

New Beginnings, New Challenges

It's been an exciting and eventful first half term with lots happening at the Academy. We said goodbye to Cohort 22 and celebrated their results in August and now Cohort 2023 are preparing for the challenge of their forthcoming mock exams. Excellence is expected here and parents of Year 11 students can find our clear [exam expectations](#) here. Good luck to Year 11 in their mock exams!

CORE Extra has got off to a flying start with every student in the Academy doing an after-school club. We want our students to have the advantage over others when it comes to college and sixth form applications and a great set of GCSE grades as well as a wealth of experiences and a depth of character will set them apart from others. We want JQA students to shine brightest! It's been brilliant to see students excelling in Latin and doing sports as well as baking and taking their telescopes home today for Astronomy. It has also been fantastic to see our [Student Parliament](#) in action for the first time this year at The Jointworks. Our re-arranged Sports Day gave our students the chance to compete against each other at Tipton Stadium. A shout-out to the student relay team who beat the staff—with Blaise in Year 10 racing past Dr Stark to bring home gold!



The cost of living crisis is putting increasing pressure on families. We have shared some cost-effective ways to be able to access meals for children over the holidays in this edition (as the government are no longer providing vouchers) and also I should put out again the superb work that 'Incredible Surplus' do to support our community. Again, I remind parents of our weekly 'Coffee Mornings' which are on Wednesdays in term time from 9am –11am and these are a chance to get support with anything you need from our team who are on hand to help.

There have been so many merit stickers given out at the Academy already for 'above and beyond' work from our gems around our CORE values and I encourage all students to log their merits over the half term break at www.mystickers.com. I wish you all a restful break.

Students return to JQA on Monday 31st October for 8.15 for FREE breakfast. I expect every child to attend every day on time.

Mr J Barton—Headteacher

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/>

31st October—students return between 8.15-8.30

1st November - [Year 11 mock exams](#) start for 2 weeks

1st–30th November—'Movember' month

10th November - Opportunity Day 1

14th-18th November— Anti-bullying Week

14th-20th November— Road Safety Week

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COLLABORATION— Year 6 Open Evening

Year 6 students from the local primary schools attended our Year 6 Open Evening with their parents/carers on Thursday 6th October. Many of our departments put on different activities to showcase their subjects.

Mr Barton also gave a presentation to the parents/carers about the journey the academy has had over the last couple of years. We expect to be over-subscribed again this year.



Some of our applications each year are from siblings of children who already attend JQA.

To apply for a place for your child to start at JQA in Year 7 in September 2023, please click the link here:

<https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>



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COLLABORATION— Year 11 Information/Careers Evening

On Thursday 15th September, Year 11 students and parents/carers were invited along to an information evening regarding GCSEs and post-16 options. The evening was a great success, with many parents/carers coming along with their child to speak to our post-16 partners.

Thank you to Sandwell College, Central St Michaels, Cadburys college, Birmingham Met College, Joseph Chamberlain, Access Creative, Matthew Boulton College and RAF.

We look forward to signing references for our Year 11 gems shortly as they finish their applications!



COLLABORATION— Places to Eat



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of 2022

TOBY CARVERY

The Kids Eat For £1 offer will be available from October 24th to 28th with the App

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Adults Eat Free with every under 11 child throughout all the UK Half terms

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

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

WHITBREAD INNS

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

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

TABLE TABLE

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

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

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

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

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

TESCO CAFES

Kids Eat Free with any purchase of fresh fruit by an adult throughout all the UK Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat for £1 when you sign up to their email list before October 26th 2022

YO! SUSHI

Kid's eat free all day, Monday to Thursday until 29th October 2022

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

IKEA

From October 11th kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

BELLA ITALIA

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

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COLLABORATION—Financial Support This Half Term

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—Attendance Matters

Attendance

All students are expected to arrive on time by 8.35am and attend school every single day.

We do not accept poor attendance, as students who are not at school are missing out on vital learning opportunities. If your child is ill, you should call our Absence Line on 0121 729 7220 and press Option 1. **Illness is treated as absence.**

If your child is classed as 'persistently absent' (if their attendance drops below 90%) you can expect measures to be put in place to support you as a family to make sure your child's attendance improves. We work in partnership with the Local Authority's legal team and will not hesitate to take action should your child's attendance not improve to our expected standards of 97%.

Punctuality

There are a small minority of students who are regularly late for school.

We provide a FREE breakfast between 8.15-8.30 as well as sports equipment to use and books for students to read.

Mr Bibb, Assistant Headteacher, is our lead on Attendance and works closely with families with our Attendance Officer.



Attendance during one school year ...	Equals this number of days absent ...	Which is approximately this many weeks absent ...	And means this number of lessons missed
95	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

You can email Mr Bibb: sbibb@corejewelleryquarter.academy



OPPORTUNITY— Heritage Week

Heritage Week in the Jewellery Quarter is always an important event, with many people invited to explore and discover Birmingham's rich history and heritage during 9th-18th September.

