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NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2020

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Ready, Respectful and Safe at JQA

It has been another wonderful week at the JQA: Year 11 continue to show excellence and their commitment to being **ready** to face exams in the Summer of next year goes from strength to strength. We welcomed university graduates from 'Elevate' to share revision techniques with Year 11 this week—and also 'Pet XI' joined us last Saturday (and tomorrow) with a dedicated group of students.

We held a **respectful** shared silence at JQA to mark Armistice Day on Wednesday and we were very proud that our Year 8 CCF cadets were able to lay a wreath at the local Warstone Lane cemetery, representing all of us at the Academy.

Since our last newsletter, [national restrictions from 5th November—2nd December 2020](#) were announced for England and this edition features clear guidance for parents, carers and students on how to stay **safe** during this period.

Finally, we would like to invite all parents and carers to our virtual Parent Symposium on Thursday 19th November—there are more details of this on the final page of this edition and on our Piota app.

COMING UP...

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 achieve our goals through working together and working successfully with others.

Opportunity: we make the most of every opportunity that we are offered to learn and grow.

Respect: we look after one another and make sure everyone is

Our Events calendar is online at
www.jewelleryquarter.academy/events

14th November - Diwali

16th November - Anti-Bullying week

19th November - Parent Symposium (5-6pm via Zoom)

20th November - Opportunity Day

23rd November - Year 11 Mocks starting

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OPPORTUNITY

Dedicated and hardworking Year 11 students came into school on Saturday 7th November for a full day of catch-up work. They partook in workshops for Maths – topics that our students have found difficult were covered to ensure that they had a sound knowledge base to help them continue with their studies in Year 11. The day was delivered by external company PET-Xi who deliver fast paced and engaging sessions. Feedback from students was excellent and cannot wait for next weeks session.



As part of Knife Crime Awareness Week, on Tuesday 10th November 2020, our Ladywood, neighbourhood, Police Team delivered their first ever virtual assembly to Year 7-10 students.

The assembly focused on the dangers of carrying knives and the consequences of being in possession of a knife or bladed object. Students had the opportunity to then ask questions to the police via the virtual chat at the end of the assembly.

The assembly was very informative and provided our students with some important advice and support networks should they feel in danger or need to raise concerns.



RESPECT—Exam Preparation

In the week commencing the 23rd November, Year 11 students will have their mock exams over a 2 week period.

It is vital that students prepare for these exams as the results achieved will doubtless feature on college, sixth form and apprenticeship applications and references. Year 11 students have had sessions on how to revise with Elevate (see overleaf) and have access to many websites that can help with preparation such as GCSE Pod, Maths Watch and Seneca as well as the resources staff have put on Microsoft Teams groups.

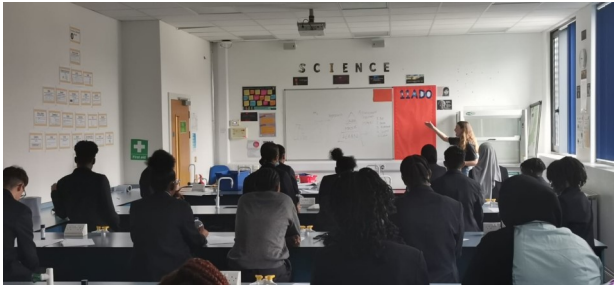
We will shortly publish the exam timetable on our website and app and will share this, along with a 'goody-bag' of FREE revision materials on Monday afternoon with our Year 11 students.



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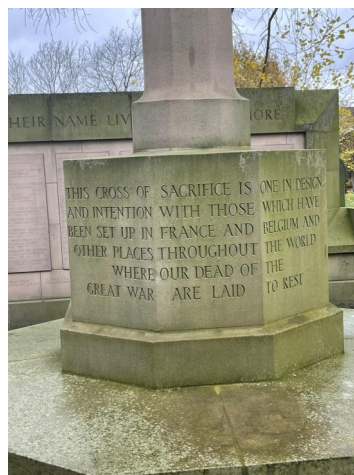
In order to help our Year 11 students succeed in exams, university graduates from 'Elevate' delivered sessions on revision and preparation strategies. The students were very respectful towards our visitors and enjoyed taking part in the sessions together in their class bubbles.



