

Looking Ahead With Optimism

Thank you for your support this term and throughout this year. It has been another year of progress for Jewellery Quarter Academy: we have solidified our partnerships to give our students more opportunities and that was highlighted last night at our Summer Showcase with performances. Thank you to parents who came along and enjoyed the concert.

This week has been all about recognition and rewards. It was my pleasure to host the 'golden ticket' attendance raffle this morning and reward our 'gold as gold' students and those 'true gems' who have brilliant attendance and conduct.

This edition captures the highlights from this Summer Term. September will feel slightly different as we help our new staff to settle in to the next stage JQA's journey. I have outlined the new staff joining the team for September in this edition.

Parent feedback is really important and it has been encouraging to read in our survey that 96.2% of respondents would recommend JQA to another family.

I look forward to seeing our Year 11 students again for Results Day on Thursday 24th August 2023.

As we look ahead to September, I would like to draw parents' attention to the range of holiday clubs on offer via Bring It On Brum. We have also emailed parents a unique code for their [Class Charts account](#) which will be important in September. We would ask that all parents set up their accounts over the holidays – get in touch with us if you require support.

We begin for Autumn Term on Tuesday 5th September and I will communicate more details of the summer of start times. All parents should ensure their child has [correct uniform and PE kit for the start of the next academic year](#). I wish you all a restful and safe 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/>

August 24th—GCSE Results Day

September 5th—Students return to JQA

September 12th—CORE Extra begins again

September 18th—Student Parliament Elections begin

October 11th—Open Evening (17:00-20:00)

October 16th—Open Morning begins (Year 6)

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Quarter Academy**

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COLLABORATION—Student Parliament

The Student Parliament is a group of elected students from each form within each year group and in the past the Student Parliament has been responsible for various implementations that have met the needs of students within the Academy, providing students with a voice in the school.

We have advocated and have been responsible for **increasing the duration of break and lunch times** as well as the **provision of sporting equipment during leisure time activities**. As we approach the

end of another academic year at Jewellery Quarter Academy, it is important to note the implementations made to the school due to the involvement and a collaborative effort made by the Student Parliament and the Senior Leadership Team.



The Student Parliament has been responsible for various implementations this academic year, particularly being huge advocates for the establishment of **prayer rooms** which facilitates students with access to areas where they may desire to pray during break and lunch periods. The Student Parliament also pushed for the **expansion of the Library** increasing the capacity and therefore allowed for more students to have more access to the Library at once where students can participate in competitions, (such as drawings for World Book day). Whilst Year 11 were in the school, the Student Parliament also pushed for Year 11 to have more access to revision materials and facilities as well as focused study sessions during the exam period therefore enabling for students to become more confident before entering the examination. The Student Parliament has also been responsible for **providing more access to more toilet facilities during break and lunch periods** reducing the waiting periods originally experienced when students desired to go to the ground floor toilets and more recently collaborated with the Senior Leadership team to have a **non-school uniform** day for students on Friday 21st of July.

Thank you for reading about collaborative efforts made by the Student Parliament and I hope you have a wonderful joyful summer.

Ifesinachi Chinwuko (Head Boy 2022-2023)

The new Student Parliament leaders have been appointed and will be announced in September and elections will also take place.



COLLABORATION—Class Charts

Class Charts is an app that gives parents and students access to their own personal data dashboard, providing information on attendance, positives logged and negatives logged.

It will be the only way that JQA communicates this information to parents from September.

