



**JEWELLERY
QUARTER**
ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2

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Excellence Is Expected

On behalf of Jewellery Quarter Academy, we would like to thank you for your support through out this academic year.

As we reflect on a busy term, it is important to reward our students who have been shining over the course of this term. In assemblies this week, students have been receiving subject certificates for all their hard work.

The two-week break gives us all an opportunity to spend quality time together as families and to recharge our batteries for the Spring term.

The school will be completely closed over the Christmas holidays. The newsletter has a page of who to contact if you have any worries over the festive break.

We look forward to welcome back all of our students on Tuesday 9th January for 8.35am start.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the staff at Jewellery Quarter Academy.



Our Shared Mission:

At JQA, we focus on **delivering a CORE education** that provides a broad range of opportunities for students from all backgrounds to learn and achieve as well as developing a depth of character around our shared values.

Collaboration: we succeed by working as a team.

Opportunity: we develop by taking on new challenges.

Respect: we care by respecting and looking after each other.

Excellence: we achieve by always giving 100% in everything we do.

COMING UP...

Our Events calendar is online at: <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/events/>

8th January—TRAINING DAY

9th January - Students return for 8.35am start

1st–31st January—Veganuary month

9th January—Year 9 internal exams begin

18th January - Year 9 Options evening

25th January - Echo Eternal Horizons performance

29th January —Year 11 internal exams begin

tel: 0121 729 7220 between 8am and 4pm

email: enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy

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COLLABORATION- Football Beyond Borders

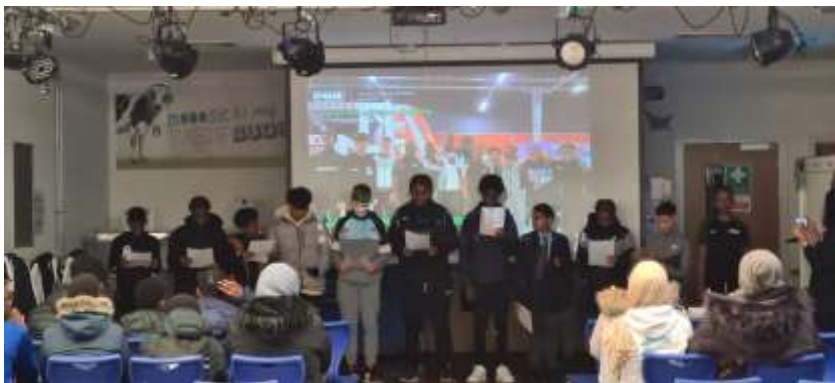
A number of students from Year 8 and 9 have been taking part in Football Beyond Borders (FBB), in which they work on different sports skills and how they would use them in the real world.

The students, boys and girls, have had the opportunity to work with the mentors and have discussions of how to behave in the real world.

Some of the Year 9 boys had the opportunity to meet the England team and one of our gems met Calvin Phillips, who is Manchester City's midfielder.

Students and family were invited to a celebration evening in recognition of their hard work since September.

Well done to all students!!!!



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COLLABORATION- F2D

A number of students from Year 7 to 10 worked with F2D, who are a company that work with schools to show students how the design and manufacture industry works.

The students had the chance to design their own clothing range and get it manufactured as well. You can see the results from below:



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COLLABORATION – Financial Support During The Festive Break

Ladywood

Ladywood - <http://ladywoodfoodbank.org.uk/>

Ladywood Foodbank – Labour of Love Ladywood Seventh-Day Adventist Church,
13 Guild Close, St. Vincent Street West, Ladywood, Birmingham, B16 8RP

07767152291 10.00am-14.00pm

Email : lwfoodbanklabouroflove@ymail.com

Birmingham

Birmingham - <https://birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk/>

Birmingham Central Foodbank, Birmingham City Church Parade

Birmingham, B1 3QQ.

0121 236 2997 (We distribute food parcels on: Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30 Fridays 10:00-13:30).

