

JULY 2023 EDITION 1 NEWSLETTER



FACEBOOK PAGE — Quest Academy Family Group



Our final school day of this academic year is Friday 28th July



"What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul."

— Joseph Addison

WELCOME



Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that there is only two weeks to go before the end of the term!

As you can see from the pictures on pages 6 and 7 the Y11 learners enjoyed taking part in a range of activities in the last week. The Prom (page 4) was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thank you to all the staff that helped make this event so special.

The school council continue to work hard and are instrumental in the school's development and have represented the school in a number of meetings recently, thank you to Lauren and Matthew who represented the school at the Youth Board Meeting. We have received very positive feedback from the different people who have met with them. Well done.

Congratulations to the football teams who performed well in the local tournament a couple of weeks ago. They should be very proud of their achievements and in particular for being fantastic ambassadors of the school.

Kind regards,

Nícola Wells

Upcoming Dates for next year

28/09/23 Y10 and Y11 Destinations Evening 4:00- 6:00 pm

27/11/23 Mock exams start

14/12/23 Y10 and Y11 Parents Evening

22/12/23 Xmas Fayre 2:00- 3.30 pm

07/03/24 Y9 Parents and Options Evening 4:00- 6:00 pm

22/03/24 Easter Fayre 2:00 – 3.30 pm

11/04/24 Y7 and Y8 subject Parents afternoon 4:00 – 6:00 pm

18/04 /24 Y3 – Y6 Parents afternoon 4:00- 6:00 pm







Trophies for end of year winners: Isaac PB - Players Player Euan T - most Improved Player Rylan M - Managers Player



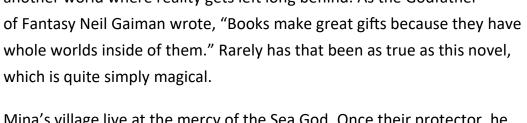
The Girl Who Fell Beneath The Sea

Reading age

14 years and up

by Axie Oh

The best kind of book is the one that allows for escape, an adventure into another world where reality gets left long behind. As the Godfather



Mina's village live at the mercy of the Sea God. Once their protector, he how curses them with death and despair. In an attempt to appease him, each year a beautiful maiden is thrown into the sea to serve as the Sea God's bride, in the hopes that one day the "true bride" will be chosen and end the suffering.

Mina wasn't meant to be this year's tribute, but she sacrificed herself to protect the great love of her brother's life. Swept away to the Spirit Realm, a magical city of lesser gods and mythical beasts, Mina finds the Sea God trapped in an enchanted sleep. She sets out to bring an end to the killer storms once and for all. But she doesn't have much time: a human cannot live long in the land of the spirits. And there are those who would do anything to keep the Sea God from waking...

A soundbite for selling this book would be 'Spirited Away with YA themes' and it would be an accurate pitch. There's a brave and bold female protagonist, a mysterious man who may be friend or foe, monsters lurking ready to strike and a quest to solve to save those she loves. But that doesn't quite do justice to how immersive and well-rendered the world building and characterization is within this feminist retelling of the Korean folk story The Tale Of Shim Cheong is. Reading this book is so transportive, it's as if you are right with Mina as she braves what lurks beneath the sea. She's a character you easily root for – determined to take control of her own fate and powerful in the choices she makes to ensure it happens.

We are successful because;-

...the mother of one of our learners said that he has had many wonderful experiences due to the support from the Quest Academy staff team. She said that her son is achieving more than she thought was possible.

...the mother of one of our learners said that her daughter is doing much better than she had hoped, with taking and achieving academic qualifications, as well as her general progress.

...the mother of one of our learners said that she is pleased with the consistent support between the Quest Academy staff team and family as this supports his resilience.





Relaxed Hour at Rugby Art Gallery & Museum this Super Summer!

