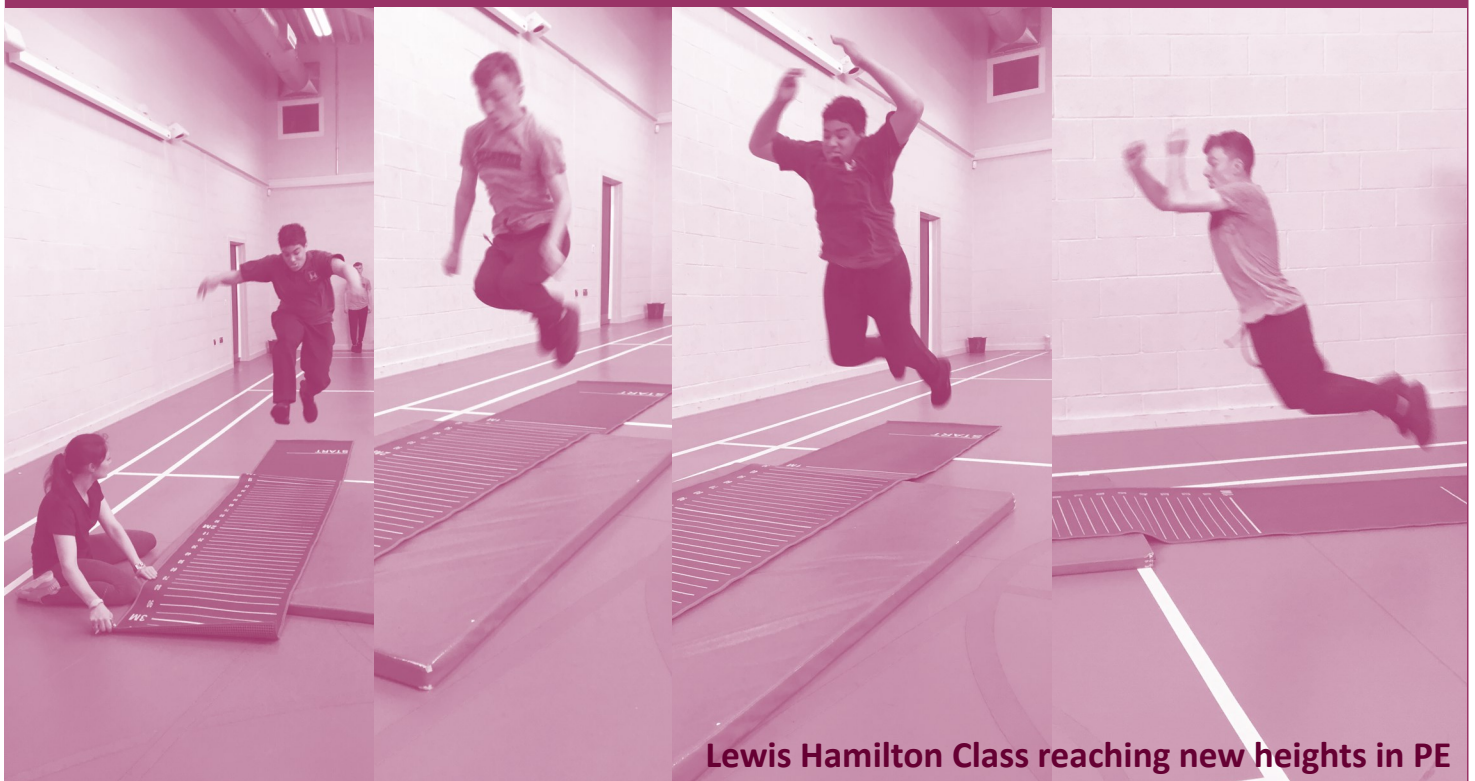




MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

JULY 2021 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER

Due to the COVID Delta variant MacIntyre Academies Trust have implemented a new procedure with immediate effect: Visitors will not be allowed on site, unless they have had a negative result within the past 24 hours. *This is just for adults.



