

## We Rise To Every Challenge.

What a half term it has been: a snow day, bus strikes but learning and progress always prevails. The dedication and the determination of our students and staff has been truly inspiring over this half term. This edition captures only some of the many highlights from a short but also momentous half term.

Year 11 students have gone through their final series of mock exams and it was brilliant to see so many Year 11 parents at Year 11 Progress Evening last night. I have written to all Year 11 parents with an outline of the [full Summer Exam Timetable](#) and also some resources which can support students' revision over the holidays, including GCSE Pod.

I'd like to thank all parents who came along to the recent Symposium too and completed our termly survey—some of the highlights of which feature in this edition. Your voice and support continues to push us forward together.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents of children in Year 6 again to the Academy next month in our second Welcome Evening, such is the demand for places at JQA, and there is lots more to look forward to.

It was an honour and a privilege to host the 'gems' assembly today for those who continue to shine brightly at the Academy and see the 'golden ticket' Attendance prize draw for students. More highlights from this half term can be found on our social media.

**Students return for 8.30 on Tuesday 18th April 2023 in full school uniform. Have a brilliant break!**

**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/>

**17th April**—INSET Day (no students on site)

**18th April**—Students return to the Academy for 8.30

**24th April**—Year 10 exams start

**25th April**—Year 6 Welcome Evening 2

**1st May**—Bank Holiday Monday

**8th May**—King's Coronation (Bank Holiday)

**15th May**—GCSE exams and Year 9 Cumulative testing start

**26th May**—Break up for Half Term

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# COLLABORATION - Parent Voice

## Parent Survey and Symposium

Each term we host a Parent Symposium and encourage our parents to complete the termly survey.

These things help us to continue to develop the Academy and give parents a voice in that development.

Below are some highlights from the recent survey:

- **92.5% of parents agreed or strongly that their child is happy at the school.**
- **No parents disagreed with the statement: 'My child feels safe at this school.'**
- **No parents disagreed with the statement: 'The school makes sure its pupils are well-behaved.'**
- **93% of parents would 'recommend the school to another family.'**

## Parent Symposium

Our latest Parent Symposium gave all parents the opportunity to join virtually and listen to updates and developments from the Spring Term and hear about exciting developments ahead for the Summer Term and beyond.

[All parents can access a recording of this meeting by clicking the link here.](#)



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# COLLABORATION— F2D

A number of students from Year 7 to Year 11 worked with F2D, who are a company that work with schools to show students how the design and manufacture industry works.

During the session, students took part in different activities, in which they designed their own clothing range and get it manufactured .

We cannot wait to see the final product, which will feature in our next newsletter.



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# COLLABORATION - Speak Out Challenge

The “Speak Out” Challenge is the UK’s largest youth speaking competition, delivered by Speakers Trust.

The aim is to empower teenagers from all backgrounds to become strong communicators, raise confidence, improve employability and provide opportunities to connect with one another and the world. They believe these skills are needed more than ever.

Thirty students from Year 10 took part in the “Speak Out” Challenge to help them overcome their shyness, build relationships between students and increase student confidence.

Students are able to take part in the “Speak Out” Challenge competition, in which they will be able to compete in June 2023.

At the end of the session, many of the Year 10 students stated that they enjoyed the day and it helped them to understand the importance of the outcomes, which will contribute to GCSE Speaking and Listening in their forthcoming English exams in Year 11.





# COLLABORATION - Student Survey

Every term, we send out a survey to students to give us feedback of how the Academy is doing. We really value their views and their voice and encourage our students to submit their views via our Piota app.

Some particular highlights from the survey are:

- **90% of students would recommend this school to a friend who moved to the area.**
- **93% of students say that when bullying occurs, the staff deal with it really well.**
- **94.8% of students say that JQA encourages them to look after their emotional and mental health (i.e through tutor time/assemblies).**

Well done to Alfee for winning the prize draw, who selected a JQA hoodie from our Rewards Shop.