Monday 31 July & Monday 21 August

10.30-11.30am



Meet Waffle The Wonder Dog, and



Visit Kapow!
The Art of Making Comics and Film





We would like to inform you that Rugby Art Gallery & Museum will be running two FREE relaxed hour sessions over the summer holidays.

Meet Waffle the Wonder Dog from the popular CBeebies show and visit our Kapow! Exhibition.

Relaxed Hour 10.30-11.30am

Monday 31 July & Monday 21 August

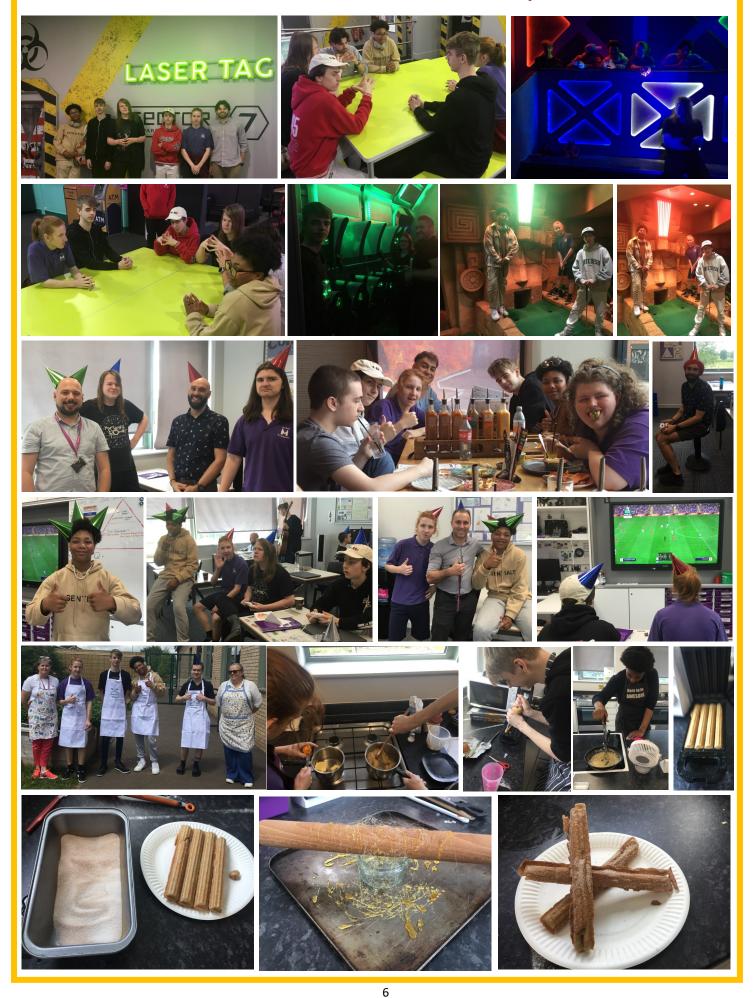
This session is primarily for neurodivergent children and adults, and any other visitors with sensory needs who prefer a more relaxed experience, plus their families, friends, and carers.

Come along to explore the gallery and take part in a creative activity.

FREE, suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

To book please visit: https://www.ragm.co.uk/supersummer
For more information about Kapow: https://www.ragm.co.uk/kapow

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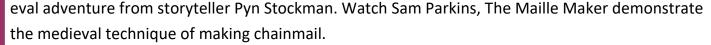
ENJOY AN ADVENTUROUS SUMMER OF FAMILY EVENTS FROM HERITAGE AND CULTURE WARWICKSHIRE

Dig for fossils at Cross Hand Quarry, meet the Lowe Ranger and her baby dinosaurs, go Bug Hunting in the County Record Office gardens, take on a Knights Quest, meet Mini Beast LIVE and much more.... Please note some events require booking.

Museum in the Park St Nicholas Park, find us by the tennis courts - Weds 26th July 10am - 3pm Free, drop in.

Get ready for our summer of adventure with free activities in St Nicholas Park. Make some explorer binoculars, spot some bugs and have a go making a catapult. Find out about our adventurous events this summer at Market Hall Museum and beyond.

