



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

JUNE 2021 EDITION 1 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.

If you receive a positive result please email QuestCovid@MacIntyreAcademies.Org ASAP.



Last Day of Term: Friday 23rd July 2021

“Quote of the week”

“If you look at what you have in life, you’ll always have more. If you look at what you don’t have in life, you’ll never have enough.”

Oprah Winfrey

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed the wonderful sunny weather we have had over the last few weeks. It has certainly supported us as a school to promote learning outside and for learners to participate in summer sports such as cricket.

As a school we are committed to ensuring that learners at Quest have the best environment to thrive in and we continue to look at how we can enhance our already amazing building, grounds and resources.

This week we have been able to develop our land based/farm area ready for our small livestock of animal friends to join us in September. I know that many of our learners will benefit and enjoy helping look after the animals when they arrive.

Over the Summer holidays a walk-a-mile track will be installed to support fitness and well-being. As a school we will be aiming to walk 3 million steps across the next academic year (John O'Groats to Lands End). As part of this initiative learners will also learn about and cook a variety of traditional foods linked to different areas in the country. I think by the time we get to the end of our journey we will all be needing to have a cream tea! As to whether this will be in Devon or Cornwall is debateable due to the ongoing debate about where cream teas originate from.

Other exciting developments will include:

- New fold away tables that lie flat against the wall in the canteen. This will mean that we can more readily use this space for learning.
- An indoor climbing wall (we also hope to have received planning permission for our outdoor climbing wall and zip wire to be installed.)
- A large outdoor learning tepee
- A laser cutter to support our enterprise projects
- Food cooler in the café to support enterprise projects. This will mean that you will be able to pop by and purchase sandwiches and cakes. Other produce from our school shop will also be available to buy.
- Multi touch tables in classrooms
- Bikes for learners
- Large marquee to support us with our performing arts festivals

We are looking forward to being able to invite you all in for events and activities once again. We are also hoping that 2021/22 will be the year where we might be able to have our official opening! This has not been possible to date due to being in temporary accommodation for two years and then the COVID 19 pandemic.

I hope that you have a good weekend

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells.

EXAMS



Excellent



Very Good



Satisfactory



Marginal



Poor

June has been a busy month with exams. We have successfully held two Functional Skills Maths exams, which the learners managed extremely well. We have also had a JCQ Inspection on Thursday 10th June, which I am pleased to confirm we passed. In addition, we have had several external moderations for subjects such as NCFE Health & Fitness and ASDAN AoPE, where the purpose is to ensure we are teaching and marking these qualifications in line with exam board

requirements. The process can be quite rigorous, taking up to 4 hours per subject, but once again, I am pleased to confirm we have passed with flying colours, receiving an overall rating of 'Excellent'.



The deadline date for the submission of our GCSE marks (Teacher Assessment Grades) is Friday 18th June, but here at Quest, we don't leave things to the last minute, so we have already submitted our grades 4 days early!

Laura-Jane Boshell,

Office Manager and Exams Officer.

Book of the Week

The Ickabog

by J.K. Rowling

The Ickabog is coming... A mythical monster, a kingdom in peril, an adventure that will test two children's bravery to the limit.

The kingdom of Cornucopia was once the happiest in the world. It had plenty of gold, a king with the finest moustaches you could possibly imagine, and butchers, bakers and cheesemongers whose exquisite foods made a person dance with delight when they ate them.

Everything was perfect – except for the misty Marshlands to the north which, according to legend, were home to the monstrous Ickabog. Anyone sensible knew that the Ickabog was just a myth, to scare children into behaving. But the funny thing about myths is that sometimes they take on a life of their own.

Could a myth unseat a beloved king? Could a myth bring a once happy country to its knees? Could a myth thrust two children into an adventure they didn't ask for and never expected?

If you're feeling brave, step into the pages of this book to find out...



MEDICATION REMINDER

We have noticed an increase in learners bringing medication into school themselves in their school bags. We would like to remind parents/carers, that this is NOT considered a safe method of transport, as learners can forget they have it in their bags and other learners can gain access to the medication. All medication should be transported by an adult. Whether this is a parent/carers or a taxi escort. If you would like more information on how Quest supports learners with medical needs, please read our 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy' on the school website.



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

In order for the school to deliver medication you need to complete the 'Administration of Prescription Medication' section in the Compulsory Information Pamphlet.

- Medication supplied must be suitable for use and within date.
- 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.

If your child begins to feel ill whilst at Quest Academy we can administer some non-prescription medications. We will ask you to complete a non-prescription medication form (this is part of the Compulsory Information Pack).

