

## Excellence Is Expected

Welcome to our Summer Term 1 Newsletter, it is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the academic year and when we return it will be the final 7 weeks of this year.

This half term has been short but none the less it has been just as busy. We have seen Year 11 start their GCSE Examinations, they have conducted themselves perfectly during this time and the positive atmosphere around their revision and exam engagement has been brilliant to see.

Year 10 have been involved in Speaking and Listening assessments in English and we have some profound topics on mental health, loneliness, life on Mars and the benefits of physical activity. Next half term they will have their work experience week and prepare for their mock examinations.

As you can see from the newsletter we continue to take part in numerous activities and experiences to provide our students with opportunities that will support them in the future and we look forward to more in the second half of this term.

Have a great half term break.

We welcome all students back on Monday 2nd June.

Mr Henshaw

### 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/>

**2nd June - Students return for 8.35am start**

2nd June - GCSE exams continues

17th June - Year 10 exams start

20th June - Year 11 Prom

23rd June - Year 10 Taster Day

4th July - Opportunity Day 3

7th July - Year 10 work experience (one week)

9th July - Year 10 Progress Evening

18th July - Break up for Summer

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Quarter Academy

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Birmingham

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# COLLABORATION- F2D

A group of students worked with F2D, who are a company that work with schools to show students how the design industry works.

Over the 4 week Summer Term 1, the students have learnt about product design, business planning, marketing, branding, teamwork and manufacturing.

The students also designed hoodies and you can see below their final designs:



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# COLLABORATION – Financial Support

## **Ladywood**

Ladywood - <http://ladywoodfoodbank.org.uk/>

Ladywood Foodbank – Labour of Love Ladywood Seventh-Day Adventist Church,  
13 Guild Close, St. Vincent Street West, Ladywood, Birmingham, B16 8RP

07767152291 10.00am-14.00pm

Email : lwfoodbanklabouroflove@ymail.com

## **Birmingham**

Birmingham - <https://birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk/>

Birmingham Central Foodbank, Birmingham City Church Parade

Birmingham, B1 3QQ.

0121 236 2997 (We distribute food parcels on: Tuesdays 9:30am -11:30am Fridays 10:00am-1:30pm).

Email: info@birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk

## **Aston & Nechells**

St Matthew's Church, 63 Wardlow Road, Nechells, Birmingham, B7 4JH.

0121 359 0801 (Open Mondays from 12.00pm-2.30pm).

## **Handsworth**

Handsworth Birmingham Foodbank, New Life Wesleyan Church, Holyhead Road

Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 0LA. Telephone - 0121 070 734. (Open Thursdays 1.00pm-3.00pm)

## **Sparkhill**

Units 20-21, Rovex Business Park, Hay Hall Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AQ. Telephone - 0121 7081398 (Open Tuesdays / Thursdays 10.00am-1.30pm).





# COLLABORATION- Places to eat



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2025

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



### ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

### ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

### BEEFEATER

2 kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

### BILLS

Kids Eat Free, weekdays, Mon 26th – Fri 30th May

### BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, Mon 26th – Fri 30th May

### BURGER KING

From 26th May - 1st June 2025.

Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

### COCONUT TREE

Kids Eat Free from Sun 25<sup>th</sup> May to Sun 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

### FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Friday  
23rd to Friday 30th of May. Sign Up Required

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

### MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

### MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

### PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

### SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

### TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

### WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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# COLLABORATION– Who to contact

As the school is closed for the half term, some will be worried about who they can contact when help is needed. Please find useful contacts for students and parents/carers:

NHS 111

ChildLine Call 08001111

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 and Email: [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk)

**If you are worried about a child (Birmingham Support)**

[Worried about a child](#) | [Birmingham Children's Trust \(birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk\)](#)

**Mental Health helplines:**

[Helplines and listening services - Mind](#)

[Kooth—Mental Health support service](#)

**Thinking of take your own life:**

If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINE247 for confidential support and practical advice. (24 hrs a day)

HOPE Line UK – 0800 068 4141 (call) or 078600399967 (text) or [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org) (email)

[Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention](#) | [Prevention of Young Suicide \(papyrus-uk.org\)](#)

**Homeless Shelter:** [Homelessness](#) | [The Salvation Army](#)



## **Do you need more information about Child Exploitation, online abuse and Grooming?**

Information for parents and carers - search:

[Parents and carers](#) | [CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

[Concerned about your child? \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

Do you want to report online abuse or exploitation?

[Reporting to CEOP \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

Need advice about having awkward conversations with your child or a young person?

[#AskTheAwkward - help to talk with your children about online relationships \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)



## **Worried about homelessness over the holidays?**

[Homelessness](#) | [Birmingham City Council](#)

[Homelessness - Birmingham Mind](#)

[I need accommodation now](#) | [I need accommodation now](#) | [Birmingham City Council](#)

[Shelter services in Birmingham](#) - [Shelter England](#)

Wishing all our students and families a very safe and happy term from Jewellery Quarter Academy Safeguarding Team



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# COLLABORATION- Expectations

As we enter the Summer 2 term it is important that key reminders of expectations are shared with all pupils and parents.

