



The newsletter of

Jewellery Quarter Academy

Welcome

Friday 26th June 2020

Parents, Carers & Students,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well during these most trying of times. In these weekly e-newsletters we will be keeping you informed with all of the developments and news at Jewellery Quarter Academy during the lockdown period and as we eventually start to re-open school.

As always, if you wish to contact the academy, please email enquiry@jewelleryquarter.academy and a member of our team will respond.

Our phone number is 0121 729 7220 and is available from 8.00am until 3pm. Please stay safe and we hope to see you all very soon.

Staying Connected to JQA

We have launched this e-newsletter to bring all important updates together for families.

The best way to stay connected to all the latest news and information at JQA is to download the JQA App from Piota Schools.

We already have over 1000 active users and we regularly post important alerts, letters and opportunities for students.

To find the app on the Play/App store, search for 'Piota Schools' and download, then search for Jewellery Quarter Academy.



Learn from home & stay connected with CORE CONNECTS.

Go to www.jewelleryquarter.academy and follow the links to your year group.



Extra! Extra! Extra-Curricular!

The [CORE Extra programme](#) takes place from 2pm to 3pm every weekday. This is open to all students in CORE schools.

We also have an extra-curricular programme for JQA students, featuring Art, Music, Drama, PE and Well-Being activities.

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All students are able to access their online learning through Microsoft Teams. This is available by going to Office365 at www.office.com and logging in using the student's school email address and password. Contact 0121 729 7220 if unable to sign in to Office 365 and we can provide support. Students can also request a password re-set via the app. **All students attending all live lessons receive a 100% attendance recognition text home at the end of each week.**



Opportunity: Student Leadership

We have recently invited Year 10 students to apply to form the new Student Leadership Team (STuLT) at JQA. The STuLT leads the academy's Student Parliament and provides students with a voice for change at the academy. So far, the Parliament has successfully campaigned for change in many ways, including longer breaks and lunches in 2020/21. We look forward to the interviews which will be held shortly via Teams.

Year 10 Return

We are delighted to welcome back Year 10s to the academy from w/c 29th June.

Each form will be on site for one day per week and will enjoy a healthy mix of sport, social and well-being activities—in a very structured and safe way.

We have written to parents/carers of all students in Year 10 and met with many families over the last few weeks to give them a tour of the site to show them our extensive safety measures and answer any questions, giving them confidence that we are ready for their child's return. You can find full details and our [Risk Assessment in a letter to families of Year 10 students](#).

Parent/Carer Feedback

We are always looking to improve aspects of our provision at JQA and each term, we ask Parents/Carers for their views in our 'Satisfaction Survey'. The questions for this will be slightly different to last term, taking into account aspects of remote learning and support the school has given to families during the Coronavirus crisis.

We look forward to opening the survey shortly and will send an app alert out to parents/carers to complete it via the 'Survey' section of the JQA app.

Timetables

Timetables are available for years 7 - 10 students on our website. Go to www.jewelleryquarter.academy and click on the CONNECTS logo.



Then click on the link to the relevant year group.



This will take you to your year group page where there is a link to your timetable for the week and any additional resources online to continue your learning from home.

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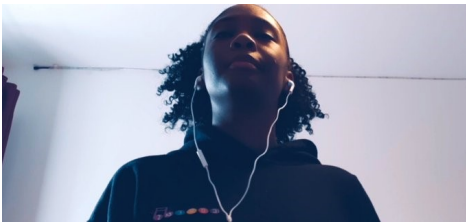
All students participating in online learning via Microsoft Teams should:

- Turn their camera off
- Mute their mic
- Greet their teacher and respond to questions in the chat



Refugee Week

Last week, students took part in activities to celebrate our status as a 'Refugee Welcome' school. The theme of the week was 'Imagine' and students were invited to consider a different, ideal world. We are proud of our status as a school where everyone is respected and the week was opened by a [wonderful performance of 'Imagine' from T'Asia in Year 10.](#)



Great Get Together

In Virtual Tutor Time this week, students worked together by celebrating the things we enjoy and have in common as part of the annual Great Get Together which encourages people to work together in the spirit of the late Jo Cox MP. It was wonderful to see so many students engaged in this and working together to celebrate what they had in common. [You can find out more about the activities with this video.](#) Stand together!



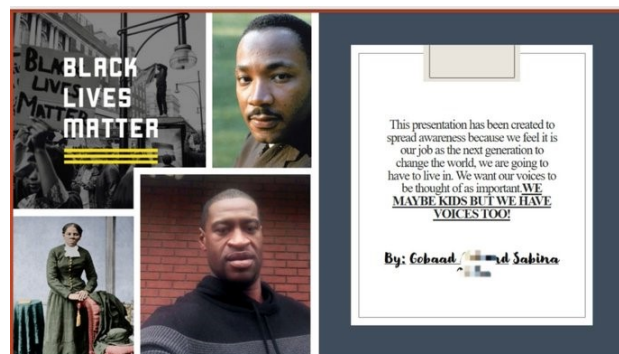
Partnership with JQTH

As part of our partnership with [JQ Townscape Heritage](#), we are looking forward to sending out these amazing craft kits to some of our Art students shortly. We are excited to see the results of their designs!



Black Lives Matter

In Virtual Tutor time recently, students have been exploring the origins of the Black Lives Matter movement and have produced some wonderful work together, paying tribute to the memory of George Floyd. You will have seen [our recent letter in which we pledge to challenge racism in all forms and launch a leadership programme for students](#) (see p5). Well done to Ayman, Gobaad, Sabina, Lily-Mae, Qurrat and Thomas for their amazing collaborative work.