- We will only administer non-prescription medicines (such as Paracetamol or Calpol) under exceptional circumstances and with parental consent.
- We can also administer Piriton if your child is hay fever/allergy sufferer (in either syrup or tablet).

WHILST THE SUN IS SHINING



As well as remembering to bring in water bottles please consider how sun can affect in other ways. Please can we ask parents/carers to ensure that sun cream is applied before learners arrive at school and bring a hat/cap if possible.

We do have sun cream on site to apply again at lunch time, providing consent has been received.



FOOTBALL FRENZY!

Euro 2020 was put back a year to 2021 due to Covid 19. The tournament kicked off on Friday 11th June with Turkey v Italy. There will be 24 sides playing across 11 host cities. England had an exciting game on



Sunday 13th June, winning 1-0 against Croatia. We'd love to see pictures of our learners enjoying the game, so please feel free to send us your snaps by email or on Facebook.



LEARNING DISABILITY WEEK 2021

This year's Learning Disability Week will take place from 14th - 20th June.

The theme will be art and creativity.

For many people with a learning disability and their families, getting creative has been a way to stay connected and positive through the challenges of last year. We know that people with a learning disability are up to twice as likely to experience mental health problems, due to many factors like discrimination and social isolation.

Create with us!

Getting involved in creativity and self expression can help improve mental health and lead to greater community inclusion. And people with a learning disability deserve to be better represented in the creative world – there is so much talent out there! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhRteO307N4>

We've developed some great resources for you to kick start your LD week this year! Get started with our [Hand Print Spatter Art Pack!](#)



GET IN TOUCH

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE—FAIRY GARDENS

Florence Nightingale have been working on Fairy Gardens during sensory play. The class TA, Hannah is the mastermind behind the Fairy Gardens. The learners have enjoyed decorating their little houses and creating a fairy clothesline. A small seed has also been planted in the garden and is ready to grow.



PARENTAL FEEDBACK FROM AN ANNUAL REVIEWS:

We are successful because...

...the parents of one of our learners said that close home/school liaison is working well. Their child has particularly enjoyed the creative activities in class and these have helped her to enjoy her learning in Maths.

...the mother of one of our learners shared that Quest Academy is 'everything she wanted' for him.

WORK EXPERIENCE

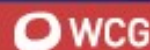
Our Year 11 learners are currently engaged in a curriculum that sees them accessing a range of providers in preparation for Post 16. As part of this transition process, our learners have been taken to a range of colleges to help with familiarisation and recently a visit was made to Moreton Morrell College – part of the Warwickshire College Group. Specifically a Land Based College, it specialises in Animal Care opportunities and during the visit, Damian looked at a range of areas in which this happens as part of his “Preparation for Adulthood” course. The photographs below have captured the wide range of things that we saw on this day and Damian has certainly got so much to look forward to when he starts in September!



Jamie Rynberk
Assistant Principal

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

Book now: wcg.ac.uk/openevents



Following the government announcement regarding the four week delay in lifting of final restrictions, WCG have made the following changes - the dates of these events remain the same as originally planned, but with changes in how these events will be delivered.

Virtual Open Events at Leamington, Rugby and Moreton Morrell Colleges

These 3 events below are now going to be **Virtual Open Events** - all those that have already booked a place onto the proposed in-person events will be notified shortly on the change to an **online only** format - and along with new bookings they will be sent the relevant link on how to access these online events.

- **Royal Leamington Spa College - Monday 21 June, 5.30pm-8pm**
- **Rugby College - Tuesday 22 June, 5.30pm-8pm**
- **Moreton Morrell College - Thursday 24 June, 5.30pm-8pm**

Moreton Morrell College Tour - in addition to the Virtual Open Event on Thursday 24 June, due to the land-based nature of the courses and site, we will be holding an additional In-person Guided Tour of the site on **Tuesday 6 July**, with two time slots available to book shortly. Tour spaces are very limited and are strictly reserved for Year 11 and 13 learners looking to join Moreton Morrell College this September.

In-person Subject Talks & Tours

These 4 events below are going ahead in-person as planned - but with a change to a 'Subject Talk & Tour' at each college, with a max. of 6 guests on each tour of the subject they are interested in studying/applying for.

- **Evesham College - Monday 28 June, 5.30pm-8pm**
- **Pershore College - Tuesday 29 June, 5.30pm-8pm**
- **Warwick Trident College - Thursday 1 July, 5.30pm-8pm**
- **Malvern Hills Centre for Digital & Cyber Technology - Thursday 1 July, 5.30pm-6.30pm**

We are as disappointed as you that we can't go ahead with the big in-person events once again this time, especially as the majority of these bookings were of learners that applied to us a while ago, and due to the ongoing restrictions in place, haven't been able to visit us in person.