Armistice Day is on 11th November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day [World War One](#) ended—at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. A two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who lost their lives in conflicts. Remembrance Sunday is also marked each year, this falls on the second Sunday in November.

Jewellery Quarter Academy remembered our Fallen Heroes by placing a wreath at the Warstone Lane cemetery as part of our partnership with the JQ Cemeteries Research. Twelve of our Year 8 Cadets took part in the 2 minute silence and read poems. The Cadets did the Academy proud, whilst all staff and students impeccably observed the silence back at JQA. It was wonderful to see students join members of the local community in standing together to remember those whose sacrifice enabled our freedoms.

We will shortly publish a video of the event on the CORE Education Trust YouTube channel.



RESPECT—Anti-Bullying Week

'Anti Bullying Week' begins next week and we invite all students and staff to open the week on Monday 16th November by having Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun where students are able to express themselves and celebrate and respect each others' individuality. We have lots of form activities and assemblies next week around anti-bullying which will involve all year groups at the Academy.



RESPECT for each other

Bullying, unfortunately, happens in all settings. Here at JQA, we pride ourselves on how our students look after one another and show respect. In the unusual instance of bullying, we take swift action. We meet the problem head on and provide support for all students involved.

We recently spoke to a student who had experienced issues at JQA last year: they talked at length about what the Academy did, and how this helped them move forward.

Student:

"I had some issues with a student, and it was becoming confrontational, I was worried and reported it to a teacher. We had mediation with a senior member of staff and talked through the problems. Both of us had a chance to speak our mind and we came to an agreement of how to move forward. The school does a lot to tackle bullying, there's often a focus on anti-bullying, you can report bullying on the sharp system and it's anonymous, I've also been helped a lot by the well-being team in the school. They spend time with me, understand my needs and putting in interventions. This has helped my confidence in lesson"

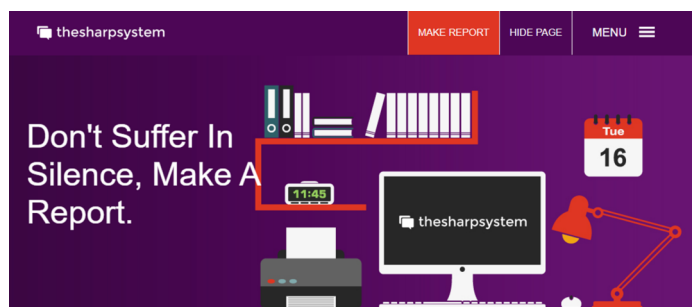
How can I report bullying?

You can tell any adult in school – for example your **form tutor** or **any teacher**. They have all been trained how to alert staff and it will be investigated and dealt with.

You can also use our Sharp System to report bullying (even if you want to report it anonymously about a friend who may be suffering).

Sharp System:

<https://jewelleryquarter.thesharpsystem.com/>



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WHAT STUDENTS SAY AT JQA...

Here is some feedback from one of our Year 11 students who has returned back to Jewellery Quarter Academy after leaving in Summer 2019 to move abroad. She has now returned to JQA we welcomed her back warmly and asked her about the changes she'd noticed since the last time she was here:

Facilities

Before I left, the toilets would be crowded with loads of students and you could not get any privacy. Now there are locks on the doors and you have privacy. The site looks so much better!

Safety

At social times students are allowed to play specific sports, which allows others to have quiet socialising time in the quad area with our friends. Around the school, the students feel safer because of the extra layers that the school have put in place. When walking around the corridors, it is quiet and safe. The temperature checks in the morning and the hand sanitiser makes the pupils feel safe in the morning.