A Knight's Quest Market Hall Museum - Weds 2nd August 10am - 1pm Are you ready to take up the quest and prove yourself to be a worthy knight? Make your own sword, design your heraldry and hear tales of medi-



Storytelling sessions at 10.30am and 11.30pm. £5 per child or £8 for two. Spaces limited so please book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice £3 per child to drop in, does not include storytelling session.

Arty Tots in the Garden St John's House - Tues 8th August 10am - 2pm Come on a summer adventure to different worlds in our magical garden. Get your adventure passport stamped at each destination. Encounter messy play, water, sand and crafts. Can you complete the treasure hunt too? You are welcome to bring a picnic. £3 per child, drop in. Suitable for under 5's, siblings welcome.

Treasure Map Mystery Market Hall Museum - Thurs 10th August 10am – 1pm Secret papers have gone missing from Brodie's, the founder of the museum study! Could they be the rumoured treasure map of Market Hall? Brush up on your detective skills, try writing with invisible ink, make a disguise and solve the puzzles to crack the clue! £3 per child, drop in.

The Ugly Duckling with Folksy Theatre St John's House Garden - Weds 16th August 2pm When a mother duck's eggs hatch and one duckling looks different, the other ducklings laugh and make fun of him. The awkward little bird sets off on his own and is met with hecklers, hunters, and cruel weather. Come and help him along on his journey, filled with live music, puppetry and colourful characters. Bring along your picnics, folding chairs and friends and family, to enjoy this wonderful open-air, family musical! £15 for adults, £12 children under 16, £48 family of 4 (2 adults) Book at Folksy Theatre https://ticketstripe.com/events/1033897



ROAR! Dinosaurs at the Museum Market Hall Museum -

Fri 18th August 10am – 2.30pm

Meet dinosaur expert the Lowe Ranger and her baby dinosaurs.

Can you become a

Dinosaur Ranger, what skills do you need to work with dinosaurs? Complete the tasks and activities around the museum to earn your Level 1 Dinosaur Ranger certificate.

Baby dinosaur workshops at 10.15am, 11.45am and 1.15pm. £5 per child or £8 for 2 children, spaces limited so please book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice. £3 per child to drop in, does not include the baby dinosaur workshop.



ROAR! Dinosaurs at the Museum!



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Minibeasts LIVE! Market Hall Museum - Tues 22nd August 10am - 1pm

Meet some interesting minibeasts with Rent a Beast, live! Complete the minibeast challenges around the museum and find out all you need to know to find and identify minibeasts living in your garden or local park. £3 per child, drop in.

Bug Hunt Warwickshire County Record Office - Weds 23rd August

Come on a bug hunt with Rangers from Warwickshire Country Parks. What will you find underneath logs, in the trees and under the bushes? Look out for the resident rabbits. Hunts at 10am or 11.15am. £5 per child or £8 for two, spaces limited so please book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ heritageboxoffice

Arty Tots in a Woodland Adventure Market Hall Museum - Tues 29th August 10am – 1pm Tu-whit-tu-whoo' this is a call for all Arty Tots. If you went down to the woods today what would you find? What could you hear? Join us to find out and create your own woodland creatures to take home. £3 per child, drop in. Suitable for under 5's, siblings welcome.

Family Fossil Hunt Cross Hands Quarry, near Moreton-in-Marsh - Thurs 31st August 11am - 2pm Enjoy a day fossil hunting at Cross Hands Quarry and explore our Jurassic past with the Curator of Natural Sciences Jon Radley. You can keep anything you find! After share photos of your finds with us on Facebook/Twitter for identification. Suitable for ages 7+. Meet at the quarry. All attendees must pay. £8.50 per person, spaces limited so please book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ heritageboxoffice





TRAVEL TRAINING

Do you know a young person with SEND who is eager and enthusiastic, who might benefit from Independent Travel Training? Students that hold an EHCP may be eligible to enrol on a travel training program.







