

QUEST *Africa*

Falcon Campus. Esigodini, Zimbabwe



A journey of **exploration, inspiration** and **self-discovery**



About

Quest Africa: A Transformative Adventure, Discover Your Potential Through Action-Learning

Quest Africa is a transformative, values-based, action-learning programme that empowers young people to discover their true potential and direction. Our mission is to equip participants with essential technical and life skills, ensuring they are prepared for further education and early career journeys.

Forge a Unique Competitive Edge

At Quest, we foster physically and mentally resilient individuals, who graduate with a unique competitive edge. Our programme encourages the exploration of diverse career paths, including outdoor adventures such as hunting, guiding and safari operations, hands-on trades like mechanics and construction, as well as aspects of sport and fitness.

Inspired by Timeless Wisdom

Our approach is rooted in core values inspired by Aristotle's teachings, emphasising:

- **Leading by Example:** Cultivating leadership skills through active participation.
- **Learning by Doing:** Gaining practical experience that reinforces learning.
- **Friendship through Trust:** Building strong, supportive relationships.
- **Wisdom through Experience:** Learning from real-world challenges.
- **Commitment through Passion:** Encouraging dedication to personal goals.
- **Courage through Risk:** Embracing challenges as opportunities for growth.
- **Self-Esteem through Achievement:** Celebrating successes to boost confidence.
- **Compassion through Giving:** Fostering a spirit of service and generosity.
- **Humility through Service:** Understanding the value of helping others.
- **Emotional Fitness through Self-Awareness:** Promoting mental well-being and resilience.
- **Passion for Life through Adventure:** Inspiring a love for exploration and discovery.

Explore Zimbabwe and Beyond

Quest travels extensively throughout Zimbabwe, exploring stunning locations from the Chimanimani mountains to the iconic Victoria Falls. Our adventures also extend to international destinations, including Lake Malawi, Mozambique, and Botswana, where participants engage in community work and scuba diving in world heritage sites.

Guided by Experienced Professionals

Our dedicated team includes professional guides, historians, environmentalists and career advisors, ensuring a rich and diverse learning experience. With strong connections to a network of specialist facilitators across Zimbabwe and South Africa, Quest provides an unparalleled opportunity for personal and professional development.

A State-of-the-Art Campus

Based in a wilderness area and equipped with a Technical Centre and access to Falcon College's facilities, including swimming pools, a gymnasium, and sports fields, Quest offers an exceptional environment for young people to grow, learn and thrive.



Core programmes

MEN'S 7 MONTH CORE PROGRAMME (January - August)

The Core Programme is open to young men between the ages of 18 and 21 and runs from January to mid-August, with two short breaks. Applicants will undergo an interview process before being accepted into the programme. The programme is ideally suited to young men who have just finished school and are looking for a constructive gap year before going on to tertiary education or their first jobs. The programme attracts students from around the globe.



“Quest showed me that there was never an excuse not to try and better myself
as a person”

Ali Bruce

Core programmes

MIXED 5 MONTH CORE PROGRAMME (July - December)

This programme runs from July to mid-December, and is open to both young men and women aged between 17 and 21. It is particularly suited to international gap year students and young people who need a bit of time and space to find direction and purpose in their career paths.



“Quest has taught me to never give up. Burn ships, empty tanks and absolutely pour yourself into whatever it is you are doing”

Core programmes

CORE PLUS PROGRAMME (September - December)

This programme is open to Quest Men's Core graduates and offers the opportunity to build on their core experience by specialising and furthering their understanding and knowledge in areas that are of particular interest to them.



"I learnt many things on Quest, both skills that could be taught and skills that can only be realized"

Gareth Rogers

Additional programmes

QUEST 2 MONTH LifeCamp (January - March, June - July, October - November)

Quest LifeCamp is a dynamic two-month programme designed for those who want to gain invaluable skills and experiences during their gap year, before going on to universities in Europe without having time to attend one of our longer Quest courses. The programme is based at our La Rochelle Country House campus in the beautiful Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe, and exposes young men and women to a wide range of career options from hotel management to horticulture, mining to tourism and more.



