

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Jewellery Quarter Academy,

The start of the second half of the Spring Term has continued with pace and purpose.

World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day, it was fantastic to see staff and students dressed as their favourite characters from literature. Year 7 visited Waterstones in Birmingham to exchange their World Book Day vouchers for books and to explore the bookstore. Winners of best dressed and the book World Book Day competitions will be shared next week.

Debate Mate

On Tuesday evening JQA hosted the second round of the Urban Debate League. Schools from across Birmingham attended the debating event where students tested their debating and oracy skills on two motions. The JQA Year 7 team won both of their debates, and the Year 10 won the prepared motion debate. I was proud to witness our students presenting themselves with respect and debating with clarity and purpose. A fantastic evening and win!

Year 11

The summer GCSE exam timetable has been published on the JQA Website [EXAMINATIONS - Jewellery Quarter Academy](#). We strongly recommend that parents/carers talk through the timetable with students in order to support them to make the best use of their time and to ensure that they have a revision schedule in place. We will ensure that students are prepared by providing revision materials and sessions before each exam but the more preparation that is completed the smoother the process of the exams will be.

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.

AVFC

On Thursday 16 Year 10 students took part in a practical session with AVFC Post 16 Football Programme. The session focused on the post 16 courses that are offered by AVFC and gave the students the opportunity to take part in a physical football training session. A great experience and opportunity for our students.

Year 7 Geography

Last week the Year 7 Geography groups took part in their first fieldwork visits, they explored the Jewellery Quarter to carry out their Human Fieldwork which looked at the quality and character of their local area. They completed an environmental quality survey, land use survey and traffic and pedestrian counts. This was followed up by a write up lesson back in school.

Year 9 Options

The Year 9 Options process is now in its third week, and students have received their guidance booklets and Option forms. More information about the courses on offer can be found on the JQA website [Key Stage 4 Pathways - Jewellery Quarter Academy](#) and students will receive 1-1 interviews over the next two weeks.

The JQA Way

Over the coming weeks we will begin to explore what our policy around Mobile Phones looks like for September 2026. Parents/Carers might be aware that the Department for Education have released new guidance for schools on the use of mobile phones and the impact they can have on learning. We will be looking at our policy of Not Seen or Heard over the next term and will communicate with parents/carers on our expectations and new policy.

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

Friday 13th March – CORE Explore/Opportunity Day

Monday 16th March – HEN Project Performance at Birmingham Hippodrome

Wednesday 18th March – Year 8 Progress Evening

Finally, thank you for all your continued support.



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