Many Birmingham-based organisations and societies opened their doors and offered events to show off what Birmingham had to offer. This included over 150 events to choose from—ranging from talks, walks, workshops, outdoor performances, building tours and open days.

During the 9th-18th September, many of our students went to different events to see the rich history of Jewellery Quarter and Birmingham.



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OPPORTUNITY— Sports Day

Our original Sports day was expected in July. However, due to the extreme heatwave it was postponed. Thursday 20th October was our new planned Sports Day.

Year 8-11 students went to Tipton Sports Academy and took part in different events throughout the day.

The weather did not stop the students giving it their all.

Well done to 8CWI for winning Sports Day!

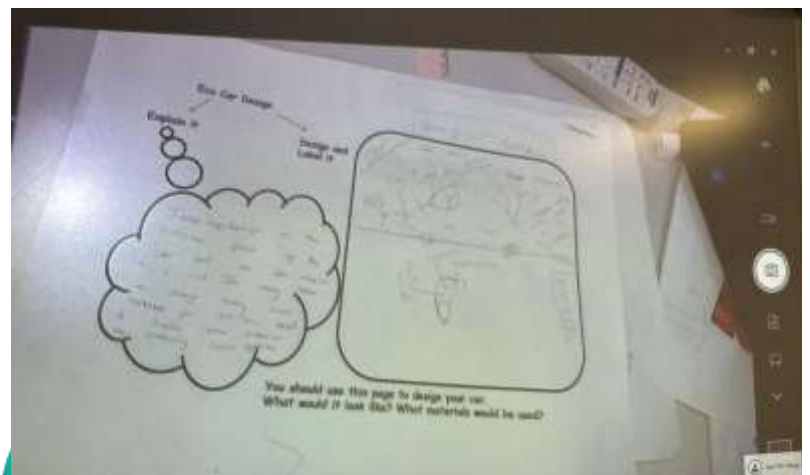
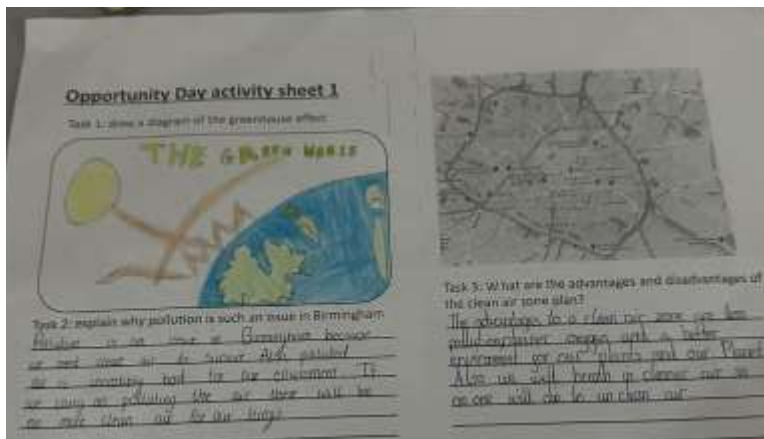


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OPPORTUNITY— Opportunity Day

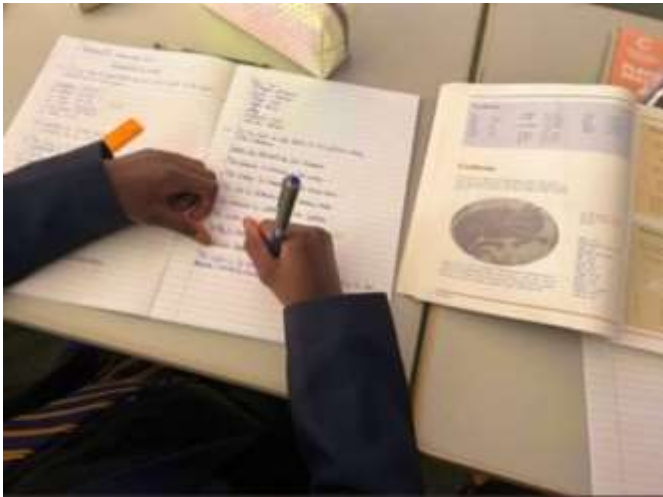
Students who did not take part in Sports day had an Opportunity Day at Jewellery Quarter Academy. Each year group took part in different sessions.

Throughout the day, students were taking part in different sessions, such as coding, an electric car project, life skills and a powerful talk from [Errol Lawson](#) who spoke about his life experience.



OPPORTUNITY—CORE Extra

We want our students to be the leaders of tomorrow who go on and shine in society. CORE Extra gives our students to do an additional session and try new things, taking on new challenges. Our aim is to give our students the 'edge' over other sixth-form and college applicants. Students will be making their preferences for the Spring Term in November. Our sessions range from Astronomy to Latin, from Royal Society of Chemistry to Patisserie to Sports and many more. CORE Extra happens every Tuesday from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.