Lewis Hamilton Class reaching new heights in PE

Last Day of Term: Friday 23rd July 2021

“Quote of the week”

“Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye.”

Helen Keller

WELCOME



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that there is only three weeks before we break up for the summer holidays. As Winston Churchill once said “Never let a good crisis go to waste” and I would have to agree with him. Over the last year we have had to really think even more creatively than ever to ensure that we have provided learners the best education we can.

I know that learners have missed going on trips and visits and taking part in our traditional end of term fairs. I am hoping that from September we will be able to resume these as well as our Thursday after school club.

I feel that the learners have demonstrated incredible resilience over the last year and despite the challenges COVID-19 has brought us all they have all been truly AMAZING. I think the ‘Big Thank You’ day, (which is normally a day where we say thank you to staff but was extended to learners this year) helped many of the learners appreciate how well they have done. It was wonderful to see and hear them talk about this during our ‘Big Thank You’ day.

Over the last six weeks staff have been having ongoing discussions about how we deliver our curriculum. Out of these discussions we have developed some underlying principles to support timetabling decisions. We are now in the process of finalising our timetabling and staffing, we will be in a position to share this with you during the week beginning 12th July. In your packs you will receive a summary poster about the curriculum, information about your child’s class team and timetable.

Parent’s Afternoon is due to take place on Thursday 15th July. Your child’s form tutor will be in contact with you to organise a ZOOM or phone call to organise a convenient time.

We are waiting to hear from the DfE as to what September will look like. We anticipate that following our two INSET days in September (Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd) learners will be classed based (week commencing Monday 6th September) for the first three days with the view to them following their timetable after.

To support learners, return to school we will offer school tours and catch ups towards the end of the Summer holidays. You will receive information about this opportunity at the end of term.

Finally, I just wanted to continue to thank you for all your support and for the positive comments you about Quest and staff. Your comments are greatly appreciated by all staff who are the most dedicated and caring staff team I have ever worked with.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells.



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 3rd June 2022

Ends

Wednesday 27th July 2022

Book of the Week

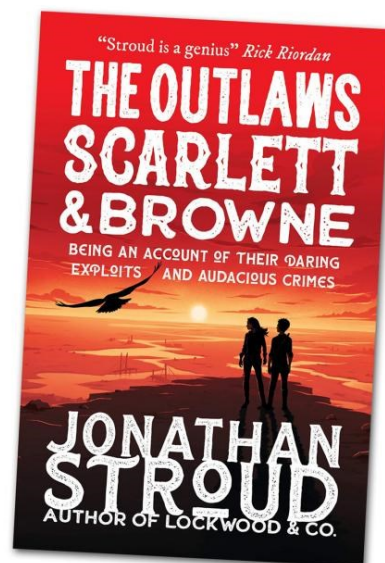
The Outlaws Scarlett & Browne by Jonathan Stroud

Walker Books £7.99, age 12+

Set in a broken, future England, where gunfights and monsters collide, this is the exciting first title in a phenomenal fantasy teen series by the bestselling children's novelist.

England has been radically changed by a series of catastrophes – large cities have disappeared and London has been replaced by a lagoon. The surviving population exists in fortified towns where they cling to traditional ways, while strangely evolved beasts prowl the wilderness beyond. Conformity is rigidly enforced and those who fall

foul of the rules are persecuted: some are killed, others are driven out into the wilds. Only a few fight back – and two of these outlaws, Scarlett McCain and Albert Browne, display an audacity and talent that makes them legends.



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.



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!



ALICE'S DAY: 3RD JULY 2021

It's the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There!