All pupils must arrive before 0835 each day.

Behaviour around the Academy is to be Ready, Respectful and Safe at all times.

Full Academy uniform is expected every day except days when pupils have PE.

Respectful behaviour is expected daily to and from the Academy.

Coats are not to be worn inside the Academy and uniform should look presentable at all times.

Equipment must include planner, black or blue pens, green pen, pencil and ruler.

No energy drinks, nuts or aerosols are permitted.



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# OPPORTUNITY– Opportunity Day 3

Opportunity Day 3 will be held on Friday 4th of July. Each year group will take part in different opportunities throughout the day.

Year 7 students will be going to Twycross Zoo.

Year 8 students will be going to Dudley Zoo.

Year 9 students will be taking part in Team Building activities throughout the day.

Year 10 students will be going to Joesph Chamberlain College for taster sessions.

Photos will be in our Summer 2 newsletter.



# OPPORTUNITY- KPMG

KPMG is a multinational professional services network, based in London, United Kingdom. As one of the Big Four accounting firms, along with Ernst & Young (EY), Deloitte, and PwC. KPMG is a network of firms in 145 countries with 275,288 employees, affiliated with KPMG International Limited, a private English company limited by guarantee.

KPMG has three lines of services: financial audit, tax, and advisory. Its tax and advisory services are further divided into various service groups. In the 21st century, various parts of the firm's global network of affiliates have been involved in regulatory actions as well as lawsuits.

Our ongoing partnership with KPMG allowed our Year 7 students to visit the head office and take part in National Numeracy Day activities. The students then had to present back to the group of which area they would spend the tax money on and why.

The students really enjoyed the half day at KPMG and had the opportunity to have a tour around the building.



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# OPPORTUNITY– Goldman Sachs

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. is an American multinational investment bank and financial services company. Founded in 1869, Goldman Sachs is headquartered in Lower Manhattan in New York City, with regional headquarters in many international financial centers. Goldman Sachs is the second-largest investment bank in the world by revenue and is ranked 55th on the *Fortune* 500 list of the largest United States corporations by total revenue. In the Forbes Global 2000 of 2024, Goldman Sachs ranked 23rd. It is considered a systemically important financial institution by the Financial Stability Board.

Our Year 10 students were invited to the offices of Goldman Sachs to take part in the Real Deal project, which students had to present their pitch to the employees on an APP design.

Twelve teams took part and the Year 10 girls group came runners up. Well done to all who took part in the competition.



# OPPORTUNITY– Art Trip

On Monday, 19th May 2025, a group of Year 9 and 10 students visited two renowned art galleries in London: Tate Britain and the National Portrait Gallery.

During their self-guided tour, students explored a wide range of artworks by celebrated artists and took the opportunity to sketch some of the pieces on display. Miss Mazzoni was incredibly proud of the students, praising their maturity, curiosity, and thoughtful engagement with the art.



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# RESPECT- VE Day

**Victory in Europe Day** is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War 2 of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May 1945; it marked the official surrender of all German military operations.

VE Day is celebrated across European nations as public holidays and national observances.

In the United Kingdom, although a major national event, VE Day is not an annual public holiday. In 1995 and 2020, the early May bank holiday was moved by the government from the preceding Monday to 8 May to commemorate the 50th and 75th anniversaries of VE Day, respectively.

This year is the 80th anniversary of VE Day and part of our respect session was showing the students of why VE Day is important to us.



## How was VE celebrated?

By the beginning of 1945, the German army had been weakened and defeat looked likely.

Tuesday 8 May, 1945, was an emotional day that millions of people had been waiting for.

Many people were extremely happy that the fighting had stopped and there were big celebrations and street parties.

Huge crowds - with lots of people dressed in red, white and blue - gathered outside Buckingham Palace in London.

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## Was VE Day the end of WWII?

Even though VE Day marked victory for Europe over Germany, it did not mark the end of World War Two.

In his VE Day announcement, Winston Churchill said: "We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing but let us not forget for a moment the toil and efforts that lie ahead."

Even after 8 May, many soldiers, sailors and pilots were sent to the east to fight against the Japanese, who had not yet surrendered.

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# RESPECT- PREVENT

Prevent is a key strategy in the UK's counter terrorism frameworks which CONTEST introduced following the 7/7 London terrorist attacks in 2005. Prevent aims to reduce the threat of terrorism by preventing people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It claims to be comprehensive in its aims to de-radicalise and rehabilitate vulnerable people.

Prevent is built on three core objectives:

- To tackle ideological causes of terrorism;
- To intervene early to support people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism; and
- To rehabilitate those who have engaged in terrorism activity.

Prevent emphasises early intervention to stop vulnerable or easily susceptible individuals in society from being drawn into extremist ideologies. However, there is no single model for someone's radicalisation journey, so bespoke interventions are vital to effectively reintegrate them back into wider societal ideas.

As part of our safeguarding, it was important to deliver a session on terrorism and how to see the warning signs. The session went through key terms and the difference between extremism, terrorism and radicalisation.