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Collaboration: Well-being for families

The Welfare Team is for all children and families to offer support when needed.

We can offer support with Mental Health, applications for Resilience funding, bereavement etc

We have an email address that is accessed directly and confidentially by the Welfare Team only:

safeguarding@jewelleryquarter.academy

Emails are accessed between 8.00am—4.30pm on weekdays

The Welfare Team consists of:

Katie Lowbridge– Assistant Headteacher , SENDCO and Safeguarding Lead

Alex Hanley - Safeguarding Manager and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Haylee Lloyd– Behaviour and Safety Officer and Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

For any other advice and services linked to wellbeing please visit the Core Connects Webpage linked to Jewellery Quarter Academy by clicking on the following link:

<https://jewelleryquarter.academy/student-welfare/>

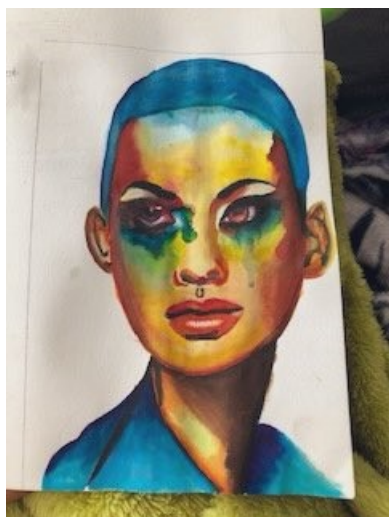
There is also a Core Connects Page available for parents /carers who have children with Special Educational Needs or EAL needs.

<https://jewelleryquarter.academy/coreconnects-send/>

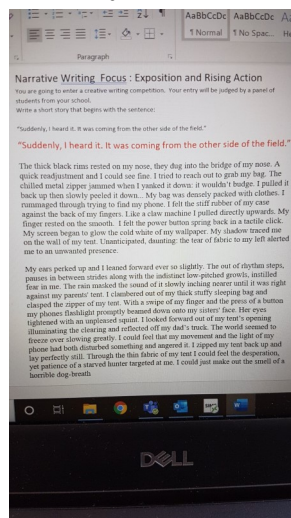
Excellence: Live Lessons

It has been wonderful to see so many examples of fantastic work produced in online lessons. Our staff have been sharing examples of these and we are pleased to share some of these with our community.

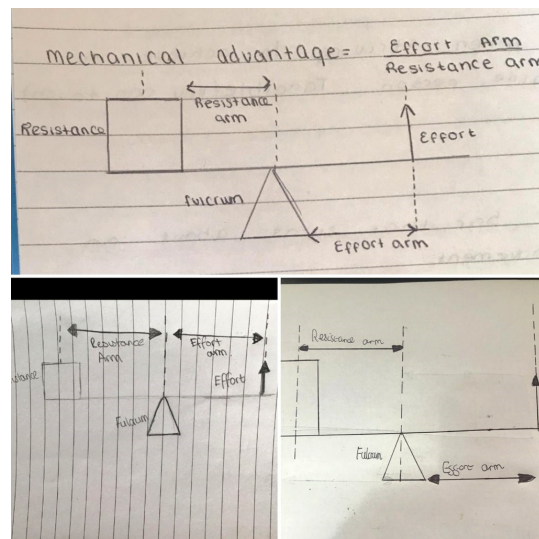
You can see the full work by clicking on the hyperlinks.



[Myaa in Year 10 with a fabulous work of art](#)



[Adrian in Year 9 did a wonderful piece of narrative writing in English](#)



[Jahiem, Malaak and Cezary \(Year 10\) with some fantastic PE theory work](#)

Every Friday, we host the CORE Education Trust Workout. You can join in every day at 9am and can find past workout videos here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyRK0FrNL1HaE6XAFaXR6qA/videos>

Respect: Leaders of Tomorrow

Jewellery Quarter Academy is proud to announce the launch of CORE Education Trust's 'Leaders of Tomorrow' programme.

After a rigorous application process, twenty very lucky but deserving students (five from JQA) were selected for cohort one to take part in the ground-breaking programme, which would run for the summer term.

Each week, students have the opportunity to spend an hour with an esteemed guest; someone who has overcome significant barriers in their lives and made it, despite the odds, as an admired Leader.

In week one, CORE Education Trust Chairman and CEO of Punch Records, Ammo Talwar MBE, talked to the participants about his early life in Aston, Birmingham. Students asked Ammo about his progress and how he set out to change the landscape of Birmingham through education.

In week two, we were joined by Amardeep Gill—Partner at law firm: Trowers and Hamblins. Students learnt about the importance of academics when aspiring for a career in the legal world. Amardeep added that there is a 'gift' in every experience and to learn that we don't always get what we want, but to persist anyway.

Yesterday (Thursday 25th June), Leaders of Tomorrow was led by Head of Legal at Midland Heart, Cleo Diedrick. In another fascinating event, Cleo plotted her life in the U.K. since arriving from Jamaica in 2001. She promoted law, as she identified it as one of a few things that affected everything we do. More inspirational words left students feeling motivated and buoyed, including: "If you really, really want something, you make it happen!" and, "Learn how to organise your day and set objectives every day. Maximise everything."



In the coming weeks, we will hear from a range of other inspirational local people; hear their stories and identify what makes an outstanding leader. What an amazing opportunity for our young people to help them along the road to excellence.

This is just the beginning of the work we will complete with our learners to be the best that they can be. Stay tuned for the imminent and soon launch of 'Leaders of Tomorrow' cohort two—