

Always Ambitious

The re-vamped format of our newsletter being half termly gives us a chance to showcase the best of what has happened at the Academy each half term.

I hope this edition gives a real flavour of the broad range of opportunities and activities open to JQA students.

We are always ambitious for our students at JQA and work actively with our partners to give students experiences beyond the classroom and support their personal development.

This first Summer Term is quite an intense term: there are only 23 school days and we have to make sure each one counts. Strong attendance is expected and I have spoken to all students about being here 23/23 days, particularly in Year 11 who are about to embark on the start of the Summer exam series.

We also have a Parents' Evening for Year 10 and Year 7 coming up (see events below) and we look forward to welcoming parents/carers to JQA for these important discussions about your child's progress.

You can find my weekly blogs at: <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/news/> and please read through them weekly to stay up to date with latest developments at the Academy.

Mr J Barton—Headteacher



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 succeed by working as a team.

Opportunity: we develop by taking on new challenges.

Respect: we care by respecting and looking after each other.

Excellence: we achieve by always giving 100% in everything we do.

COMING UP IN SUMMER...

Our Events calendar is online at: <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/events/>

May 5th—Year 10 Parents' Evening

May 9th—scheduled Training Day

May 19th—Year 7 Parents' Evening

May 27th—end of Summer Term 1

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COLLABORATION—La Cuisine Francaise

Students in Year 10 were happily showing off their culinary skills last term as together they created a host of incredible French dishes. Students were also joined by Charlotte Pike, a food and drink expert, who described the food as “seriously good”.



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COLLABORATION—Commonwealth Day

This term it was Commonwealth Day 2022 at JQA. Students and staff celebrated our diversity by sampling cuisine from across the Commonwealth, which was provided by our Mellors Catering team. In addition to this, some of our students were lucky enough to take part in the flag procession at Alexander Stadium.



COLLABORATION—Fighting Climate Change

JQA students had great fun planting Crab Apple trees as part of our continued fight against climate change. Thank you to the Woodland Trust for their generous donations, it was a great opportunity to make JQA a greener place!



COLLABORATION—The Cadets

Year 9 students, Lance Corporal Ahmed and Lance Corporal Owusu were lucky to be a part of the CCF Cadet Stand where they spoke to members of the public and potential cadets about their experiences as cadets.

In addition to this, JQA cadets across the year groups have also taken part in a range of cadet activities at various cadet camps this term, including skill at arms, Shooting, fieldcraft, mountain biking, first aid and command tasks.



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COLLABORATION—Attendance Matters

Attendance Matters

All students are expected to arrive on time by 8.35am and attend school every single day.

We do not accept poor attendance, as students who are not at school are missing out on vital learning opportunities.

If your child is ill, you should call our Absence Line on 0121 729 7220 and press Option 1.

If your child is classed as 'persistently absent' (if their attendance drops below 90%) you can expect measures to be put in place to support you as a family to make sure your child's attendance improves.

We work in partnership with the Local Authority's legal team and will not hesitate to take action should your child's attendance not improve to our expected standards of 97%.

Attendance during one school year ...	Equals this number of days absent ...	Which is approximately this many weeks absent ...	And means this number of lessons missed
95	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

We are continuing to meet with families and begin legal proceedings in some cases.

If you have any questions about attendance, email zsparg@corejewelleryquarter.academy



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OPPORTUNITY— The Brilliant Club

Students in Years 7-10 have been lucky enough to work with the world renowned Brilliant Club over the last term. Over 40 JQA students have been given the opportunity to enrol on the Scholars Programme, a challenging course on subjects beyond the national curriculum that is taught by a world class researcher.

The programme will allow students to experience university-style learning in small group tutorials and develop key university-preparedness skills including critical thinking, subject knowledge, written communication, and university self-efficacy. Students in Year 7 and 8 are currently studying a topic on understanding the history of America through song. Whilst students in Year 9 and 10 are studying the use of emotion in British anti-slavery literature.



OPPORTUNITY— The Globe Theatre

Year 9 students were lucky enough to be given the chance to travel to London to watch William Shakespeare's Tragedy 'the Scottish play' at the Globe Theatre,



OPPORTUNITY— The CORE Games

This term, JQA hosted our first ever home leg of the CORE Games in the Girls Netball Competition. We were lucky enough to witness some fantastic matches, with some real skill and excellence being showcased. Well done to all those that took part.