# COLLABORATION—Easter Clubs

Bring It On Brum offers some exciting opportunities during the holidays to do some fun activities and get some free lunch too!

There are still opportunities to sign up for clubs over the Easter holidays: we have an opportunity for [students to join the club at Fearless with a free lunch each day of the club too](#). If you would like to book for Domin8 in Handsworth, you can do this directly at: <https://bringitonbrum.coordinate.cloud/> and find other holiday clubs too.



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# COLLABORATION—Easter Half Term Offers



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING EASTER HALF TERM 2023

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### **ASDA CAFE**

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of Easter 2023

### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### **SAINSBURYS CAFES**

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main.

### **WHITBREAD INNS**

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### **PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE**

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### **TABLE TABLE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### **MORRISONS**

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### **BILLS**

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 3rd until Friday 14th April 2023

### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### **YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi with any adult £10 spend from April 3rd 2023

### **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### **TO BE CONFIRMED...**

M&S, Tesco and Farmhouse Inns

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# OPPORTUNITY— Opportunity Day 2

Opportunity Day 2 was held on Tuesday 7th of March., in which each year group took part in different opportunities throughout the day.

Year 7 students did community opportunity, where they were given a tour of Jewellery Quarter, connecting with the history and heritage of the quarter.

Year 8 students visited the Natural History Museum in London, where they took part in different activities through the day.

Year 9 students looked at the Collaboration value, with students working with external providers to build on the character traits with this CORE value.

Year 10 looked at post-16 providers and the different courses that are available. Students visited University College Birmingham and had a tour of the campus. A selection of students were invited to the School of Jewellery and the Clayton Hotel too.

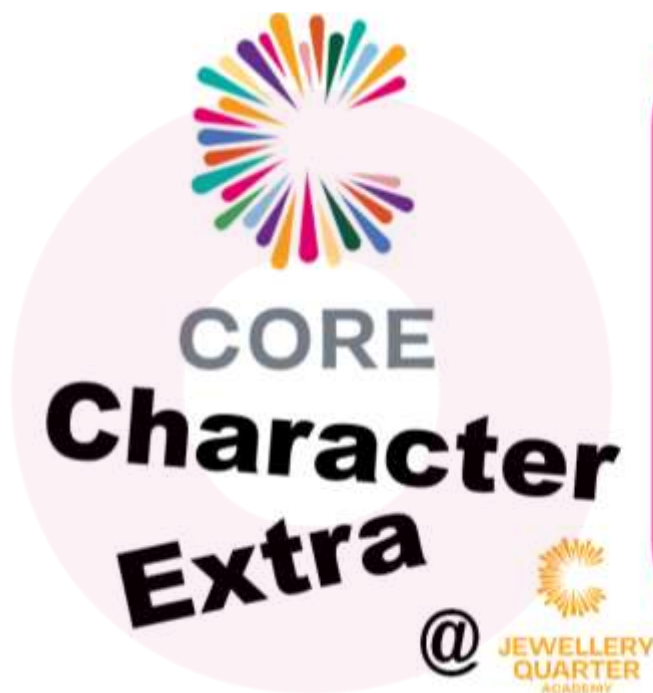




# OPPORTUNITY—CORE Extra Summer Term

CORE Extra Summer Term starts on the 18th April. The reason for CORE Extra is to give our students opportunities in other curriculum areas that they would not normally have and also build their character for life after Jewellery Quarter Academy.

Our sessions will range from Science core skills to Coding to Patisserie. These sessions will be running every Tuesday from 3.10pm to 4.10pm, unless otherwise notified.



**Develop your  
CORE character  
traits by regularly  
attending one of  
our CORE  
Character EXTRA  
sessions.**

**After school**

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# OPPORTUNITY— World Book Day

We opened the doors to the library again on World Book Day (2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023), a day that we value so much here at JQA as it gives the students the opportunity to receive a free book. This year we gave out around 80 free books to our students, some of which were kindly donated from The National Literacy Trust, as well as uploading the virtual voucher to our school teams groups to ensure that all students could obtain their free book from bookstores. The day was a great success, as students partook in library treasure hunt games to help them navigate their way around our expanded library shelves and finally got to see and experience the new library.

