information and difficulties with reading and writing. Some may use communication devices and require time to create their message.

Millions of people across the United Kingdom have communication difficulties, including both adults and children.

Through the training, Quest staff have gained the skills and knowledge to engage with people with communication difficulties much more effectively.

You can find out more on their website and go to the directory to see our school.

<https://communication-access.co.uk/about/>



The Communication Access Symbol for the UK

YEAR 11 – HAVE YOU CONSIDERED AN APPRENTICESHIP?

If your child is in Year 11 and is struggling to see themselves going to college, have you considered an apprenticeship?

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a type of job you can get from the age of 16 where you **work full-time** for a company but are also **trained** at the same time. You earn a salary and are treated like an employee, giving you all the independence and responsibility that you'd get if you went straight into a job, but at least 20% of your time will be spent in training, learning the hands-on skills you'll need to progress in your chosen career.

- Teaching Assistant
- Software Developer
- Hospitality
- CAD Technician
- Toolmaker

And many more....

To find apprenticeships in your area, simply visit the **GOV.UK** website and type in your postcode -

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

Words are where humans store knowledge. We will build our knowledge by reading. We can increase our vocabulary, improve our reading stamina, and enjoy reading.

Each week in JK Rowling class, we read an article on a new topic and then pick out facts that we find interesting and write them in our personal books of knowledge. We then zoom in on a word within the text and learn more about it through dictionary definitions, synonyms, syllable count and putting the word in a sentence.

Each week we recap new vocabulary that we have previously looked at. The aim of these sessions are to build vocabulary and improve skills in reading.

So what skills does 'Book of Knowledge' target?

Focus & Attention

Active listening, focused reading and following directions all require focus and attention. Learners are required to listen carefully and complete set tasks, independently read and identify facts from text.

Social Skills

Book of knowledge encourages learners to work both independently and collaboratively. The sessions target key social skills such as verbal communication, turn taking and giving eye contact to the speaker.

What can you do at home?

By playing word games at home, you can help to build your child's vocabulary outside of the classroom. Some examples of games you could play at home are:

- Letter and category game – Choose a category and a letter and challenge your child to see how many words they can think of in that category.
- What can it do? – Name an object that can be seen and challenge your child to think of five things that it can do or can be done with it. (e.g. Ball; roll, bounce, pop, inflate, kicked).
- Describe it – Write down a range of different words, cut them out and put them in a hat, ask your child to pick out one word at a time and describe the word as best they can.

Megan Flood,

Speech and Language Student



ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR WATER CHARGES?

If you are a Severn Trent Water customer and require assistance, apply for help today via:

THE BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME

- You could receive up to 90% off the average Severn Trent water bill through the Big Difference Scheme
- Eligibility for the scheme is based on all household income (excluding housing entitlements)
- If you are eligible for income based free school meals it's likely that you will qualify for the Big Difference Scheme

HOW TO APPLY:



APPLY ONLINE AT
WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK



COMPLETE THE ONLINE
APPLICATION FORM



SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION

The Big Difference Scheme is funded by Severn Trent Water, which offers significantly reduced water charges to some households on a low income.



Apply now: www.bigdiff.co.uk



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 3 rd June 2022
Ends	Wednesday 27 th July 2022



Earth Day 2021 RESTORE OUR EARTH



THEME: RESTORE OUR EARTH THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 2021

The aim of International Earth day is to raise awareness regarding **global warming** and **climate change**. This day is to remind us that the Earth provides us with life and sustenance.

Here are a few ways you can help save our Earth:

- 1) Help protect pollinators
- 2) Plogging (noun): Picking up litter while jogging
- 3) Calculate your own carbon footprint (<https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>)
- 4) Use less plastic!
- 5) Pledge to use a reusable grocery bag
- 6) Spread the word and explore the Earth Day 2021 action toolkit (<https://www.earthday.org/toolkit-earth-day-2021-restore-our-earth/>)
- 7) Use a reusable water bottle
- 8) Take shorter showers and turn off lights when you're not using them.



FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 2021

St George's day is celebrated on 23rd April every year as this is the date of his death. St George's day is England's National day as he is the Patron Saint of England.

St George was a cavalryman in the Roman army and died a martyr due to being Christian and living in Rome, which was ruled by emperor Diocletian, who was anti-Christian.

He is also famous for allegedly having slain a Dragon and rescuing maidens.

St George's day is not a national holiday in England, although the patron saints of Scotland and Northern Ireland are celebrated with a national holiday.



STOP FOOD WASTE DAY: WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL

TOP TIPS TO FIGHT FOOD WASTE:



#STOPFOODWASTEDAY

PLAN AHEAD AND DON'T OVER BUY!

- Use up what's in your fridge and pantry
- Plan your meals
- Make a list before you shop

THE FREEZER IS YOUR FRIEND!

- Batch-cook and freeze portions
- Freeze bread and other leftovers
- Label items with the date and use them in order

GET CREATIVE!

- Experiment with what you have in the fridge!
- Try making bubble and squeak or colourful frittatas from leftovers
- Use odd bits of vegetables to make wholesome soups



QUEST TERM DATES FOR 2020 - 21:

SUMMER TERM 2021

Starts	Monday 19th April 2021
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
Half term	Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021
Ends	Friday 23rd July 2021

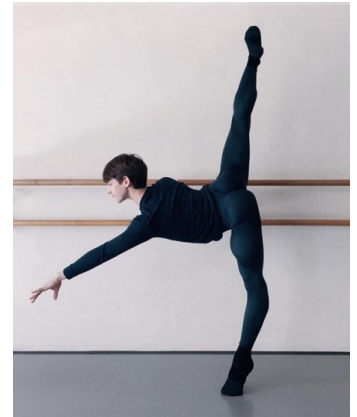
INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL

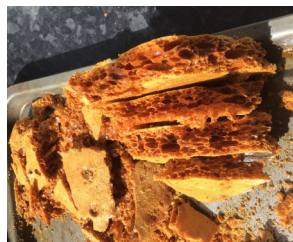
Celebration of Jean-Georges Noverre on his birthday

The aim of International Dance day is to commemorate Jean-Georges Noverre, who made a huge contribution to the world of dance in the 19th Century. He is the creator of modern Ballet.

International Dance day is held to encourage participation in dance and to promote public awareness of the 'art of dance' and also to emphasise the beauty of the different types of genres of dance.



EASTER TREATS IN FOOD TECH



SAFEGUARDING & FAMILY FOOTINGS



- **Daisy** is responsible for lower school families and is available on;
daisy.howden@macintyreacademies.org Work mobile 07504001918



- **Joan** is responsible for upper school families and is available on;
Joan.goodrich@macintyreacademies.org Work mobile 07377990796



- If you have any higher level Safeguarding concerns or questions please contact **Anna** on anna.stelfox@macintyreacademies.org Work mobile 07377990797.

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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Rugby
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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 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.