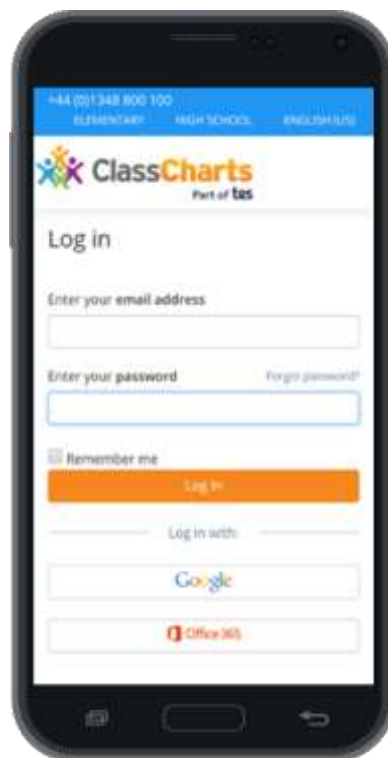
We have sent an email to parents containing their child's unique code for Class Charts. All parents should set up their account at <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>

Over the Summer, we would like all parents to have set up their account, ready for their child to return to JQA on Tuesday 5th September.

If you have not received an email, we will reach out to you via telephone over the holidays to give you your unique code and help you to set up your Class Charts account.

Reception will also be open from 8am—4pm on weekdays and staff will be available to support the set-up.

We will also be continuing to run our drop-in 'Coffee Mornings' in September and any parents struggling to access their Class Charts account, are welcome to drop in for support from pastoral staff.



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COLLABORATION—Jay Williams (Hoodrich)

This term, JQA had the pleasure of welcoming Jay Williams, founder of the popular clothing brand Hoodrich into the Academy to speak to our Year 10 business students.

Jay Williams's story is "From Nothing To Something" and since 2014, Hoodrich has grown from a bedroom, one-manned venture to an international operation. Jay Williams is born and raised in Birmingham and chose to turn his passion for underground streetwear, coupled with his musical influences and sartorial knowledge, into a business.

Hoodrich clothing brand is having an increased presence in the USA and Europe .

Jay gave a fascinating and insightful talk to our Business Studies students and focussed on how to be successful in creating and running your own business, something many of our gems might be interested in doing themselves in the future.



COLLABORATION—Year 6 Transition Day

This term also saw us welcome to the Academy the Year 6 students who will soon be joining us in September as the new Year 7 intake.

This proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the staff and students, as they were able to experience baking in the DT department, making some artwork and having a short induction into what it means to be a JQA 'gem'

A notable highlight was the singing of the JQA 'school song', co-written by some of our own students!

Parents of new Year 7 students are welcome to drop-in over the Summer to Reception.



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OPPORTUNITY— Bring It On Brum

The Summer holidays bring a lot of opportunities for our students to get involved in local clubs via the Bring It On Brum programme.

Activities include sports, dance, arts, crafts and music and all clubs offer children a free lunch too.

More information is in this letter here: <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/Bring-it-on-Brum-Summer-2023-Letter.pdf> and families can start booking their children into clubs by going to <https://bringitonbrum.coordinate.cloud/>

Our unique sign up code is: 3304016.



OPPORTUNITY— JQ Festival

The annual Jewellery Quarter Festival takes place on Saturday 22nd July. It would be brilliant if students and families could attend some of the festivities and take part in some of the activities.

A full programme of events is here: <https://jewelleryquarter.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/JQ-Festival-23-Programme-Online-1.pdf>

We look forward to seeing some of our families there!



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OPPORTUNITY— Trip to France

In June, a group of our gems had the amazing opportunity to go on a residential trip to Northern France, organised by Miss Atoini and the MFL department.

The students were able to have a wide range of experiences, from visiting the beautiful beaches, to baking bread in a local organic bakery.

The students and staff accompanying them all had a wonderful time and this is the kind of exciting opportunity we want to provide for our students, to broaden their horizons and develop their character.



OPPORTUNITY— Opportunity Day 3

Thursday 22nd June was Opportunity Day 3, and students were able to experience a wide variety of opportunities both in and out of the academy.

One of the highlights was the Year 9 trip to the beach at Weston Super-Mare, where they were able to play on the beach and in the water, visit the pier attractions and get fish and chips together!

A group of students also enjoyed a trip to the Harry Potter Studios.

We also had students taking part in fascinating and informative sessions based in school such as STEM and religion and culture.



