

Aimhigher London Partner Spotlight



At The Quest Academy, our partnership with Aimhigher London plays a vital role in raising aspirations and broadening horizons for our students for every key stage. The sustained programme of campus visits, ambassador sessions and enrichment opportunities ensures our young people are informed, inspired and confident about their next steps. We are incredibly thankful for the support Aimhigher provides and look forward to continuing our strong partnership in the years ahead.

Joshua Henry – Assistant Principal

The Quest Academy story

The Quest Academy in Croydon is an outstanding partner, demonstrating best practice and embracing everything our partnership has to offer, sustaining meaningful engagement to transform young people's horizons. Over the years, Quest learners have taken part in campus visits, in-school workshops, residential and summer schools.

We have the privilege of working with learners across all key stages, in some cases accompanying the same learner from Year 9 to Year 13. It's a pleasure to celebrate Quest's pride in the success of those learners through school and into higher education.

In 2025-26, Quest learners have participated in campus visits at University of Roehampton, St Mary's University Twickenham and Goldsmiths University. Their KS5 students took part in a business taster workshop in school, and their KS3 SEND students received a bespoke on-campus visit.

Our team, along with Student Ambassadors, have visited the school to share information with their Year 12 and 13 students about student life and navigating transition and we are looking forward to bringing more ambassadors to work with their Year 7s. Quest alumni like Frankie, whose inspiring story features in this series, are a powerful testament to what this partnership can achieve when commitment and opportunity come together.

The Quest Academy work hard to ensure that each of their year groups benefit from information, advice, and unique experiences which will inform and enhance their future success and Aimhigher London love being a part of that journey. **Justine Marcham, Schools Manager, Aimhigher London**

What I found most useful was the deeper information about university and learning that it could be right for me.

Quest KS5 student

FINDING FUTURES

An inclusive roadmap preparing learners from all backgrounds, to progress onto higher education, apprenticeships and the world of work. Experiences in school, on campus and online for all age groups, parents, carers and teachers

Our programmes align directly with Ofsted priorities and Gatsby Benchmarks, by focusing on learners from low socio-economic backgrounds and those with protected characteristics. We align our data with our partners to optimise efficiencies.

95% of KS3 – KS4 learners believed university was an option for them following an Aimhigher London event

The learner journey and the learner voice is central to our work



68% of KS3 learners agreed they better understood the benefits of university

76% of KS4 learners agreed our events helped them identify subjects they'd enjoy studying beyond school

86% of KS5 learners felt they would be able to learn like university students

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