Email: info@birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk

Aston & Nechells

St Matthew's Church, 63 Wardlow Road, Nechells, Birmingham, B7 4JH.

0121 359 0801 (Open Mondays from 12.00-14.30pm).

Handsworth

Handsworth Birmingham Foodbank, New Life Wesleyan Church, Holyhead Road

Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 0LA. Telephone - 0121 070 734. (Open Thursdays 13.00pm-15.00pm)

Sparkhill

Units 20-21, Rovex Business Park, Hay Hall Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AQ. Telephone - 0121 7081398 (Open Tuesdays / Thursdays 10.00am-13.30pm).



COLLABORATION- Places to eat



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS HALF TERM 2023



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

THE REAL GREEK

Free Kids Meal for every £10 spent by an adult from Friday 22nd December 2023 until Sunday 7th January 2024.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' buy any adult meal (Via App)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day on weekends and from 4pm weekdays with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

NOT ANNOUNCED...

M&S, Tesco, YO! Sushi & Bills

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COLLABORATION– Who to contact

As the year ends and school is closed for the seasonal holiday, some will be worried about who they can contact when help is needed. Please find useful contacts for students and parents/carers:

NHS 111

ChildLine Call 08001111

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 and Email: help@NSPCC.org.uk

If you are worried about a child (Birmingham Support)

[Worried about a child | Birmingham Children's Trust \(birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk\)](#)

Mental Health helplines:

[Helplines and listening services - Mind](#)

Thinking of take your own life:

If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINE247 for confidential support and practical advice. (24 hrs a day)

HOPE Line UK – 0800 068 4141 (call) or 078600399967 (text) or pat@papyrus-uk.org (email)

[Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide \(papyrus-uk.org\)](#)

Homeless Shelter: [Homelessness | The Salvation Army](#)



Do you need more information about Child Exploitation, online abuse and Grooming?

Information for parents and carers - search:

[Parents and carers | CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

[Concerned about your child? \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

Do you want to report online abuse or exploitation?

[Reporting to CEOP \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

Need advice about having awkward conversations with your child or a young person?

[#AskTheAwkward - help to talk with your children about online relationships \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)



Worried about homelessness over the holidays?

[Homelessness | Birmingham City Council](#)

[Homelessness - Birmingham Mind](#)

[I need accommodation now | I need accommodation now | Birmingham City Council](#)

[Shelter services in Birmingham - Shelter England](#)

Wishing all our students and families a very safe and happy holiday from Jewellery Quarter Academy Safeguarding Team



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OPPORTUNITY – Opportunity Day 1

Opportunity Day 1 was held on Friday 17th of November. Each year group took part in different opportunities throughout the day.

Year 7 students looked at our value of “Excellence”, which will include external providers coming into the school.

Year 8 students looked at our value of “Respect”, which will include external providers coming into the school.

Year 9 students took part in different GCSE option taster sessions.

Year 10 visited The University of Manchester.

Year 11 worked with post-16 providers to look at different courses that are available.

It will be a memorable day and pictures will be in the next newsletter.



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OPPORTUNITY- Winter Show

The Winter Show was our third show in 3 years and was held at the beautiful St Pauls Church. It was an opportunity to showcase our brilliant students' talents to friends and family.

The Winter Show had a variety of talent from all different year groups. Thank you to all of the parents that came along to this landmark event for us.



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OPPORTUNITY – 9th January 2024

Students will return back on Tuesday 9th of January 2024. The day will be a student training day, in which students will have the chance to start fresh and revisit the school expectations through our CORE values. This will be for Year 7 to Year 10.

The first session will be an assembly and then each other session will look at the values of Collaboration, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence.

Every term, the Form Tutors will assess the students on their character traits. These are our CORE values, with each value having 3 traits (12 traits in total). Form Tutors will rate them using Green, Amber or Red. If the student receives all green in the 12 traits, they will receive a CORE 24 carat badge.

Students will go through their character data during the Opportunity session. They will use their student planner to write down their strengths and what they need to work on.