This term has seen the redevelopment of our lovely JQA library, with an expansion in physical size and pupil capacity, access to laptops, an array of Non-Fiction books to choose from and the most popular of all, four new chess boards kindly donated by Mr Barton himself. Our figures suggest that the expansion of our learning resource space has allowed for more students to take books out, play chess, use laptops for educational purposes and feel comfortable in a safe and friendly environment during their break and lunch times. From the records we keep for library usage, the average amount of students we see come through our new doors is around 70-75 from all cohorts. That is on average 18 students entering the library each break and each lunch time, four times a day.





# OPPORTUNITY— Careers Week

National Careers Week ran from Monday 6 March to Saturday 11 March. The aim is to help young people become more aware of career choices and make them excited about their future.

It can also inspire young people to think about what they can achieve and believe they can do anything they put their mind to.

It also opens doors to careers they may not know existed, by talking to external visitors about their career journey and teaching staff and what other jobs they may have had before teaching. By getting involved in careers week, the students build confidence and self-belief too.

Many departments ran virtual sessions by external providers to show the importance of careers within the curriculum.

On International Women's day we also had the pleasure of a lady called Kelly that came to discuss her career within the RAF and other roles that the girls at JQA didn't know existed, such as medicine, dentistry and catering.

I believe that it is vital to allow all students to have the opportunities to engage in careers as much as possible throughout their school life, to make them prepared for post 16 as we do at JQA.

Karen Barlow (Careers Advisor) [kbarlowcorejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:kbarlowcorejewelleryquarter.academy)



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# OPPORTUNITY— Birchfield Harriers

Our potential gold-medal athletes are progressing well with an exciting opportunity to work with elite athletics club, Birchfield Harriers.

This is part of a programme of social outreach from Knight Frank and identifying the next generation of local talent.

Some of our athletes will be training at the home of Birchfield Harriers and the venue for the Birmingham 22 Commonwealth Games, Alexander Stadium over the holidays.

Watch this space for more developments...



**BIRCHFIELD**



**HARRIERS**

**Knight  
Frank**



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# OPPORTUNITY— Year 6 Welcome Evening

Year 6 parents were invited to attend our first Welcome Evening on Tuesday the 14th of March. The evening was to give information to the new “gems” and their parents/carers about Jewellery Quarter Academy, which was delivered by our Headteacher, Mr Barton.

**Our next Welcome Evening is on Tuesday 25th April 2023 and we look forward to welcoming more families of Year 6 students who have been fortunate enough to gain a place for September 2023.**



# RESPECT Sessions

In Respect form time sessions, our students were given a reminder of the high expectations we have of their conduct outside of JQA and in the local Jewellery Quarter community. When our students wear our gold tie they represent the Academy and its CORE values. Excellence is expected here.

## The Jewellery Quarter Community



The Quarter contains one of Europe's largest concentration of manufacturing jewellers. Combining the very best of traditional craftsmanship with innovative designs and high-quality materials, they create beautifully crafted custom jewellery.

Home to a community of independent makers, a flourishing food and drink scene and a heritage that attracts visitors from far and wide; the Jewellery Quarter has established itself as a global destination.

It is our community, and  
you can be proud to be a  
member!!



RESPECT

Also in form time, our students learned all about acceptable use of social media, and how to stay safe and out of trouble when online. They also learned more about how to make sure they are following the law with regards to making and sharing pictures online. We have a responsive approach to this aspect of Personal Development, working with agencies like WMP and JQA BID where appropriate.

## Respect and social media use...



This session will focus on how we use social media and how to conduct ourselves in the right, respectful way in our relationships with others

Recently, there have been too many incidents of misuse of social media leading to arguments, upset and conflict between students

This needs to be addressed: Remember, excellence is expected here!