# EXCELLENCE AT JQA–Attendance

## Attendance Matters at Jewellery Quarter Academy

At Jewellery Quarter Academy, attendance and punctuality are at the heart of academic success. We believe that attendance is everybody's responsibility. We remind all students and parents that the academy day starts promptly at **8:30 am**, and arriving on time is crucial to ensure that students maximise their learning opportunities. Poor punctuality can have a significant impact on attendance and, ultimately, on students' progress.

We are delighted to report that **363 students currently have an attendance record of 98% or higher**, with an impressive **328 students maintaining 100% attendance** so far this term. Well done to all of you—this is a real achievement! Research strongly supports the link between attendance and academic success & outcomes.

What is a Persistently Absent & Severely Absent Student?

**Persistently Absent:** Students with **attendance below 90%**

**Severely Absent:** Students with **attendance below 50%.**

To celebrate and encourage excellent attendance, we've introduced several exciting initiatives:

**Introduction of a Breakfast Club:** The Breakfast Club opens at **7:45 am**, allowing students to come into the academy, have breakfast, and participate in activities such as table tennis and football.

**Attendance Cup:** We are excited to announce that the **Attendance Cup will be returning next half term!** This friendly competition encourages students to maintain high attendance, with prizes awarded to the winning form groups.

### Key Reminders and Updates

**Fixed Penalty Notices:** Please be reminded that **Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued in cases of unauthorised absence**. Unfortunately, some have already been issued this academic year, and we are keen to prevent further occurrences. We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring your child's consistent attendance and punctuality.

**Attendance and Rewards:** Attendance plays a key role in our **rewards system**, and students with excellent attendance have the opportunity to take part in **rewards trips and other incentives** throughout the year.

**Attendance Targets:** Our goal is for all students to achieve **97% or higher** attendance. Every student will be set a target of reaching **97% attendance for the remainder of the academic year**.



# EXCELLENCE AT JQA– Half Term revision

We are running extra intervention classes over the Half Term break to support the students.

<b>May Half Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 27th May</b>	<b>Thursday 29th May</b>	<b>Friday 30th May</b>
<b>9:00am-12:00pm</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Maths</b>

The following exams will be happening in Summer term 2:

Monday 2nd June - Higher Urdu Writing Paper 4 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Arabic Writing Paper 4 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Portuguese Listening Paper 1 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Portuguese Reading Paper 3 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Russian Listening Paper 1 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Russian Reading Paper 3 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Persian Listening Paper 1 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Persian Reading Paper 3 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Punjabi Listening Paper 1 (Afternoon exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Punjabi Reading Paper 3 (Afternoon exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Punjabi Listening Paper 1 (Afternoon exam)  
 Tuesday 3rd June– Higher Punjabi Reading Paper 3 (Afternoon exam)  
 Wednesday 4th June— Maths Paper 2 (Morning exam)  
 Wednesday 4th June— Health and Social Care (Afternoon exam)  
 Thursday 5th June— History Paper 2 (Morning exam)  
 Thursday 5th June— French Paper 4 (Afternoon exam)  
 Friday 6th June— English Language Paper 2 (Morning exam)  
 Friday 6th June— Geography Paper 2 (Afternoon exam)  
 Monday 9th June— Biology Paper 2 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 10th June— Higher Spanish Paper 1 Listening (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 10th June— Higher Spanish Paper 3 Reading (Morning exam)  
 Wednesday 11th June— Maths Paper 3 (Morning exam)  
 Thursday 12th June— Geography Paper 3 (Morning exam)  
 Thursday 12th June—Hospitality and Catering (Afternoon exam)  
 Thursday 12th June— Higher Punjabi Paper 4 Writing (Afternoon exam)  
 Thursday 12th June—Higher Russian Paper 4 Writing (Afternoon exam)  
 Friday 13th June—Chemistry Paper 2 (Morning exam)  
 Friday 13th June—Higher Polish Paper 4 Writing (Afternoon exam)  
 Friday 13th June—Higher Portuguese Paper 4 Writing (Afternoon exam)  
 Friday 13th June—Higher Persian Paper 4 Writing (Afternoon exam)  
 Monday 16th June—Physics Paper 2 (Morning exam)  
 Tuesday 17th June— Higher Spanish Paper 4 Writing (Morning exam)



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

8 Miss S Gardener: [SGardener@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:SGardener@corejewelleryquarter.academy)

Year 9 Mr R Henderson: [RHenderson@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:RHenderson@corejewelleryquarter.academy)

Year 10 Miss C Whittaker: [CWhittaker@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:CWhittaker@corejewelleryquarter.academy)

Year 11 Mr C Tennant: [CTennant@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:CTennant@corejewelleryquarter.academy)

Year



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

If you have an urgent safeguarding issue, you can call our Designated Safeguarding Lead on 0121 779 7220—option



Mr Christie



Miss Gardener



Mr Henderson



Miss Whittaker



Mr Tennant

## STAYING IN TOUCH WITH JQA

### Academy Voicemail

You have the option to leave a voice message on the Academy Voicemail by pressing **Option 1** 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.

### Academy E-mail

Please email [enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy](mailto:enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy) and your email will be assessed by the admin team throughout the day and sent to the relevant staff member.



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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/>



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