

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Jewellery Quarter Academy,

As we approach the end of the first half of the spring term I am reminded of how much we have covered in the first half of the year but also of how fast this year is progressing. Next half term Year 11 will only have 8 academy weeks before the start of their GCSE exams, Year 9 will be selecting their Options for Key Stage 4, Year 10 will be finalising their Work Experience places and Year 7 will be developing their skills for Debate Mate round 2. As always it has been a busy year so far and there is still more to come.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day, and we will be celebrating the joy of books, reading and literature at JQA. Year 7 students have been given the opportunity to dress as their favourite character from their favourite book and there will be activities taking place around the academy.

BBFC Youth Panel

CORE Education Trust and CORE & Co Foundation have close ties with several different organisations that promote and provide opportunities for young people across the UK. One of these opportunities is to join the Youth Panel of the BBFC. A link to the applications is attached, form tutors will be supporting students with this in the first week back after half term for those interested in applying. [BBFC Youth Panel | BBFC](#)

Reading Ambassadors

We are looking for JQA Reading Champions from Year 7, 8 & 9 to support the development of the LRC and to take part in the Carnegies, to recommend and read books from a shortlist of national books. Interested students should speak to their form tutors.

Peer Reading

Starting after the half term we will be working to train Year 10 students to be able to support younger students at JQA and Primary students from Nelson Primary with their reading. This will take place during the morning at JQA and will be a great opportunity to develop our culture of reading.

Punctuality and Attendance

Whilst we have made some improvements in this area there is still more to be done to make sure, we maintain high levels of attendance. Parents/carers can support this by making sure that their son/daughter/children arrive on time, every day and avoid taking time off during the school term dates. Good attendance leads to good a good education overall and means students do not miss out on the opportunities provided.

Community

Our location in the Jewellery Quarter provides us with a unique location and access to a variety of different opportunities. We also need to remember that it is a central area for business as well as residential. We kindly ask that parents/carers consider this when they come to collect students at the end of the day and that we do not block exits/driveways. The front of the academy is a double yellow line area and so there should be no parking in this area. Thank you for your support.

Fizzy/Energy Drinks

We kindly ask that students do not bring fizzy drinks or energy drinks into school. These drinks are often high in sugar and caffeine, which can impact concentration, behaviour, and overall wellbeing throughout the school day. To help us promote healthy habits and ensure all students are ready to learn, we encourage families to provide water or other nutritious alternatives instead. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm, focused, and healthy learning environment for all our students.

The JQA Way

The JQA Way is not just about Teaching and Learning but also about how we as a school community prepare ourselves every day. Over the half term it is a good opportunity to make sure that students have all their uniform in place including the JQA PE kit, that they have equipment of pens/pencils/pencil case/school bag, so we are all ready to learn.

Facebook

A reminder that we recently launched our academy Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/CoreJQA> please look out for regular updates and posts about exciting events taking place at JQA.

Upcoming Events

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Spring Half Term

Monday 23rd February – First Day after the Half Term.

Friday 13th March – COREExplore/Opportunity Day

Wednesday 18th March – Year 8 Progress Evening

Finally, thank you for all your continued support and enjoy the half term break.



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