Bullying is the use of force, coercion, hurtful teasing or threat, to abuse, aggressively dominate or intimidate. The behavior is often repeated and habitual.

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# RESPECT Sessions

In form time, our JQA gems were learning about the origins of Ramadan, and were given helpful advice on how to help and support themselves and each other when fasting.

## Why do Muslims observe Ramadan?



Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

Ramadan is the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 5 pillars of Islam, basic acts in Islam, considered mandatory by believers, and are the foundation of Muslim life.

This year, Ramadan – the Islamic holy month – falls from around 22<sup>nd</sup> March to April 21<sup>st</sup>. This marks the time of the revelation of the Qur'an

Muhammad's first revelation was an event described in Islamic tradition as taking place in 610 AD, during which the Islamic prophet, Muhammad was visited by the angel Jibril, known as Gabriel in English, who revealed to him the beginnings of what would later become the Qur'an.

**RESPECT**

As students have broken up for Easter, it is very important to make sure you stay safe and also how to conduct yourself within the community. Our last Respect session of the term delivered this message and also what events and activities that are available during the Easter break on [bringitonbrum](https://www.bringitonbrum.com).

## How can we stay safe during the Easter holidays?

You now have a well deserved two week break for Easter

This session will just give you a few reminders of how to stay safe and conduct yourselves properly during the holiday



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## EXCELLENCE AT JQA— Student Parliament

At JQA, we are immensely proud of our shiniest gems and our Student Parliament team are excellent representatives of Team JQA. The Student Parliament meets regularly to discuss issues that affect our students, and work with staff to improve our provision constantly. They are the voice of our students.

Excellence is expected here at JQA, and that is what they deliver. We look forward to them reporting back again in the next edition on some of the impact of their actions so far this year.



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## EXCELLENCE AT JQA—100% Attendance Awards

Excellence at JQA includes having excellent attendance. If students are not in school, they miss out on vital learning. Each week this half term, students with 100% attendance have been given a raffle ticket to be posted in our special golden post box in reception. On Friday 31st March, the raffle draw was carried out, selecting a winner from each year group to win a special prize.



And the winners are:

Diamond Award: Sai Suhas Chunduri

### Gold Awards

Aisha Abdulqadir

Ummay-Haani Bibi

Yofta Bogale Tiruenh

Aleen Salih

Khair Mohammed

### Silver Awards

Osama Al-Salmon

Belro Lucau

Ranya Al-Sayed

Tyrae Thompson

Shaheim Mwase

### Bronze Awards

Naseemah Razzaq

Alphine Mbaloula

Neferkare Flash-Webb

Eva Raphael

Iter Yousef

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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 Year Group Coordinator 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 Year Group Coordinator are listed here.

Year 7 Miss S Mahey: [SMahey@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:SMahey@corejewelleryquarter.academy)

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Year 9 Miss T Ansell-Simms: [TSimms@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:TSimms@corejewelleryquarter.academy)

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Year 11 Mr G Christie: [GChristie@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:GChristie@corejewelleryquarter.academy)



If you would like to contact the Safeguarding team, email [safeguarding@jewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:safeguarding@jewelleryquarter.academy)



Miss Mahey



Mr Jarvis



Miss Ansell



Mr Henry



Mr Christie

## 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 JQA.



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# CONTACTING JQA

## Contacting Reception

**Our Reception remains open during the hours of 8am and 4pm.**

The most effective way to contact us is via email at  
[enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy)

This account is monitored every day over the Summer.

You are, of course, welcome to drop in to Reception anytime during office hours.

You can also call us on 0121 729 7220

## Reporting A Safeguarding Concern

If you would like to contact us with a specific concern over the summer , email;  
[safeguarding@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:safeguarding@corejewelleryquarter.academy)

Students can also complete a Sharp System referral for immediate support:

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



# STAYING IN TOUCH WITH JQA

## Academy Voicemail

We recently changed our phone system after feedback from parents/carers.

You have the option to leave a voice message on the Academy Voicemail by pressing **Option 2** 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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