



**JEWELLERY  
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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2020

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## THANK YOU FROM TEAM JQA

We'd like to thank all parents and carers for their support this half term. Our students have shown true excellence to adapt to our extensive safety measures in place at the Academy and due to their respectful approaches to keeping themselves and others safe, we have managed to ensure no classes or year groups have had to remain at home. Our attendance is a measure of the confidence you have in ensuring your child is safe at JQA and will learn and make progress here; we are proud that attendance is strong compared to city and national averages—we want this to climb even further into November and December.

We'd like to thank you for adhering to local restrictions in place in Birmingham and sending your child to the Academy with a face covering each morning. It is important that over half term, you encourage your child to remain at home and have a safe Halloween and Bonfire Night, not mixing with other households indoors.

The new term begins on Monday 2nd November and students should arrive for 8.30 through their designated entrance points. Have a great half term and stay safe.

## 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 safe and that we are respectful

**Excellence:** we always give 100% and make sure that everything we do is our best.

## COMING UP...

**Our Events calendar is online at**

[www.jewelleryquarter.academy/events](http://www.jewelleryquarter.academy/events)

**23rd October** - Year 11 assessment results posted to parents/carers

**2nd November** - School resumes and GCSE resits begin

**4th November** - Diwali.

**9th November** - Year 7 to 10 Assessment Week begins

**11th November** - Remembrance Day

**19th November** - Parent Symposium (5-6pm) on Zoom and Parent Survey opens online

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# OPPORTUNITIES AT JQA

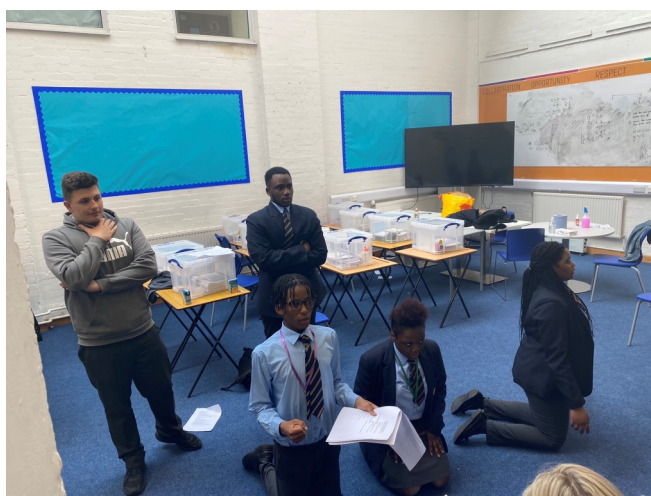
On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October Year 8 welcomed some visitors from West Midlands Police to their classrooms: our School Link Officer, PC Steve Mason, and two of his colleagues spoke to students about what it takes to become a Police Officer. Students also were able to ask questions and they took full advantage of this, enquiring about every aspect of life as a Police Officer. Students participated respectfully and the officers enjoyed their visit as much as we did, and we look forward to welcoming them into the Academy again soon as we continue our partnership work with West Midlands Police.



Year 7 students working with artist Saranjit Birdi via Zoom on 19th October, on a special project exploring perspectives of war, ahead of Remembrance activities at Warstone Cemetery next month.

## RESPECT: Black History Celebrations

October is Black History Month and it's been celebrated across the UK for nearly 40 years. It was originally established to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the nation over many generations. We believe Black History is our history and are actively looking at opportunities in our curriculum to be more inclusive and representative throughout the JQA journey—not just in October! Our students are celebrating Black History by showcasing some of their skills in Drama, Music and Art. We will shortly release videos via [CORE's YouTube channel](#) to share some of this brilliant work.



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# NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY: Uniform

As Core Education Trust are rebranding, we decided that this should be part of our uniform from 2021/22. Our CORE colour and symbol is orange. Below, you can see our Brand Ambassadors showcasing the new uniform with personality and pride. We will give more updates about any changes to uniform throughout the year.



Here is one of our Year 11 students modelling our new PE hoodies.

These are available for Year 10 and 11 students to purchase for outdoor PE. We will also make a select few available in our "Reward Shop" for students to obtain by cashing in their merits.



As the nights get longer and the weather gets colder, it is important to make sure that we keep ourselves warm in the classroom. We are continuing to keep our classrooms well-ventilated in line with government guidance. Our students know that they are not allowed to wear coats and scarfs in the classrooms. So in order to help your child, we recommend the purchase of a grey V-neck jumper.

# NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY: Year 6 Applications

Due to the pandemic that is affecting normal ways of working, it was regrettable that we were not able to do an Open Evening for the Year 6s and their parents/carers. So the next best thing was to do a Virtual Open Evening over 2 days. On Tuesday 13th October, we had a Q&A live on Zoom with the Senior Leadership Team. The following day, we had a Student Twitter Takeover, where our students were going around school filming and talking to Teachers and Students. For more information or to see what videos were filmed on the day, please go to [@COREJQAcademy](https://twitter.com/COREJQAcademy). **We strongly recommend families applying select us as their first choice to avoid disappointment.**



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# WHAT STUDENTS SAY AT JQA...

Here are some lovely words from two of our Year 11 students, Plamedite and Henok, who discussed the changes at JQA since we went into lockdown and starting the new term in year group 'bubbles':

## Catching Up

"Science and Maths have helped by revisiting topics that we were struggling on, making sure that we have mastered the topic. Masterclasses helped us explore more topics than in the curriculum. Online learning really helped, and it allowed me to ask questions if I was stuck. Accelerate lessons has allowed us to fill gaps in our knowledge from our option subjects, catch up with coursework and for practical sessions like cooking, it gives us time to bake."