This year we're taking Alice outdoors, in giant puppet form! Look out for our brand new Alice puppet wandering the streets of Oxford, accompanied by some very chatty talking flowers inspired by the Looking-Glass Garden of Live Flowers! Meanwhile Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee will be hosting an Unbirthday Party on Broad Street and the Red Queen will be demanding complete obedience from anyone who encounters her as she rides her Dodo about the streets. Expect much nonsense and mischief. Download the [Alice's Day Map and Guide](#) or scroll through a [digital version](#) of the programme.



The Note

By Chloë

Just a normal day in the graveyard; or so he thought. Dylan stepped out of the church, the night was gloomy, foggy and seemed darker and more sketchy than usual. Dylan took his first steps crunching on the gravel path. In the wind he heard vague voices but not human voices it was a peculiar sound, one that interested him. As it continued he started feeling alarmed and fearful.

The further he walked, the louder the sound got. As he got nearer to the first grave he noticed something different. One of the capsules was open, within as instant his torch turned off. He gets an icy-cold chilling tap on his back. As he turned around the world stopped still and his breath hovered in mid-air.

In front of him stood something, a body that seemed to be there one minute but not there the other, like it was glitching in reality. The body was bones, no skin, no flesh, no eyes. Before he could take a proper look, the skeleton had gone leaving just a note....

"Let the bodies out of the capsules by midnight tomorrow or you will live to regret it"



WIMBLEDON FORTNIGHT

Annual international tennis championship held in Wimbledon, UK, Monday 28th June to Sunday 11th July 2021. The return of The Championships. Time to get into the Wimbledon spirit - whatever that means to you...It's a #WimbledonThing





United Nations

WORLD POPULATION DAY

Sunday 11th July

World Population Day, seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, including their relations to the environment and development.

The Day was first marked on 11th July 1990 in more than 90 countries. Since then, a number of a UNFPA country offices and other organizations and institutions commemorate World Population Day, in partnership with governments and civil society.

World Population Trends

It took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion – then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, and today, it stands at about 7.7 billion, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100.

This dramatic growth has been driven largely by increasing numbers of people surviving to reproductive age, and has been accompanied by major changes in fertility rates, increasing urbanization and accelerating migration. These trends will have far-reaching implications for generations to come. The recent past has seen enormous changes in fertility rates and life expectancy. In the early 1970s, women had on average 4.5 children each; by 2015, total fertility for the world had fallen to below 2.5 children per woman. Meanwhile, average global lifespans have risen, from 64.6 years in the early 1990s to 72.6 years in 2019.

In addition, the world is seeing high levels of urbanization and accelerating migration. 2007 was the first year in which more people lived in urban areas than in rural areas, and by 2050 about 66 per cent of the world population will be living in cities.

These megatrends have far-reaching implications. They affect economic development, employment, income distribution, poverty and social protections. They also affect efforts to ensure universal access to health care, education, housing, sanitation, water, food and energy. To more sustainably address the needs of individuals, policymakers must understand how many people are living on the planet, where they are, how old they are, and how many people will come after them.



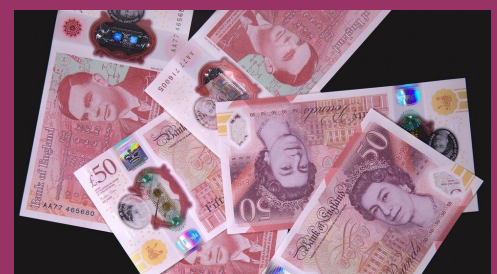
NEW ALAN TURING £50 NOTE ENTERS CIRCULATION

The Bank of England's newly-designed £50 note featuring the portrait of Alan Turing has entered circulation. The release date coincides with what would have been the computer pioneer and wartime codebreaker's birthday (23rd June, 1912).

It means the Bank's entire collection of currently-printed banknotes is made of plastic for the first time.

Paper £50 and £20 notes will no longer be accepted in shops from October next year, although post offices will still exchange them.

The choice to place him on the note is also designed to promote diversity. The Bank is flying the Progress Pride flag above its building in London's Threadneedle Street on Wednesday 23rd June to recognise improvements since his appalling treatment by the state. In 2013, he was given a posthumous royal pardon for his 1952 conviction.