Year 11 students will have the opportunity to work on any coursework and/or exam questions with their GCSE option subjects.

School lessons will start back to normal on Wednesday 10th of January 2024.

Value	Trait
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recognises and manages influences positivelyWorks as part of a team and builds healthy, positive relationshipsUses strategies to access support when appropriate
Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Makes the most of opportunities to participate or take 'positive risks', including leadership opportunitiesTakes time to question and enquire further about topics and learningMakes positive decisions after assessing situations (including risk)
Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shows respect, empathy and tolerance for others' beliefs/values/opinionsActively listens regularlyDevelops and maintains a healthy self-concept (self-respect)
Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Focussed on self-improvement and is aspirationalCommitted to self-organisationSelf regulates when necessary and is positive and resilient



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RESPECT- Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day gives us a chance to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the end of First World War hostilities. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918.

As part of the Jewellery Quarter Academy tradition, our CCF students went to Warstone Lane to lead the community events. Students recited poems, read the names of the fallen and explored the "Shared Remembrance" poppy tapestry.



RESPECT- International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Saturday 3rd December was International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) 2022. International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is a UN day that is celebrated every year on 3 December.

The day is about promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities at every level of society and development, and to raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic, and cultural life. WHO joins the UN in observing this day each year, reinforcing the importance of securing the rights of people with disabilities, so they can participate fully, equally and effectively in society with others, and face no barriers in all aspects of their lives.

Students had the opportunity to learn about the history of IDPD and to demonstrate respect and empathy for people with disabilities around the world.



Disability

- A disability is something which has a serious and lasting effect on a person's ability to do everyday tasks like looking after themselves or doing a job of work.

There are over 8.5 million disabled people in the U.K

Only 5% of people with disabilities use a wheelchair

Only 20% of disabilities are congenital

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RESPECT- Anti-Bullying events

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event held in the third week in November which aims to raise awareness of bullying of children and young people, in schools and elsewhere, and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. Anti-Bullying Week is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) in England, which is made up of about 140 member organizations.

Jewellery Quarter Academy takes all different types of bullying very seriously. We promote our SHARP system, which allows young people to report any incidents including bullying anonymously and without fear.

We also promoted anti-bullying week with an assembly for all our year groups. This was conducted by our Deputy Headteacher, Miss Chudusama.

Odd Socks Day is a national event all about celebrating what makes someone unique. It's organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which is a group of organisations, charities and individuals who work together to try and stop bullying. Many of our staff and students wore odd socks in promoting anti-bullying week.



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RESPECT- Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December and Friday 15th December was an opportunity for our staff and students to have a Christmas dinner.

Staff and students had all the trimmings of a Christmas dinner from turkey to Yorkshire puddings to roast potatoes to brussels sprouts and top it off with gravy. Students were able to pull a cracker and enjoy the bad jokes that were in them.



EXCELLENCE AT JQA-Student Parliament

At JQA, we are immensely proud of our shiniest gems and our Student Parliament team are excellent representatives of Team JQA. The Student Parliament meets regularly to discuss issues that affect our students, and work with staff to improve our provision.

Excellence is expected here at JQA, and that is what they deliver. We look forward to them reporting back in February the impact of their actions so far this year.



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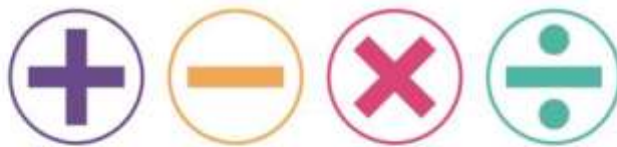
EXCELLENCE AT JQA-Mathletes

The CORE Mathletes challenge is a competition for students who love solving puzzles and like to compete against other students.

On Monday 15th January 2024, the team competition will be launched for the Year 9s. This is an opportunity to win more prizes, enrichment experiences for yourselves.

Any Year 9s who are interested, please see Mrs Gordon or anyone from the Maths team.

THE CORE MATHLETES CHALLENGE



What's the challenge?