The training aims to help young people travel independently and can increase their overall confidence and self-esteem, as well as help them to prepare for adulthood. It can also benefit parents and carers, giving them peace

of mind that their child or young person is able to travel safely on their own.

Training will take place once a week over the course of 9-12 weeks and will offer:

- 1:1 personalised travel trainer support
- Road and personal safety skills
- Journey planning
- Time and money management
- Emergency strategies around travel

These skills can then be transferred into their everyday lives and future enabling them to access more opportunities such as going out with friends, transitioning to college, work placements etc

The young person must be a Warwickshire resident, have an Education, Health and Care Plan and be between the ages of 11-25. You can find the full criteria and application form online here.

This only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Once a referral is submitted one of our team will be in touch to discuss the next steps.

Journeys must be from the young person's home to their school/college/work placement/training provider by using public transport within Warwickshire.

Schools and colleges can make a referral for a student who meets the eligibility criteria using the referral form available on the SEND transport webpages. Before a referral can be made, prior consent must be provided by the individual, or the parent/carer if the individual is under 16 years old.

If you would like any further information, please get in touch at **tt@warwickshire.gov.uk.**

We are look forward to hearing from you

Independent Travel Training
Transport Operations
Communities
Warwickshire County Council
tt@warwickshire.gov.uk

www.warwickshire.gov.uk





Thank you so much for all your donations, please keep collecting your washed out items for recycling and sending them in. The more we collect, the more points we earn that can go towards purchasing supplies.

*Reminder, we can supply pod back bags for the recycling of coffee pods. We have had 2 big boxes



of 7 bags so far!

We can also reuse ice cream tubs too!



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.

LATENESS

Pupils must attend registration on time to be given a present mark. Registration starts at 08.50am until 9am. Arrival after the start of morning registration will be given an 'L' code. After 9.30am a 'U' code (unauthorised absence) will be given.

WHEN 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 form received.



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).

Warwickshire County Council

Family Information Service

How can we help you?

The Family Information Service offers free help and advice to parents, carers, young people and anyone working with families in Warwickshire.

We can provide information on:

Choosing Childcare - Help finding the right type of childcare for you and your child.

Child Safety - Help dealing with bullying, internet safety, road safety and accident prevention.

Disability Support - Advice on childcare for a disabled child, financial help and special educational needs.

Financial Help - Help with childcare costs, benefits information, debt and money management.

Working Parents Rights - Information about maternity leave and rights, paternity leave and flexible working.

Parental Support - Parenting courses, advice and useful information for all parents and carers.







We also offer:

- Outreach Services The Family Information Service can provide face to face information to groups call the helpline to find out more.
- **Anti-Bullying Helpline** Concerned about bullying? Get advice from our anti-bullying telephone support service on 0845 090 8044.
- Information and advice about childcare careers Information and advice for childcare providers and childminders.

Useful links

Warwickshire Family Information Service www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Information and Services

Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED)

Credits and information about

HM Revenue and Customs - Tax

Directory of Services for the

Warwickshire Registered Childcare Provider Search

www.warwickshire.gov.uk childcarefinder

Contact us:



Helpline: 0845 090 8044 (Local rate) or 01926 742274 family Email: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk Website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Fax: 01926 412794

Twitter: (2) @WarksFIS Facebook: [7] WarwickshireFIS

Address: Family Information Service People Group Saltisford Office Park, Ansell Way, Warwick CV34 4UL

If you have a complaint about our service or a suggestion to improve our service please contact the Family Information Service manager to request a copy of our complaints procedure.

Please contact us on 0845 090 8044 for other leaflet formats eg. large print, audio, another language or through discussion.



Quest Academy would like to invite you to our annual Questival!

We have booked the **Really Awesome Coffee Van** *we have prepaid for basic drinks.