Safe Home, Happy Home

A 2-hour virtual workshop for parents and carers

Available on:

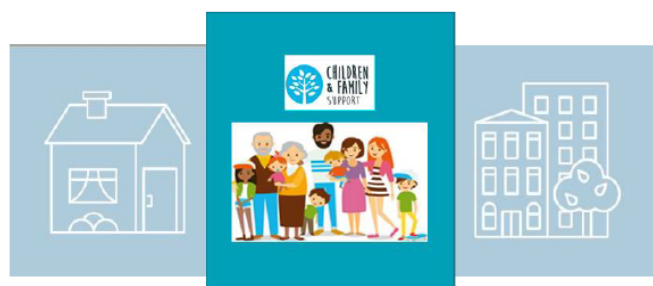
21st and 28th May 2021

3rd, 7th, 16th, 25th June 2021

1st, 9th, 12th, 22nd July 2021

This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to explore the possible safety risks that may exist in our homes and enable you to learn how you can keep your family home safe and comfortable for you and your children.

To check availability and book a place, please follow the link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safe-home-happy-home-workshop-tickets-134637816333?AFF=EBDSSBONUNESEARCH>



Routines and Boundaries

A 2-hour virtual workshop for parents and carers in Warwickshire

Available on:

27th May 2021

2nd, 12th, 14th, 24th, 30th June 2021

8th, 14th, 20th July 2021

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can sometimes be stressful and challenging.

This two-hour workshop can help parents understand the importance of routines and boundaries for children. It will offer approaches that can be developed and implemented at home to reduce stress and help create a calm, relaxed home life.

To check availability and book a place, please follow the link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/warwickshire-children-and-families/>



Sleep Workshop

A 2-hour virtual workshop for parents and carers in Warwickshire

Available on:

26th May 2021

4th, 10th, 23rd, 28th June 2021

7th, 15th, 19th July 2021

Issues with sleep are common for children and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life.

This two-hour interactive workshop for parents and carers looks at the importance of sleep, the science of sleep, possible causes of sleep issues and offers strategies to help.

To check availability and book a place, please follow the link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/warwickshire-children-and-families/>



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

A 2-hour virtual workshop for parents and carers in Warwickshire

Available on:

24th May 2021

1st, 9th, 17th, 21st June 2021

3rd, 5th, 13th, 21st July 2021

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can sometimes be stressful and challenging.

This parenting workshop focuses on understanding and improving your children's behaviour and gives you positive parenting strategies to help you deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier family life.

To check availability and book a place, please follow the link below
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ATTENDANCE



At Quest Academy, we seek to ensure that all our learners receive a full time education which maximizes opportunities for each learner to reach his or her true potential: we feel that good

attendance (95% or above) and good punctuality too are a vital part of this and we want all learners to strive towards this.

Government statistics have proven that children with poor attendance are 47% less likely to meet their potential examination results compared to learners with good attendance.

We have a desire to strive towards 100% attendance for all of our learners and expect all parents / carers to actively support us in ensuring that their children are in school, safe, at all times. We also aim to hold all parents / carers that give low priority to good school attendance accountable. Should you wish to discuss please contact Joan .

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
- 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).

TAXIS / ESCORT IN VEHICLES

For Learners who are transported to and from Quest Academy via 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) please select

your correct county below:

- [Warwickshire](#)
- [Northamptonshire](#)
- [Coventry](#)



If you need any further assistance please contact Joan, in the Family Footings team

Joan Goodrich

Family Footings Facilitator/DSL.

UNIFORM

Our uniform is a black blazer with purple tape on the collar and lapels, a black V-neck sweat-shirt with purple stripe, and a purple polo with embroidered Quest Academy logo. In addition to the logo items we expect children to wear black



trousers and plain black shoes or trainers; for those with sensory issues soft black trousers are allowed although we prefer tailored trousers. Similarly smart tailored black shorts will be acceptable in summer.