Do you love solving puzzles? Do you like the idea of competing against other CORE Students to find the best maths brains? Would you like to win some prizes for you and your academy?

Through a series of Trust-wide maths challenges, some open to all students and some to self-selected groups, we will find out who is the best in CORE, but you've got to be in it to win it. From vouchers for winning students, to winning money for your maths department. There is a lot on offer.

How it works?

The competitive programme will launch with five Christmas maths challenges for everyone; points are awarded for accuracy. The first four pupils to submit three correct answers for the 5 questions will receive a £20 vouchers each. There will be an additional four x £20 vouchers available for students who may want to take their time in completing the challenge, these will be picked randomly after the deadline of 8th December 2023. An optional stretch question will also be included, this is an additional opportunity for students to win £20 voucher. There will be further opportunities to take part at Easter and in the Summer Term.

Entries for this round should be sent via <https://forms.gle/4W6PraZG9dJbFw2o7>

In January we will re-launch the YR 9 team competition, open to Year 9 students in teams of 2-4, with the opportunity to win more prizes, enrichment experiences and money for your academy.

This will be launched on the 14th January 2024.

For more information contact Jemima Waltho
jwa@core-education.co.uk



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA-100% Attendance Awards

Excellence at JQA includes having excellent attendance. If students are not in school, they miss out on vital learning. Each week this half term, students with 100% attendance have been given a raffle ticket to be posted in our special golden post box in reception.



And the winners are...

Nathaniel - 10 Sapphire

Daniela - 9 Ruby

Devante - 11 Sapphire

Nicolas - 7 Ruby

Fatime - 7 Emerald

Yofta - 8 Topaz

Khadija - 11 Pearl

Mamadi - 11 Ruby

Divora - 10 Sapphire

Dajae - 10 Sapphire

Jump queue passes....

Rejoice - 11 Topaz

Lloyd - 8 Topaz

Manar - 8 Topaz

Sundus - 7 Sapphire

Khalid - 10 Topaz

Gobaad - 11 Ruby

jING - 8 Topaz

Ayuub 7 Emerald

David - 7 Emerald

Jay'anna - 11 Topaz

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WHO TO CONTACT AT JQA

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or time at Jewellery Quarter Academy we can ask that you contact the Head of Year for your child in the first instance.

The most effective way to do this is via email.

Please don't always expect an immediate response as all teachers have very busy timetables, but we will endeavour to reply the same day. The contact emails for each Year Group Coordinator are listed here.

Year 7 Miss R Robinson: RRobinson@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 8 Mr Henderson: RHenderson@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 9 Miss Crowley: mcrowley@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 10 Mr C Tennent: CTennent@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 11 Mr G Christie: GChristie@corejewelleryquarter.academy



If you would like to contact the Well-Being team, email safeguarding@corejewelleryquarter.academy

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH JQA

We have a mobile app that we use to deliver alerts and key messages to parents/carers and students.

This can be downloaded by searching your App or Play store for 'Piota Schools'.

Once you have downloaded the app, select 'Jewellery Quarter Academy' and enable notifications.

You can also find lots of useful information on the app to support you and your child with learning at the Academy.



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CONTACTING JQA

Contacting Reception

Our Reception remains open during the hours of 8am and 4pm.

The most effective way to contact us is via email at enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy

This account is monitored every day over the Summer.

You are, of course, welcome to drop in to Reception anytime during office hours.

You can also call us on 0121 729 7220



Reporting A Safeguarding Concern

If you would like to contact us with a specific concern over the summer, e mail; safeguarding@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Students can also complete a Sharp System referral for immediate support:

<https://jewelleryquarter.thesharpsystem.com/>

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Academy Voicemail

We recently changed our phone system after feedback from parents/carers to include the facility to leave a message if lines are busy.

You now have the option to leave a voice message on the Academy Voicemail by pressing **Option 2** in office hours and out of office hours too- this is checked twice a day at 8am and 12pm.

Please be sure to state your child's name clearly and who the message is for and one of Team JQA will get back to you.



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