

1st September 2022

Back To School – Tuesday 6th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope your child has had a wonderful Summer break and they are looking forward to starting school again. We look ahead to the new academic year with optimism and ambition for all our students at JQA. Please find below the details for your child's first day at JQA in 2022/23. All students will be expected to attend on time and will be involved in an orientation day around our CORE values to support a strong start, leading to a year of successes.

Year 7 – Arrive between 8.15 and 8.30 via Pope St

We would like to welcome our newest 'gems' first to JQA. They will be greeted at 8.15 at Pope St entrance by Mr Tully and I. We look forward to those 'first day' photos being taken by parents at the Pope St gate and shared – parents, don't forget to tag us in on our socials! From there, they will have an assembly about our 'gold standards' and what it means to be part of Team JQA, followed by a day with their form tutor in their tutor group to learn everything about life at JQA.

Years 8-11 – Arrive between 8.45 and 9.00 via Pope St

It will be a warm welcome back for all 'gems' led by Ms Dhinsa and Mr Lally on the gate at Pope St and the day will consist of a virtual 'Welcome Back Assembly' from me where I will introduce them to the newest members of Team JQA and update them about the further improvements to the site which they requested. They will then work on 4 sessions around our CORE values to re-orientate them back to life at JQA: our clear expectations of excellence.

All students will be issued with a brand new JQA planner for 2022/23, their academic timetable to be kept in the plastic wallet of their planner and a copy of our Home School Collaboration Agreement. **This agreement must be signed and returned to your child's tutor by Wednesday 7th September 2022.**

Excellence is Expected Here

As the time draws closer to your child's first day back at school, please use the remaining days to ensure they have everything they need. We expect 'smartly-dressed students who are ready for learning:' [our uniform and equipment policy is clear](#). I urge parents to pay attention to the Key Points of Note, particularly in relation to hair, headscarf and hairband colours as well as shoes. I also encourage all parents to ensure their child has their name written into all items of uniform, but particularly blazers and our PE kit, which is an expectation.



We have tried to keep branded items to a minimum to keep costs down. Our branded items of uniform can be purchased from [Clive Mark](#) or [Crested Schoolwear](#).

If you need support with items of uniform, please get in touch by calling the school on 0121 729 7220 or visiting Reception on Albion St, ahead of your child returning on Tuesday 6th September. **Uniform will be checked on entry to the Academy every day.**

As you prepare for your child to return or start at JQA, I'd like to draw your attention to our [Family Handbook](#) which is a guide to life at JQA and contains useful information about how best to support your child.

I look forward to welcoming smartly dressed students who are ready for learning and ready to shine on Tuesday 6th September.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr J Barton - Headteacher