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RESPECT— World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is celebrated on the 10th October and is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 and today more than 150 countries support this day to celebrate this annual awareness program to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on people's lives worldwide.

Mr Bibb, Assistant Headteacher, did assemblies for the students throughout the week to make them aware of the importance of mental health and the support that Jewellery Quarter Academy and other agencies can give them.

Any students that need support can speak to their tutor, Year Group Co-ordinator, Head of Year, any member of the [Senior Leadership Team](#) or use the [Sharp System](#) to self-refer or refer a friend.



RESPECT— Black History Month

October is Black History Month, an event that has been celebrated nationally for more than 30 years. The aim of the month is to highlight and celebrate the achievements and contributions that people with African and Caribbean heritage have made to the UK over many generations.

The theme for this year's Black History Month in 2022 was *Time for Change: Action Not Words*. Some of our [student leaders also joined the BRIG this month to hear plans to combat social injustice as part of a 'Better Birmingham.'](#)

This year, we also had the pleasure of First Class Foundations joining us to promote Black History Month through our assemblies.



RESPECT— Diwali

Diwali, the festival of lights, marks the time when millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world celebrate the triumph of good over evil with beautiful rituals such as festive lights, fireworks, sweet delicacies and family gatherings.

The word 'Diwali' comes from the Sanskrit word "deepavali", which means "rows of lighted lamps". Households across India celebrate by decorating their space with small lamps called diyas and other colourful lights.

People cover streets and buildings in festive lighting and there are lively songs and dance. Dazzling fireworks go off, creating a spectacle of noise and light. This helps to scare away evil spirits and celebrate the victory of good over evil.

Mrs Bains shared with our students what Diwali is and why it is celebrated throughout the world.

We celebrate our diversity at Jewellery Quarter Academy and are proud to welcome people of all faiths and backgrounds to our Academy.



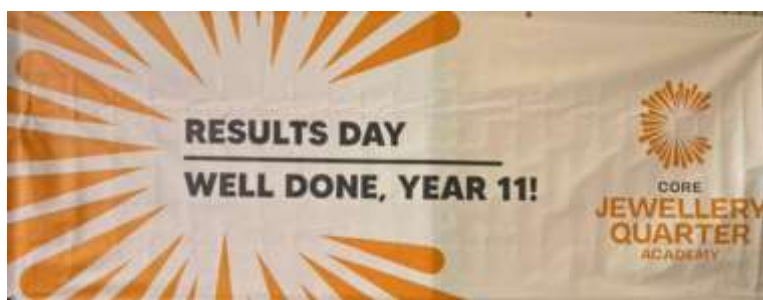
EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Cohort 22 Celebrations

Thursday 25th August was the day when GCSE results were given out nationally to students.

At Jewellery Quarter Academy, it was time to celebrate our students' achievements. We saw more students achieving passes and strong passes in English and Maths than in 2019.

BBC Midlands Today were present on the day of GCSE results, where some of our students made the news with some brilliant results! We're proud of Cohort 22 with 97% of the students going on to a post-16 place and we look forward to welcoming some of them back to share their success stories with our current gems.

We look forward to some superb 'mock' results from Cohort 2023 shortly. Excellence is expected here.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Hot Chocolate

Excellence is a habit and to paraphrase Aristotle ‘brilliance comes from consistently doing the right things.’

At JQA, we reward excellence and encourage all our students to do the right things because we are what we repeatedly do, and we want all our students to be excellent. Every fortnight on a Friday, Mr Barton invites to the 4 highest merit earners across the Academy, to enjoy a Starbucks Hot Chocolate and Millionaire Shortbread snack.

This week, Miss Chudasama welcomed Vanessa, Enzo, Lara, Zipporah and Miriam; these students consistently go above and beyond in their studies and are the standard that the rest of the school must aspire to. They spoke about the lessons they enjoy at the Academy and the new staff that have joined who they very much appreciate.



WHO TO CONTACT AT JQA

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or time at Jewellery Quarter Academy can we 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 Head of Year are listed here.

Year 7 Miss F Ali: fali@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 8 Ms F Clarke: fclarke@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 9 Miss M Seleshe: mseleshe@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 10 Mr A Yeomans: ayeomans@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 11 Miss S Ivey: sivey@corejewelleryquarter.academy



If you would like to contact the Safeguarding/SEND team, email safeguarding@jewelleryquarter.academy



Miss Ali



Miss Clarke



Miss Seleshe



Mr Yeomans



Miss Ivey

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



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CONTACTING TEAM JQA

Contacting Reception

Our Reception remains open during the hours of 8am and 4pm. You can call us on 0121 729 7220 or you can leave a voicemail by pressing 2.

The most effective way to contact us is via email at

enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy

This account is monitored every day—even over the holidays!

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



Reporting A Safeguarding Concern

If you would like to contact us with a specific concern over the holiday or require support, email; 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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