If parents / carers would like to purchase smoothies, frappes and snacks they would be most welcome to do so

During the learner event there will be:

Animal contact Obstacle Circus workshop (TBC) course (TBC)

Bouncy Face painting/ hair Ice cream castle braiding And slushies

Refreshments, fundraising attractions, rides and stalls will be available Please respond as soon as possible to Quest Office on 01788 593 112 or quest.office@macintyreacademies.org letting us know how many people will be attending in your 'group/party'

At: Quest Academy, Anderson Avenue, Rugby, CV22 5PE





SUMMER 2023 - HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF)



Dear Parent/Carer,

The Department for Education (DfE) funds the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme across the United Kingdom. At it's core, HAF provides young people the opportunity to access enriching activities alongside healthy meals over the main school holidays at Christmas, Easter & Summer.

Please note that this programme is entirely separate from the <u>Local Welfare Scheme</u>'s household support funding (i.e. supermarket HUGGG vouchers).

Each eligible young person (in full-time education from Reception to Year 11 who receives benefits-related free school meals) with a HAF code can access a maximum of **16 sessions** over the summer holidays. Families have the flexibility to book with multiple activity providers if desired. All providers can request additional funding for 1-to-1 support if this is required, however this will depend on their staff availability and qualifications. We do have a number of SEND-specific activities which may be a more suitable option.









Eligible families need to request a HAF Code via a brief online form. This can be found at https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf or you can scan the QR code below. HAF codes are valid for the academic year, so if you've had a HAF code at Christmas or Easter, the same code can be used. If you need codes to be re-sent, just send us an email via haftprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk

For families not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, we can release a limited number of HAF codes for each delivery period. A separate referral form will need to be completed on behalf of your family, if you're facing a significant financial barrier and one (or more) of the following criteria apply:

- · Have an allocated family support worker or social worker
- · On an open early help plan
- · Your child(ren) acts as a young carer

The referral form is available upon request from a professional/allocated worker on hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk

Summer activity listings will be available online from Monday 12th June. Contact providers directly to discuss booking.

Scan the QR code below to visit the HAF website.

Thank you for your continued engagement with the Warwickshire HAF programme. Please contact us directly if you have any queries related to the HAF scheme.



Warwickshire HAF Team

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Warwickshire County Council

Family Information Service 0800 408 1558 fis@warwickshire.gov.uk Facebook: @WarwickshireFIS



This is for Summer 2023, HAF **does not** run during **May Half Term**.



CLUBSZONE CZ

2023 HOLIDAY CLUB SCHEME

Clubszone are pleased to be working with the local council for the Summer HAF scheme.

The HAF scheme is for children that are pupil premium and receive benefited free school meals.

There is NO CHARGE for this service and the children would also receive a free lunch at the club.

Location: Paddox Primary School (CV22 5HS) Times: 8:40am – 4:15pm each day.

Our holiday camps are 5-star rated on Trustpilot and we provide many different activities for

children of all abilities aged between 5 - 13.

How to register a place for your child?

Ways to Book:

1. Text 07305191086

2. Email: HAF@clubszone.co.uk

3. Scan the QR code



Information Required to Secure Your Booking

- Full Name of Child
- Date of Birth
- School Attending
- Home Postcode
- Parent Name
- Parent Email Address
- Parent Phone Number

Please ensure that you specify which club you would like to book onto. Please inform us about any SEN support that your child may require and dietary requirements. PLACES ARE LIMITED — PLEASE CONTACT US ASAP TO BOOK A PLACE.

Dates:

Monday 31st July – Thursday 3rd April Monday 7th August – Thursday 10th August Monday 14th August – Thursday 17th August Monday 21st August – Thursday 24th August

You can use your HAF code for 16 days throughout the summer period.





Parent Carer drop in sessions for children with disabilities.

Parent / carer drop in sessions are FREE for parents and carers of children with disabilities living in Warwickshire facilitated by Warwickshire County Council's Children with Disabilities team.