Teaching and Learning

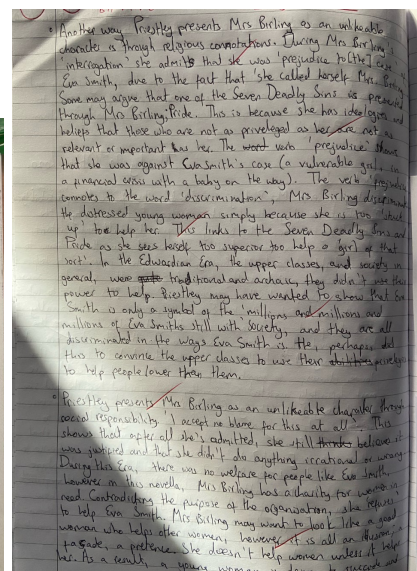
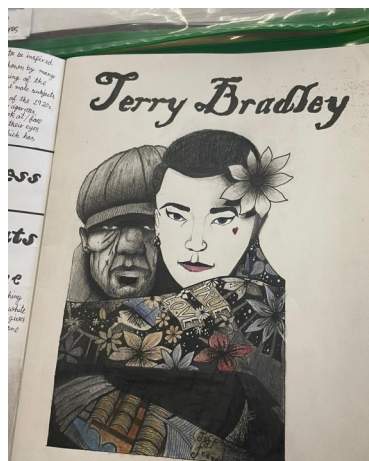
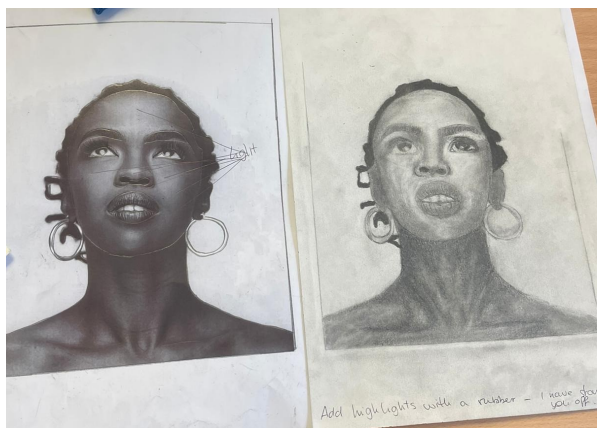
The staff are excellent teachers, who are caring, motivated and want you to do well. The behaviour in and out of lessons has improved a lot and it feels like I am learning lots. The extra help that has been put on Saturdays will help me to catch up with work that I have missed during lockdown which is great.

What has improved

The painted walls make it feel like a warmer place and also a school. The reception area looks good and feels more like a school when you walk in. The students having coloured lanyards for each year group too which is a nice touch. The TVs in the refectory mean that we can watch the news and be up to date with what is going on in the world as we eat lunch.

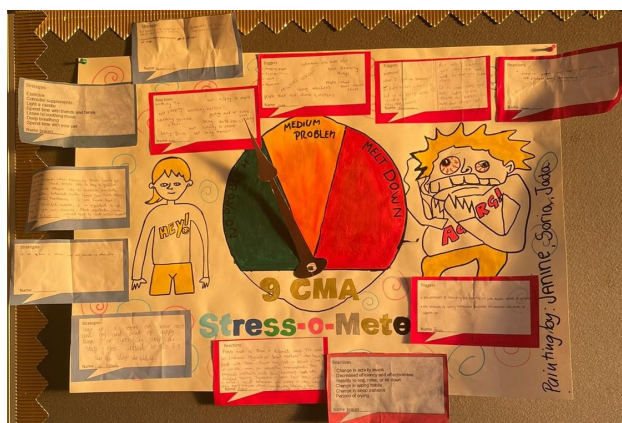


EXCELLENCE AT JQA



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A big well done to all those pupils in Year 10 who got 100% attendance last half term. Each student will be receiving a 100% merit. Lets see if we can get more names added to this list this half term. Keep up the good work, from Miss Ivey, Head of Year 10.



9CMA won the Form competition last week by collaborating together and designing this 'Stress-o-Meter poster.' 9CMA won 5 points towards their total points and are hoping to win Form of the Term.

Our amazingly talented Year 10 artists have produced exquisitely detailed, lifelike portraits during their Art lessons. Many of our Year 10s are hoping to study arts at post-16 level.

Ibrahim in Year 11 also produced a critical, thoughtful and developed response for 'An Inspector Calls'.