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OPPORTUNITY— A Career in Law

Thank you to the University of Law for coming to JQA to speak to our Year 8 students about a potential career in law. Our students loved having the opportunity to hear about the different career paths they could take when they leave school.



OPPORTUNITY— A Career in the RAF

As part of our work with students for Careers Week, we were delighted to welcome RAF Careers onto the JQA site to demonstrate the multitude of exciting careers they could embark on in the RAF.

Our CCF contingent is part of the RAF and we welcome applications each year from students in Year 8. Look out for the application process in September!



OPPORTUNITY— Debate Mate

Oracy is a key skill at developing confidence and understanding. It is essential that our students not only possess knowledge and understanding, but also the ability to communicate and express ideas eloquently and sensitively. Mr Soud has been working with students across the school to improve and develop these skills alongside the Debate Mate organisation.


JQA students have recently taken part in a series of tournaments across the city against other schools as part of Debate Mate and Mr Soud has been delighted with the progress they have all made. A recent competition at The University of Birmingham saw our students defeat several other schools and come tantalisingly close to the Debate Mate trophy!



OPPORTUNITY—CORE Character Activities

CORE Character Extra Curriculum continued into the Spring Term with students offered the opportunity to take part in a number of sporting clubs after school. These clubs not only help our students to build upon their CORE character traits but help to support students in their studies within PE and other subjects.

What will you get involved in during the Summer Term?

 CORE Character EXTRA sessions Timetable 					
Year	Monday	Tuesday	After school 15:10 - 16:10 Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Football (raised deck) - MMO Design Technology - Room 115 Music - Room 208/209	Design Technology - Room 116 CoachBright (invited students)	Reading club - Room 104	Netball (Quad) - MSE Art and Design - Room 216	Design Technology - Room 116 (First Friday of every month)
8	Football (raised deck) - MMO Design Technology - Room 115 Music - Room 208/209	Design Technology - Room 116 CoachBright (invited students)	Reading club - Room 104	Netball (Quad) - MSE	Design Technology - Room 116 (First Friday of every month)
9	Netball (Quad) - MSE Music - Room 208/209	Basketball (Quad) - MTU	Reading club - Room 104 CoachBright (invited students)	Football (raised deck) - MMO Design Technology - Room 116	
10	Netball (Quad) - MSE	Basketball (Quad) - MTU	Reading club - Room 104	Football (raised deck) - MMO CoachBright (invited students)	
11	Art and Design Year 11 Master Class - Room 216 Geography - Room 106 DT Coursework Catchup - Room 115			Art and Design Year 11 Master Class - Room 217 Career Enrichment - Room 110 CoachBright (invited students)	
All years	Art and Design Photography - Room 217 Drama - Studio Room 212 Homework Club KS3 - Room 107 Homework Club KS4 - Room 303	Dance (REC Room) - RMU Debate Mate - Room 110 Poetry Classes - Room 211 Homework Club KS3 - Room 107 Homework Club KS4 - Room 303	Gym and fitness (GYM) - LFR Homework Club KS3 - Room 107 Homework Club KS4 - Room 303	Chess Club - Room 102 Homework Club KS3 - Room 107 Homework Club KS4 - Room 303	Art and Design Textiles - Room 217

RESPECT— JQ History and Heritage

All JQA students have been taking a keen interest in their local communities this week through assemblies from the Jewellery Quarter Cemeteries Project and the Jewellery Quarter Townscape Heritage. We believe that it is imperative that our students connect with their local communities and build them to be even greater places, but they cannot do this, without first understanding the history and heritage of those communities.



RESPECT— Debt Awareness Week

All JQA we want students to not only get the qualifications that will allow them to have endless opportunities, but we also want them to be able to thrive outside the walls of JQA. This term, Miss Ivey has been leading on assemblies ensuring students understand debt and financial management.



RESPECT— Students from Ukraine

In collaboration with the group Refugee Action, JQA is delighted to welcome students from Ukraine into our school community. At JQA, we welcome people from all backgrounds, and we believe it is our moral duty to ensure that all members of our school community are allowed to thrive and achieve.

JQA are proud to have been accredited as a 'Refugee Welcome School' and we delighted to be a place where all students are welcomed, respected, treated equally and cared for.