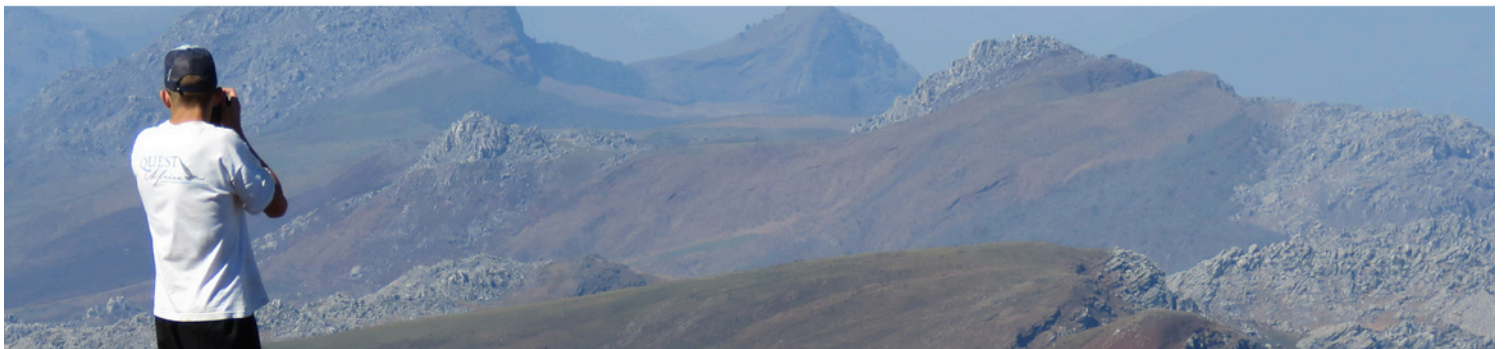
"I've had experiences, which I never thought I'd ever be able to have. I've pushed my mind and body further than I ever have before and I've received 31 brothers, who I will know for the rest of my life "

Harvey Ashburn



MEDIA ACUMEN

Develop responsible and creative use of social media, including photography, video editing and presentation skills.



“The bottom line is character, which is built under pressure and pressure comes by stepping out of your comfort zone”