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OPPORTUNITY—Lion King Performance

This term, a small group of talented gems were able to take part in the Birmingham Hippodrome HEN project showcase, where they were able to create and perform for an audience their own interpretation of the classic Lion King song 'I Just Can't Wait To Be King'.

It was great to see so many of our gems up on stage under the lights giving amazing performances, and we hope to see some of them on stage again in the future!



OPPORTUNITY—LionHeart Challenge

The LionHeart Challenge is a practical learning experience Enterprise Programme for all ages, which has been delivered to over 500,000 school pupils in the past 20 years. It is a high energy and high impact Business Challenge, run in a period of one working day and delivered by highly skilled and dedicated Business Coaches.

Our Year 10 gems had the opportunity to take part in this program, in which they had to come up with a business idea and then present this to the rest of the other students and the judges.

It was great to see students working in groups and being competitive with one another.

Prizes were given out to individuals and well done to the winning team of delivering a great pitch.



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OPPORTUNITY—Summer Showcase

The Summer Show was our second show for the academic year and was held at Jewellery Quarter Academy. It was an opportunity to showcase our gems' talents, with the help of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

The Summer Showcase had singing, dancing and musical instruments from all different year groups. Family and friends also had the opportunity to hear our school song ahead of it being sung at the opening of every assembly in September.



RESPECT—Refugee Week

At the end of June, we marked Refugee Week with a series of assemblies and form time activities highlighting the difficulties and challenges faced by the vast numbers of refugees around the world being displaced by war, famine or natural disaster.

In form time, our gems designed their own 'circles of compassion' based around messages of empathy and support for refugees. We are proud to be a 'Refugee Welcome' school.



RESPECT—Thank a Teacher Day

It has become a brilliant tradition at JQA to take some time to celebrate the national Thank A Teacher Day, where students are given the opportunity to write down personal messages of thanks and appreciation for the staff members across the school who they feel have made a difference for them.

The students wrote messages of thanks on 'gold stars' for the staff they felt have taught them high quality lessons, have helped them with issues or just been there for them.

This celebration demonstrates the respect our students have for the staff and allows them to show their gratitude with our CORE values in action.



RESPECT—NHS Anniversary

All across the UK we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the formation of the NHS on the 5th July.

Students from all year groups heard an assembly celebrating the immeasurable contributions made by the men and women working in the NHS over those 75 years to provide high quality healthcare for all.

Students were also given information about how further education providers such as UCB (who JQA has formed a fantastic partnership with) can help our gems pursue careers in the NHS in the future.



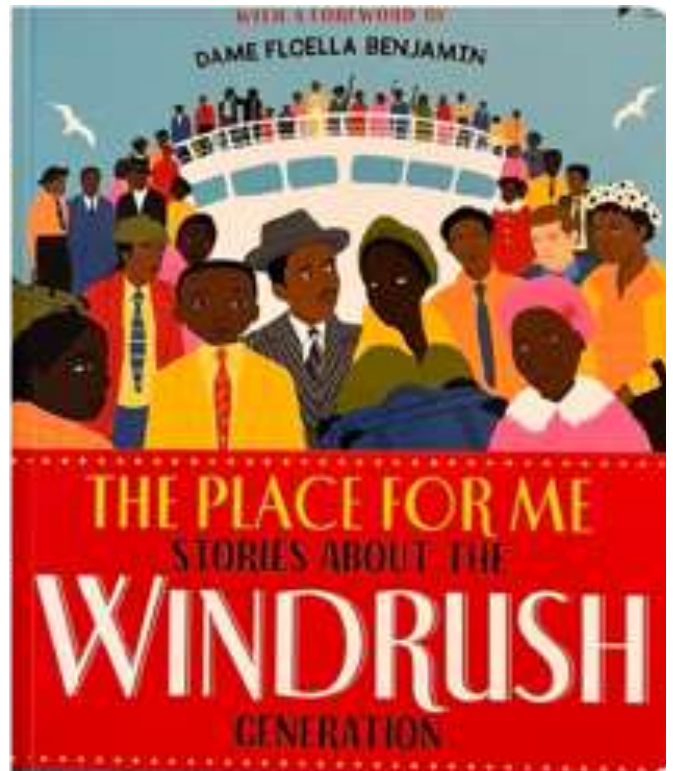
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RESPECT—Windrush Day

Thursday 22nd June was Windrush Day across the UK, and JQA took some time during the week to recognise and celebrate the achievements and sacrifices made by the 'Windrush Generation' who came to Britain following the Second World War.