RESPECT— CORE Hello

Mr Barton was interviewed by The Guardian newspaper recently about our schools pioneering work children who have newly arrived in England. Mr Barton explained how “It’s our duty to support children who have fled persecution. Take Sayed – someone who travelled unaccompanied to flee the Taliban for thousands of miles – if we can’t give him a home as a school, then who will?”

One of our new Year 10 students, Sayed, was also interviewed by the newspaper, he explained his dramatic escape from Afghanistan via Calais and how he was settling into life at JQA.



EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Homework

The Jewellery Quarter Academy Homework Policy has been designed to be a key part of our relentless pursuit of academic excellence.

Homework enhances students learning, improves achievement, offers additional curriculum time and develops study skills, which make it an integral part of the learning process.

Homework at Jewellery Quarter Academy will be used:

- To prepare for new learning.
- To consolidate the learning that has taken place during a lesson, giving you the opportunity to practice and refine particular aspects of your knowledge, and understanding.
- To stretch knowledge and understanding beyond the curriculum.

All our KS4 students will be required to do a minimum of 90 minutes of written homework per night and a maximum of 120 minutes. For KS3 students, it will be a minimum of 60 minutes written homework and a maximum of 90 minutes.

All students will be expected to complete a daily entry in their homework exercise book, which will be issued to all students by form tutors. All homework tasks will be set by classroom teachers.

Students' homework exercise books will be checked by their classroom teacher and those who have gone above and beyond with their homework will be rewarded with a merit sticker.

Students who fail to complete homework, or whose homework is not completed to a passing standard, will receive a 'H' in their planner and if they are given 3 'H' stamps in a week, then they will be issued with a C60 by their form tutor to support them further.

If a student loses their homework exercise book then they will be required to buy a new one at a cost of £1 and will receive coaching from their tutor on managing and organising themselves – a key character trait.

All homework tasks will either be:

- Reading with comprehension questions
- Recap quizzes
- Essay Writing/Extended Writing

We also have a range of activities families can do together to test students on key knowledge or concepts in our **Home Learning Collaboration** documents.

These can be found on the Home Learning sections of our Piota app.

All these activities link to learning students are currently doing in the classroom in different subjects and we encourage parents/carers to use these to further reinforce learning with additional activities and conversations around key topics.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA—KS3 Homework Timetable

Year 7 Homework Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7MMO Drama 7MMO Music 7KBR Music 7KBR IT 7KBR History 7CWI Music 7CWI IT 7FKH DT 7FKH History 7FKH Art 7ZKH RE	7MMO History 7MMO Geography 7KBR RE 7CWI RE 7CWI MFL 7FKH Geography 7ZKH Geography 7ZKH IT	English (All Year 7) 7MMO Art 7KBR DT 7KBR Art 7CWI DT 7FKH Music 7ZKH Music 7ZKH MFL	Science (All Year 7) 7MMO RE 7KBR Music 7CWI History 7FKH IT 7ZKH History 7ZKH Drama	Mathematics (All Year 7) 7MMO Drama 7MMO IT 7KBR Geography 7KBR MFL 7CWI Art 7CWI Music 7FKH Drama 7FKH MFL 7ZKH Art

Year 8 Homework Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English (All Year 8) 8C RE 8O Drama 8O Music 8R Drama 8E Music 8E Geography 8E MFL 8D RE 8D Art	Science (All Year 8) 8C Geography 8C IT 8O DT 8O IT 8R Music	8C History 8C MFL 8O History 8O Art 8R Geography 8E RE 8E DT 8D IT	8C Art 8C DT 8O RE 8R MFL 8R History 8R DT 8E History 8E IT 8D MFL 8D Music 8D Drama	Mathematics (All Year 8) 8C Drama 8C Music 8O Geography 8O MFL 8O Art 8R RE 8R Art 8E Drama 8D DT 8D Geography

Year 9 Homework Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English (All Year 9) 9O Geography 9R Geography 9R Drama 9D Geography 9D DT	9C IT 9C RE 9C MFL 9O Music 9O DT 9R Music 9R MFL 9E IT 9E MFL 9E Geography 9D Music 9D Art	Science (All Year 9) 9C Geography 9O Drama 9O RE 9R RE 9R DT 9E History 9E Art 9D RE 9D MFL	9C Drama 9C Music 9C DT 9C History 9O Art 9O MFL 9R IT 9R Art 9E Music 9E Drama 9D Drama	Mathematics (All Year 9) 9C Art 9O History 9R History 9E DT 9E RE 9D History 9D IT