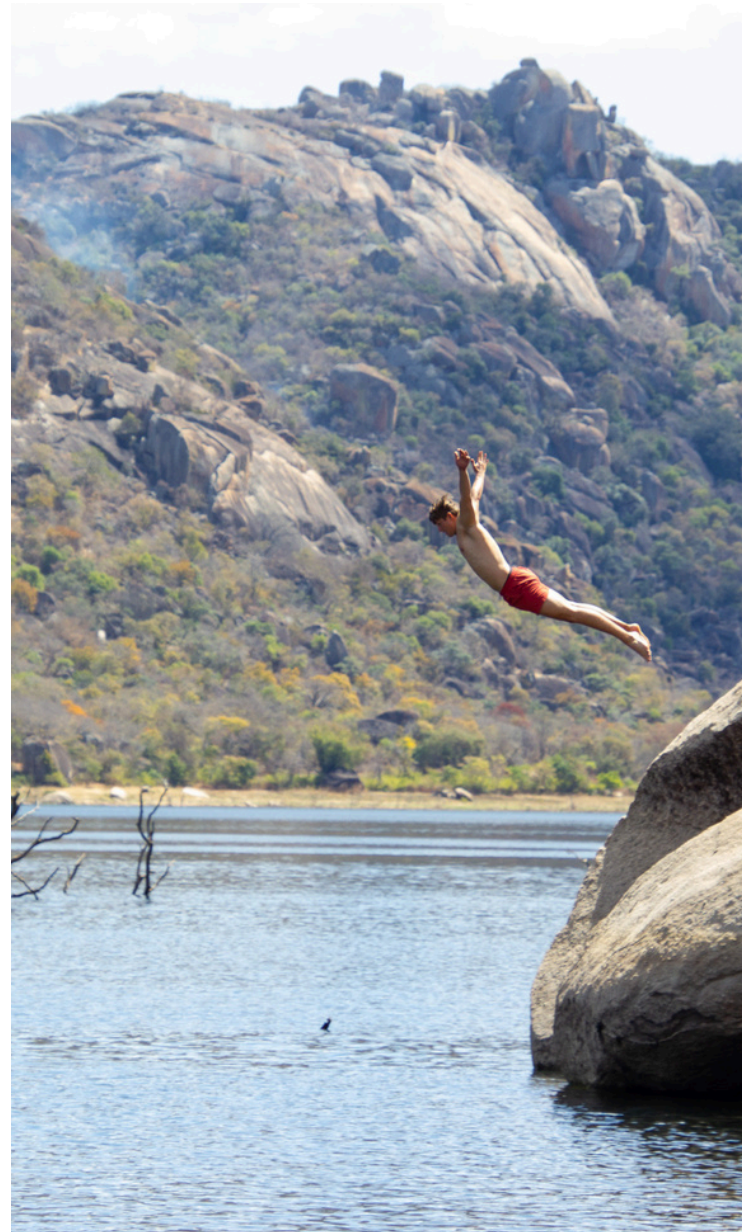
Ciaran Gray

physical



PHYSICAL ACUMEN

Enhance physical fitness and well-being through regular exercise, adventurous sports and basic healthcare techniques.



“I have come to understand what drives a person to climb higher, run further and do more”

Hugh Marffy

Technical



TECHNICAL ACUMEN

Gain practical experience in a wide range of skills, from mechanics and welding to design and technology.



“In schools they teach you the theory of teamwork, you read books about teamwork, but where you really learn about it is here at Quest Africa. Instead of just being told about it and lectured on it, you live it”

Shawn Allman



SOCIAL ACUMEN

Develop essential social skills, including public speaking, debating, basic etiquette and emotional intelligence.



“It’s hard to expect someone to know what they want to do when they haven’t experienced what there is to offer. Quest provided me with a solution. I marked Quest as the beginning of a long road to self-discovery”

natural



NATURAL ACUMEN

Explore the natural world and gain knowledge of flora and fauna, game park management and animal husbandry.



“A completely different lifestyle, a drastically different learning method and, in my opinion, the perfect environment for me to grow into the person I am now ”

Ross Scott Riddell

business



BUSINESS ACUMEN

Learn the basics of finance, cash flow, book-keeping and budgeting, as well as project management, marketing and entrepreneurial skills.



“The greatest thing I have learnt from Quest is clarity. It has shown me what’s really important”

community



COMMUNITY WORK

Engage in community service projects to make a positive impact.



“Society says that if you have luxury technical devices you have ‘the world at your fingertips’. But it’s not like that. Quest has taught me that the world is actually beneath your feet, it’s what you see with your eyes, it’s what you experience with your friends”

Nic Bailey

frequently asked questions

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I get into Zimbabwe?

Yes! And, contrary to what the media makes out, it is a safe African country. Depending on the country of origin visas are required and Quest arranges student versions. This does involve a fair amount of paperwork.

What are the accommodation arrangements?

Accommodation is in comfortable 3-man safari tents.

How do students get around?

By foot or mountain bike! However, Quest has a 25-seat overlander truck, a 22-seat bus, pickups and tractors.

What medical facilities are available?

All staff are qualified in basic first aid. At the College, 5 minutes from Quest by vehicle, is a fully equipped school sanatorium.

How can I keep in touch with family and friends?

Quest has mobile phone coverage. Wifi is available to students at specific times.

What does a typical day consist of?

No day at Quest is typical! Usually, the day starts at 6 am with some form of exercise. Activities begin at 8 am and finish at 4:30 pm. Sport follows until dinner. There may be evening talks or activities, otherwise they have access to recreational facilities. Students have Saturday afternoon and Sunday to themselves, unless on field trips.

In down time what can students do?

Quest is based in a game park. Students have the freedom to utilise the park for recreation and game viewing.

What equipment will I need?

Whilst Quest provides participants with the majority of the equipment they will need on a daily basis, some specialised equipment is required.

Who will be leading and lecturing?

A group of well-qualified lecturers and facilitators, many of whom are known and respected in their fields, will be on hand for different aspects of the programme.

Who started Quest?

Quest Africa, Zimbabwe was founded by the Board of the Falcon College Trust.

How long has Quest been running?

Quest is in its 14th year.

Where do students come from?

From all over the world.

What do Quest graduates end up doing?

They head off in all directions and into all sorts of jobs or further education.

What qualifications do I gain?

The Quest syllabus covers a wide range of skill areas but does not have the time to qualify students in all these areas apart from welding, first aid and diving.



DISCOVER your potential at **QUEST AFRICA**. Join us
on a **TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY** of adventure,
learning and personal growth

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