We will be notifying all booked attendees for these events regarding these changes - whether from in-person to virtual, or to more prescribed subject tours.



'GIVE BLOOD AND KEEP THE WORLD BEATING'

What is World Blood Donor Day?

There are World Blood Donor Day celebrations all over the world, this year it was marked on **June 14th**. As a thank you to all the voluntary and unpaid blood donors for their donation.

It is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of donating blood and how many lives giving blood saves daily.

This day marks the invaluable asset of having affordable, timely supplies of clean, safe blood for universal health.



How is World Blood Donor Day celebrated?

This day is one of eight global public health campaigns recognised by The World Health Organisation.

In 2019 the theme was "Safe Blood for All", highlighting the universal need for safe blood for medical treatments. Certain countries hold the event each year, designated as hosts. The host last year was Rwanda.

For 2021, the World Blood Donor Day slogan will be "Give blood and keep the World beating". It's a slogan that highlights the essential contribution that blood donors make to keep the world pulsating. That is by saving lives and improving other's health.

It also reinforces the global call for more people to donate blood regularly and to contribute to better global health.

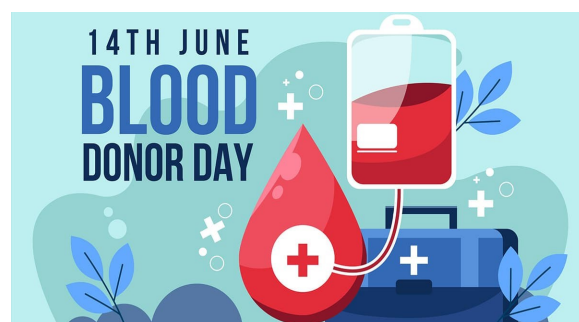
A significant focus of this year's campaign will be the role of young people in ensuring a safe blood supply.

Worldwide, young people have been at the forefront of initiatives aimed at achieving safe blood supplies. This through voluntary, non-remunerated blood donations.

Young people represent a large sector of the population in many societies and are generally full of idealism, enthusiasm and creativity.

The specific objectives of this year's campaign are to:

- Thank blood donors around the world.
- Widen public awareness of the need for regular, unpaid blood donation;
- Promote the community values of blood donation.
Enhancing community solidarity and social cohesion;
- Encourage youth to embrace the humanitarian call to donate blood. Inspiring others to do the same;
- Celebrate the potential of youth as partners in promoting health.



ART WORK

Firstly, a special shout out to Lauren for creating this spectacular Pride Canvas. →



Alan Turing, George Eliot and Winston Churchill classes have been looking at the Lollipop Artwork of British Artist Sarah Graham, they have created some fantastic and realistic work in a variety of materials, including pencil, pencil crayon, watercolour, oil pastel and paint.



Titanic

I am the ship and the ship is me, as I slice through the cold deep sea.

Upon the horizon, what do I see, it is an iceberg, a friend maybe.

They do not notice the Iceberg, I fear a Collision or a mount maybe.

I begin to turn thankfully.

In the beginning I thought It was fine, until I felt it cut into me.

As I tear and tumble, crack and fray as I begin to fill with the sea.

I sing and sink, lonely and slowly.

As I take my last breath, I submerge fully.

By Owain



Tourette's Syndrome Awareness Day was on **7th June 2021**. It was during a month long celebration of raising awareness for the condition, between **15th May- 15th June**. Some countries celebrate certain weeks within these months. The event aims to raise awareness about Tourettes Syndrome and bring together those living with the condition.

Tourette Syndrome is a neurological condition that is more common in boys than girls and affects approximately one school-aged child in a hundred. The most recognisable symptom of Tourettes are the tics, involuntary sounds or movements that it produces. Many people with Tourette's also suffer from co-curring conditions such as ADHD, OCD and anxiety. In the UK there are over 300,000 people living with the condition.

To celebrate TS Awareness month, [Tourettes Action](#) are hosting a '[Move for Tourettes](#)' campaign, check out their website for more information.



QUEST TERM DATES FOR 2020 - 21:

SUMMER TERM 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 3 rd June 2022
Ends	Wednesday 27 th July 2022

BIG THANK YOU DAY

Big Thank You Day is in the MacIntyre Academies' calendar every year as an occasion to acknowledge our Academies hard work, dedication and commitment to our learners, young people, families and each other. This year we extended the celebrations to our learners, who have also navigated an incredibly difficult year of lockdowns. MacIntyre arranged for ice cream vans to visit schools on Friday 11th June, so we all got to enjoy a treat in the sunshine!



SAFEGUARDING & FAMILY FOOTINGS



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



- **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
Warwickshire
CV22 5PE

E: quest.office@macintyreacademies.org

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.