EXCELLENCE AT JQA—KS4 Homework Timetable

Year 10 Homework Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10A Music 10A Business Studies 10B Business Studies 10A Health & Social Care 10B Health & Social Care 10 Art	Science (All Year 10) 10B Performing Arts 10B DT	Mathematics (All Year 10) 10 1 Geography 10 2 Geography 10A Sports Studies	English (All Year 10)	10B IT 10B MFL 10 1 History 10 2 History 10 3 History

Year 11 Homework Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science (All Year 11) 11B Business Studies 11A IT 11A Creative iMedia 11B Creative iMedia 11A Health & Social Care 11 Art	11C Music 11C Business Studies 11C DT 11C Sports Studies 11C Health & Social Care 11 1 Geography 11 2 Geography	English (All Year 11) 11B Performing Arts 11B RE	Mathematics (All Year 11) 11A RE	11 1 History 11 2 History 11 3 History 11C1 MFL

All homework timetables and our policy can be found at:

<https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/curriculum/homework/>



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Birmingham Schools Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 7 girls for their phenomenal performance at the Birmingham Schools Indoor Athletics finals, where they secured a bronze medal against the very best athletes in the city. The medal was JQA's first ever county medal and the girls will be hoping to do even better next time they compete in the event next year!



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— World Book Day

At JQA, we believe that every day should be World Book Day and we encourage all of our students to find the beauty and majesty in a good book. Our newly opened library has been a hive of activity this term, as Miss Gadd has welcomed hundreds of students through its hallowed doors.

Firstly, to celebrate World Book Day, every student was given a free book, 'Boy, Missing' by Sophie McKenzie was a firm favourite when it came to students making their selections.

In addition to this, our Wednesday afternoon Book Clubs have continued to be a success, with Mr Khan's Year 9 group diving head first into Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle this term.

The JQA library continues to grow, Miss Gadd has been busy adding new books to our ever bulging shelves, Marcus Rashford's 'You are a Champion' and 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Bronte have been two popular additions with students.

Finally, students have been busy creating their own reading texts, from poetry to comics, nothing is off limits to our wonderful students.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— World Book Day

Our CORE vales proudly on display in our library.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— JQA Library

Our library turnout has been fantastic this term, with students from all years grabbing some fantastic literature to enjoy. But what is a good book without a good bookmark?



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— JQA Library

A new term always means new books here at JQA! We can't wait to read the excellent reviews of these new books.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— Creative Writing

As well as reading fantastic texts, some students are also creating their own! From poetry to comics, we've been busy creating our own this term in the library!



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— British Science Week

Our Head of Year 10 and Science specialist, Mr Yeomans, has been giving assemblies on 'Growth' as part of our celebrations of British Science Week this term.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— British Science Week

As part of British Science Week all JQA students were treated to some brand new lab coats. Our Year 10 separate science students were the first to try them on. Don't they look smart?



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Hot Choc Friday

Excellence is a habit and to paraphrase Aristotle brilliance comes from consistently doing the right things. At JQA, we reward excellence and encourage all our students to do the right things because we are what we repeatedly do, and we want all our students to be excellent.

Every fortnight on a Friday, Mr Barton invites to the 4 highest merit earners across the Academy, to enjoy a Costa Hot Chocolate and Millionaire Shortbread snack.

This term, Mr Barton welcomed our top merit earners into his office this week for a chat and a hot chocolate, these students consistently go above and beyond in their studies and are the standard that the rest of the school must aspire to.

They spoke about the lessons they enjoy at the Academy and the new staff that have joined who they very much appreciate.

Don't forget to log your merits at www.mystickers.co.uk



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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 we can 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 Miss F Clarke: fclarke@corejewelleryquarter.academy

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Year 9 Miss H Fashina: hfashina@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 10 Mr A Yeomans: ayeomans@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 11 Miss S Ivey: sivey@corejewelleryquarter.academy



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

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



Miss Clarke



Miss Seleshe



Miss Fashina



Mr Yeomans



Miss Ivey

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH JQA

Academy Voicemail

We recently changed our phone system after feedback from parents/carers to include the facility to leave a message if lines are busy.

You now have the option to leave a voice message on the Academy Voicemail by pressing Option 1 out of office hours – this is checked twice a day at 8am and 12pm.

Please be sure to state your child's name clearly and who the message is for and one of Team JQA will get back to you.



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