The sessions will be an opportunity for parents and carers to talk to Family Support Workers and gain a wide range of information, signposting, advice and guidance relating to Social Care. It will also be an opportunity to meet other parents, carers and professionals.

We regret that there is no childcare available for this drop in session so please do not attend with children.

For any general enquires or questions about the upcoming drop in sessions please email cwdtadmin@warwickshire.gov.uk

















Atherstone and Coleshill

June 13th 2023 10.00-12.00 Coleshill Library

July 11th 2023 10.00—12.00

Atherstone Children and Family Centre

19A Parkfield Rd

Coleshill Birmingham

B46 3LD

Atherstone

19A Parkfield Rd

CV9 1AX

Coleshill

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October 10th 2023 10.00—12.00

September 12th 2023 10.00—12.00

Atherstone Children and Family Centre

Coleshill Library 19A Parkfield Rd

Long St

Atherstone

CV9 1AX

Coleshill Birmingham B46 3LD

August 8th 2023 10.00—12.00 November 14th 2023 10.00-12.00 Coleshill Library Atherstone Children and Family Centre

> Long St Atherstone CV9 1AX

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PARENTING PROGRAMME RUGBY SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Understanding Children's Behaviour	Wednesday PM	26th July	5 - 7 pm	Virtual https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668135841287
Routine & Boundaries	Monday AM	31St July	9.30 - 11.30am	Virtual https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668138549387
Understanding Children's Behaviour	Wednesday AM	2nd Aug	9.15 - 11.15am	Claremont CFC https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668142601507
Boundaries & Rules	Wednesday AM	9Th Aug	9.15 - 11.15am	Claremont CFC https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668143895377
Understanding Your Teenager	Thursday AM	10th Aug	12.15 - 2.15pm	Hill St https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668145510207
Drop-in Parenting Workshop	Wednesday AM	16th Aug	9.15 - 11.15am	Long Lawford Primary school
Drop-in Parenting Workshop	Tuesday AM	22nd Aug	9.15 - 11.15am	Long Lawford Primary school
Boundaries & Rules	Thursday AM	24th Aug	12.15 - 2.15pm	Hill St https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668156121947
Solihull Programme	Tuesday AM	12th Sept— Nov	10am - 12 noon	Boughton Leigh CFC Fully booked
Solihull Programme	Tuesday AM	28th Nov— 6th Feb	10am - 12 noon	Long Lawford Primary School https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/672094160727

TERM DATES FOR 2022 - 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

Ends Friday 28th July 2023

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024

Please find below the agreed dates for academic year 2023 - 2024. We have two extra days for half term in October and days added on to the Summer Term. The rationale is that the days have been organised to allow families to take advantage of quieter and cheaper holidays.

AUTUMN TERM 2023

INSET Days (no learners on site) Friday 1st, Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023

Learners Start Back Wednesday 6th September 2023

Half term Monday 30th October to Tuesday 7th November 2023

Learners Start Back Wednesday 8th November 2023

Ends Friday 22nd December 2023

Christmas holiday Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

SPRING TERM 2024

Starts Monday 8th January 2024

Half term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Learners Start Back Monday 19th February 2024

Trust INSET Day (no learners on site) Friday 8th March 2024

Ends Friday 22nd March 2024

Spring (Easter) holiday Monday 25 March 2024 to Friday 5 April 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Starts Monday 8th April 2024

Bank Holiday (no learners on site) Monday 6th May 2024

INSET day (no learners on site) Tuesday 7th May 2024

Half term Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Learners Start Back Monday 3rd June 2024

Ends Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Please complete our **Quest Parent/ Carer Communication Form,** (link also in the email)

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.

PRIVACY NOTICE

MacIntyre Academies collects and uses pupil information which complies with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This is Europe's framework for data protection laws – it replaces the previous 1995 data protection directive, which UK law has previously been based upon.

You can read the full details of our Privacy Notice in the policy. This includes more details of our legal basis for the use of specific information.



















