

Gold Standards

Firstly, thank you for your support this half term. It was a short, yet intensive half term which also featured a routine OFSTED inspection of JQA. I will be sharing the full report with parents/carers once it is released in June.

In this edition, you will again get a flavour of some of the activities that have taken place at JQA over the half term.

We always refer to our students as 'gems' at JQA. Within that word is the implication that their futures are the most precious things but also sometimes our students might require some additional polish to shine as brightly as they can. Indeed, SHINE is the acronym we use for learning behaviours that drive achievement at JQA. [We expect our students to sit up straight, hold only their pens, be in silence while their teacher is talking, produce their neatest work and show they are listening with their eyes.](#) There is a renewed focus on expectations and I expect families to support the Academy's '[gold standards](#)' that will enable every child to learn and achieve.

This last week, I have been appointing some new staff for September: only the best will do at JQA and as part of the process, any teacher I appoint has to sit a GCSE exam in their own subject. If it is not the highest grade, they don't even get an interview. I look forward to introducing our newest members of the team with you shortly.

There is lots to look forward to in the final half term of the academic year and please keep an eye on our social media posts over the next few weeks to see all the exciting things taking place at JQA.

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...

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

13th June—Refugee Week begins

1st July—Well-Being Afternoon (students in Years 7-10 leave at 12.30)

6th July—New Intake Day

14th July—Parent Symposium

22nd July—Summer Term ends at 12.30

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COLLABORATION—Birmingham Race Impact Group

Students from JQA and Rockwood Academy were given the amazing opportunity to speak publicly at the Birmingham Race Impact Group Summit 2022. Ifesanichi Chinwuko, who is one of our Year 10 students, spoke very eloquently and passionately about his views on Birmingham and the importance of racial justice and equality.



COLLABORATION—MW Fitness

MW Fitness and Community Care have been working with our students this term.

The organisation offers bespoke health and wellbeing support and they've been organising dance, football and basketball sessions with our students to ensure their physical and mental health.



It has been great to see the group working with Year 11 students in between exams so they can let off steam during the intensive exam period.



COLLABORATION—Science Saturday Sessions

Year 11 students have started their vital GCSE exams this term and it was a real delight to see them giving up their own time on a Saturday to attend Science revision sessions led by our fantastic Science team.

As a school, we are so lucky to have such a hardworking, committed, and talented Year 11 cohort and we can't wait to see their results in the summer!



A huge thank you to the Science team for putting on Saturday sessions: we only achieve by giving 100% and JQA staff are relentless in their support for students.



COLLABORATION—CORE Hello

CORE is a truly inclusive trust and we welcome everyone into our school. We believe it is a fundamental right to have access to a top-quality education and the work of CORE Hello is vital at ensuring all our students are ready to learn and achieve.

Mr Barton visited CORE Hello recently and was inspired by the enthusiasm and dedication of the students he spoke to.

JQA is proud to be a [Refugee Welcome school](#) and we are delighted to have welcomed families from Ukraine and Hong Kong to our school this term.



We recently welcomed Ukrainian students, Daria and Yehor to the Academy and these students are spending time at CORE Hello before returning to take up their place at JQA.

You can read more about JQA's partnership with CORE Hello in these two articles:

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/people-are-so-open-hearted-ukrainian-families-find-refuge-in-english-schools/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/mar/27/youve-got-friends-birmingham-school-scheme-aims-to-ease-refugee-trauma>



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%.

The legal team have issued over 50 fines and taken families to court where their child's attendance is poor and hasn't improved.

Students who are repeatedly late will have their morning mark classed as absence.

We expect every family to make sure their child is ready and at school by 8.35 and offer a FREE breakfast (bagels, toast or cereal) to all students from 8.15-8.30 to encourage a healthy, early start.

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— Reading Club

The author George R.R. Martin said “a reader lives a thousand lives” and we have been delighted to see so many of our students staying behind after school to be a part of our reading clubs this term.



OPPORTUNITY— Explore the Past

JQA have been working alongside the 'explore the past' group and the Jewellery Quarter Cemeteries Project to celebrate and spread understanding of the heritage and culture of the Jewellery Quarter. Students visited buildings named after Prince Albert and Queen Victoria and were given the chance to use dipping pens at the Pen Museum.



OPPORTUNITY—CORE Character Activities

CORE Character Extra got off to a fantastic start during the first Summer term with more students than ever taking part in our clubs and activities!

We are looking to arrange for every child to 'opt-in' to a timetabled club as part of an extended school day on Tuesdays from September 2022.

Mr Barton will write to all families shortly regarding this fantastic opportunity to experience subjects like Photography and Latin, for example.

 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— Noise Action Week

It was the Noise Action Week this term and Mr Dowe, Head of Science, provided all our students with an informative assembly on how they can reduce their own noise pollution to improve the wellbeing of humans and animals.



RESPECT— Explore the Past

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RESPECT— Mental Health Awareness Week

It was Mental Health Awareness Week this term and the JQA library offered students a selection of fantastic texts to educate and eradicate the stigma around mental health.



Furthermore, a huge congratulations to our short story winners, whose stories about anti-bullying and the haunted house were truly gripping reads!



RESPECT— VE Day

To commemorate the 77th anniversary of VE Day, students have been studying some of the most poignant, historical literature and learning about the significance of VE day.



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.



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—Reading Plus

Reading Plus helps develop the reading stamina and comprehension of students and it's been fantastic to see so many students using the programme in their timetabled reading plus lessons this year. The programme is having a fantastic impact with over 5 million words already read across the school.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— Year 11 Drama

Miss Bowen was incredibly sorry to see her Year 11 group have their last ever Drama lesson with her this term. She organised an Oscar Ceremony to celebrate the group's successes over the last two years and looks forward to seeing them appear on the Hollywood Hall of Fame in the not too distant future ...



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— Coach Bright

At JQA, we want all of our students to have the opportunity to attend the best universities in the country, so we were delighted this term when a selection of students, who had been working with Coach Bright, graduated from the University of Birmingham. Coach Bright are an organisation who work with students to develop their grades, confidence and independence and they were delighted with our “fantastic” pupils and all their “tireless hard work”.



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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 week, Mr Barton welcomed Naseemah, Amandeep, Jana and Osama 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.



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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

Year 8 Miss M Seleshe: mseleshe@corejewelleryquarter.academy

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, both in office hours and out of office hours too– 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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