REWARDS AT JQA

Here our students who follow the school policy on Behaviour and Learning. For this, they are rewarded with merit stickers. Here are the highest merit earners from each year group:

Year 7: Jaden Douglas 145 points

Year 8: Darun Mhamad 162 points

Year 9: Lamrot Tedla 281 points

Year 10: Rashaan Hamilton-Gopaul 362 points

Year 11: Dante Ross 131 points

Well done to these excellent students.

Year 7 have earned an incredible 5289 points in total. What an achievement!

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COLLABORATION TO COMBAT COVID-19

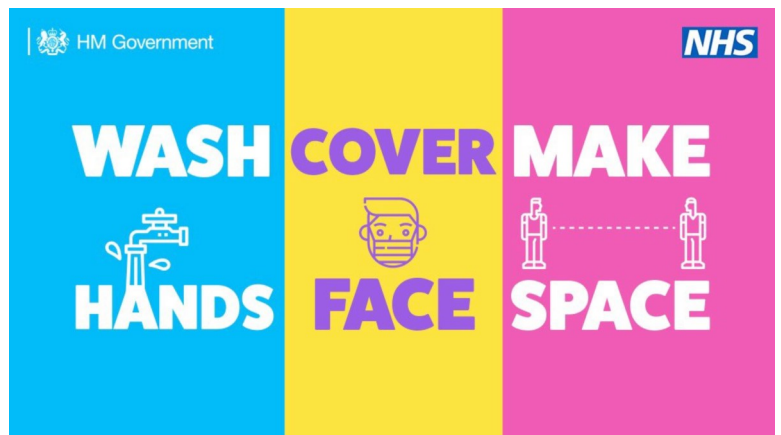
Stay At Home—National Lockdown in England

With the announcement of [national restrictions from 5th November—2nd December 2020](#), we expect our community to play their part in ensuring they stay safe and allow us to **remain open to all students**. Your commitment to this as a family can ensure we all stay as safe as possible during this time and our students can continue to learn so successfully as we have done together so far this year.

As a household, you must ensure you do not meet with another person socially or undertake any activities with another person outside of your household, either indoors or outdoors. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with.

We expect all parents and carers to:

- Provide their child with a [face covering every day to enter the academy](#) and insist they wear it if travelling on public transport to the academy as well as in any local shops.
- Speak to your child about the importance of the [‘Hands, Face, Space’](#) approach to combating coronavirus together (see right).
- Ensure their child comes [straight home from the academy each evening](#) and does not mix with anyone outside of their household.
- Ensure their child and all household members do not mix with others at the weekend.



If your [child or anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms](#), please call the academy to let us know on **0121 729 7220** and speak to Ms Z Sparg on extension 1411— you should remain at home and [arrange a test immediately by clicking here](#), informing Ms Sparg of the outcome of the test straight away.

ATTENDANCE AT JQA

Collaboration is one of our key CORE values, that drives attendance. It is therefore imperative that we work together - school, parents / carers and students to ensure JQA attendance is in line with the national average.

Our attendance from 3rd September to 13th November is:

Attendance for the whole school: 91.8%

Year 7: 93.8%

Year 8: 90%

Year 9: 92.4%

Year 10: 91.8%

Year 11: 91.3%

The current national average for state secondary schools up to 16th October is 86%. Well done to our students for attending school as this shows that the JQA attendance is above the national average.



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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 M Seleshe: mseleshe@jewelleryquarter.academy

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Year 9 Mr C Kyffin: ckyffin@jewelleryquarter.academy

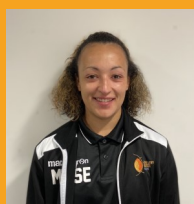
Year 10 S Ivey sivey@jewelleryquarter.academy

Year 11 Mr S Campbell scampbell@jewelleryquarter.academy



If you would like to contact the Well-Being team, email safeguarding@jewelleryquarter.academy

If you have an urgent safeguarding issue, you can call our Designated Safeguarding Lead on 07823354044



Miss Seleshe



Mr Morton



Mr Kyffin



Miss Ivey



Mr Campbell



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PARENT SYMPOSIUM

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our termly Parent Symposium via Zoom.

Thursday 19th November 2020 at 5:00pm

You can join the symposium via the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/JQAParent> | Passcode: JQA

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