For PE learners wear a black t-shirt with purple side panels and white piping with an embroidered logo, a black hoodie with purple side panels and embroidered logo and black shorts with purple panels with white piping and logo, comfortable sports shoes – pumps or trainers.

Quest Black jogging bottoms for outdoor PE are allowed too.

If you would like to purchase new uniform, we have a limited stock of polo shirts, jumpers and blazers available in school. Please contact the school regarding stock level and sizes.

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**, email directly Christine@webb-ellis.co.uk or visit their <http://www.webb-ellis.co.uk/schools/>

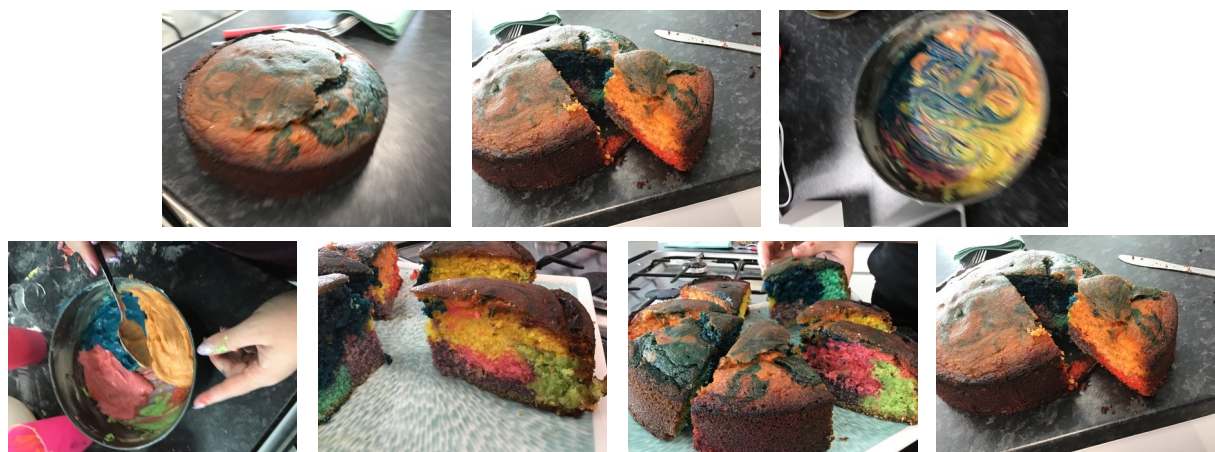
***If you are struggling with uniform please contact Family Footings.**

PARENTAL FEEDBACK FROM AN ANNUAL REVIEWS:

We are successful because...

- The mother of one of our learners said that his class tutor has been extremely helpful and ensures that work is personalised and targeted to meet her son's academic needs, wellbeing and interests. This helps in ensuring that her son can try to remain focused and engaged. Her son's tutor is always interested to hear what he has been doing.'*
- Another mother of one of our learners said that Quest has changed her daughter's life in her development of self-esteem and confidence, and her reduction in aggression and demand avoidance.'*
- A third mother of one of our learners said that the Quest Academy staff team has been 'incredibly tolerant' with her son's needs and has provided consistent support. She said that Quest provides a 'family feeling' for her son, alongside his academic education; and he is able to communicate his feelings.*

SUMMER-RAE'S CAKE



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

'We have been making orange brownies, sweet cones and learning how to make simple tools like a wooden mallet within outdoor education.'



DATES FOR DIARY

Year Group	Vaccines to be given	Date(s)
All Years 7-11	Nasal Flu	20/10/2021
All Year 9	Td/IPV & Men ACWY	27/01/2022
All Year 8	HPV 1	25/03/2022
All Year 9	HPV 2	25/03/2022
All years	Mop up Session	19/07/2022

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:

Quest Academy
Anderson Avenue
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.