## Safety

"The bubbles have ensured that we are safe and remained in school. The masks, taking temperatures and the availability of hand sanitisers reassures us that the school are taking every measure to keep us protected. If a student is ill, they are immediately sent to reception and not remained in class."

## Teaching and Learning

"The students are being mature and working hard within lessons, and this is allowing teachers to teach and help us to catch up. The corridors are a lot calmer too."

## What has improved at JQA...

"The building has had a big improvement with facilities and equipment. Nothing is broken and if it is, it's fixed straight away. The support that students get from Year 7 all the way to Year 11 is great. It is good to see how subjects are linked to careers. All teachers are helping us with careers and when we ask, they link us to clubs or experts. My sister has been referred to an athletics club after asking Mr Martin for help."



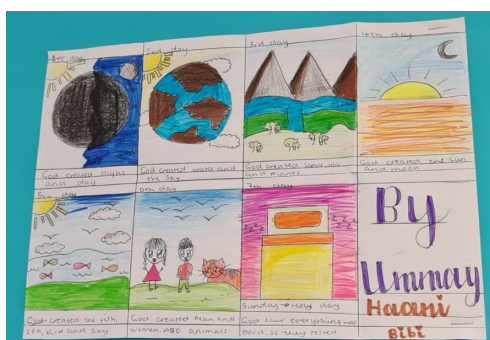
# EXCELLENCE AT JQA



Here are some examples of excellence from our amazingly talented Year 11 artists who have produced exquisitely detailed, lifelike portraits during their catch-up "Accelerate" lessons. Many of our Year 11s are hoping to study arts at post-16 level.



Year 7 students have been creating their own sugar skulls whilst exploring the festival Dia de los Muertos, which is the celebration for the Day of the Dead in Mexico on 2nd November.



Students learning about the religious and scientific theories for the creation of the world.

## REWARDS AT JQA

We reward for work and effort that is 'over and beyond' our high expectations. Our top students this half term:

Year 7: **Jaden Douglas** - 123 points

Year 8: **Darun Mhamad**—82 points

Year 9: **Lamrot Tedla** - 278 points

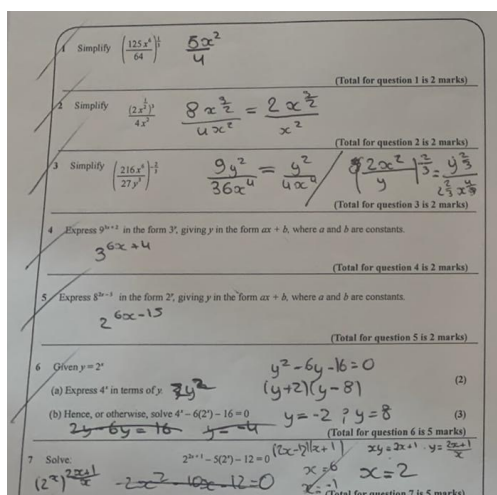
Year 10: **Rashaan Hamilton-Gopaul**-362 points

Year 11: **Dante Ross** -131 points

Well done to these excellent students.

Year 7 have earned an incredible 4759 points in total. What an achievement, keep it up.

Students should log their rewards at [www.mystickers.com](http://www.mystickers.com)



**Nathan Despres**, one of talented Year 11 mathematicians takes on some A' Level Maths questions on Rules of Indices.



# COLLABORATION AT JQA

On Tuesday 20th October, we collaborated with West Midlands Police as part of our ongoing partnership. Regularly, we work with the police to ensure our school remains a place where knives and other weapons are not tolerated. It is part of our Personal Development work to educate students of the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife. It was lovely to see students chatting to officers and building positive relationships. Our Year 10 and 11 students were respected by officers and were respectful in turn. The officers very much enjoyed meeting our students and we look forward to welcoming them back to the Academy again soon.



Our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) contingent continues to go from strengths to strength with our wonderful new Year 8 recruits. It has been great to see the students in RAF uniform, practising marching and drill this week and learning about Remembrance Day.

We hope to share details of our CCF's work with local partners in the Jewellery Quarter as part of JQA's Remembrance Day commemorations in the next edition of our newsletter.



## 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 23rd October is:

Attendance for JQA: 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%. We'd like to congratulate all students with 100% attendance and they will receive a special 'Excellence' merit on the first day back.



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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.

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Year 8 Mr M Morton: [mmorton@jewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:mmorton@jewelleryquarter.academy)

Year 9 Mr C Kyffin: [ckyffin@jewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:ckyffin@jewelleryquarter.academy)

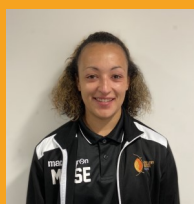
Year 10 S Ivey: [sivey@jewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:sivey@jewelleryquarter.academy)

Year 11 Mr S Campbell: [scampbell@jewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:scampbell@jewelleryquarter.academy)



If you would like to contact the Well-Being team, email [safeguarding@jewelleryquarter.academy](mailto: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**

## STAYING IN TOUCH WITH JQA

We have a mobile app that we use to deliver alerts and key messages to parents/carers and students.

This can be downloaded by searching your App or Play store for 'Piota Schools'.

Once you have downloaded the app, select 'Jewellery Quarter Academy' and enable notifications.

You can also find lots of useful information on the app to support you and your child with learning at the Academy.



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