

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Jewellery Quarter Academy,

Welcome to the first parent/carer and student bulletin. Every two weeks I will write to you with updates about events, important dates, activity that is taking place or has taken place in the academy and key messages.

I will also provide you with details about our future plans at JQA and updates linked to our vision and values.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents for encouraging your children to come to school. Our attendance last week was 91%. This is significantly below our standard expectations and has an impact on students learning.

Please remember, for minor ailments such as headaches, sore throats and minor cold's, students should attend school. Please refer to the NHS guide **Is my child too ill for school? - NHS** if you have any doubts as to whether your child should attend school.

12 Days of Christmas – Attendance and Punctuality Competition.

For all students who attend the academy and on time each morning they will be entered into a raffle prize draw to win a variety of exciting prizes each day between now and the end of term. Students who achieve 100% during the 12 Days of Christmas will be entered into a super prize draw.

Punctuality

Our academy doors open at 8.15am and most of our students arrive at the academy on time. We do however have some students who are late to school and arrive after the second whistle at 8.35am.

If a student arrives between 8.35am and 9.00am they must go to the student entrance, they will then remain in the LRC until 9.00am where they will be provided with a laptop to complete online work such as Sparx Maths and Sparx Science. The student will also be given a 30-minute detention.

If a student arrives after 9.00am they will need to go to the main entrance and reception. Students will be coded with a U code; this code counts as an absence. If a student arrives after 9.00am they will be given a 60-minute detention.

Anne Frank Trust UK

This week some Year 7 and Year 8 students have been working with the Anne Frank Trust on an exhibition of work about Anne Frank and the lessons that can be learnt from history and how we can apply that to present day. The exhibition has then been in the academy hall for all staff and students to see.

Facebook

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.

The JQA Way

Last January we introduced the JQA Way as our academy teaching and learning framework. This is based on a series of 8 principles that we believe make for quality first teaching and learning. Principle 5 is focused on retrieval and enabling students to remember more of what they have learnt, parents/carers can support with this principle by asking what has been covered in lessons and what has been learnt.

Girls Basketball

This week two teams of girls' basketball went out to play games at St Pauls School for Girls and Windsor Academy. It was the first time the teams have played in an external match, and they played exceptionally well as a team.

Sanctions

For the next two weeks we have amended our sanction times to ensure students are not leaving the academy late. Sanctions have now been changed to a C30, C45 and C60. The last sanction will end at 16.10pm. Obviously we want all students to follow expectations and not receive sanctions.

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 11th December will be Christmas Dinner day at JQA.

Finally, thank you for all your support and have a fantastic weekend.



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