Students read extracts from the book 'The Place for me: stories about the Windrush Generation' during their in-class 'guided reading' sessions.

Our work was also shared by famous Brummie comedian, Lenny Henry.



RESPECT—E-Safety

The National Online Safety organisation would like to highlight a new social media platform called 'WAPP' (previously known as Slay). This platform allows members to make anonymous polls but can be easily misused by young people to spread mean or malicious content about each other.

We would like our parents to be aware of this platform and that it could be used in a negative and harmful way. [For more tips on keeping your child safe online, please visit our website.](#)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WAPP

Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay' in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as 'Who is the nicest person?') and shown four people from their school to choose from. All users from a school can appear in the poll, not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous – but does offer clues to reveal who selected you for each question.

AGE RESTRICTION
12+
on the App Store
Everyone on Google Play

LIBRARY

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FAKE ACCOUNTS

There is no verification when signing up to W App. Once someone joins, they can see all users at their school and add them if they wish. Users provide their name, gender, school and grade – but are also able to change these (aside from their name) at will. This concerned our expert: predators could potentially keep attempting to build connections with children at different schools.

PROFILE OVERSHARING

Young people tend to have multiple social media accounts, so it's vital their identity is protected online. By default, W App shows someone's school and grade, while users choose whether to share their full name, photo and other social accounts. Most people appear to accept this – making it easier for someone to build up a picture of who they are, what they enjoy and where they go to school.

SPAMMING CONTACTS

The app's activity feed notifies a user when they have been put forward for a poll. They're then given the option to reveal the name of the person who nominated them, by inviting a friend to join the app. The friend doesn't have to sign up, but they will receive a 'got the app now' text, followed by a link. This process could result in texts being continuously sent to a child's contacts.

CATFISHING RISKS

As well as invented fake accounts, users could also sign up and pretend to be someone else from their school. By joining under another person's name (possibly with their photo), they can take part in polls while misrepresenting as that other person. Some polls take an attention or crush, which – if deliberately misused by imposters – could result in misunderstandings and embarrassment for teens.

SUBSCRIPTION COSTS

W App is free to download and use, but there is also a 'gold membership' package (costing £8.99 per week) available. Subscribing allows users to reveal the names of people who selected them in polls (defeating the point of it being an anonymous app), gives unlimited hints and offers exclusive 'guy modes' – all of which may tempt a curious young user into spending their money.

REPEATED USE

Like most other social media platforms, W App wants users to log in regularly. Every time someone nominates a set of 12 polls, they earn virtual coins. These can be cashed in for perks such as being included in random polls (so that more users will see them) or adding their name to 'trash' another poll. This may not seem much of an incentive currently, but they may enter as the app evolves.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS FRIEND REQUESTS

Talk to your child about the risk of sharing their other social accounts, especially on anonymous platforms where there is no verification – as a user could be anyone. If someone they don't normally talk to at school approaches your child via W App and suggests connecting on TikTok, Snapchat or Instagram, emphasise that it's safest to confirm it with that person face to face before accepting or replying.

BE MINDFUL OF REJECTION

The polls in W App are designed to be complimentary rather than negative. However, never being nominated or picked by their peers could leave a child – especially a status-conscious teen – feeling ignored and isolated. If you think that W App is having this effect on your child, it might be time for a supportive reminder that social media doesn't reflect someone's true worth or popularity.

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

It's crucial that trusted adults regularly remind children about the importance of not sharing too much of their personal information online (and demonstrate it on their own social accounts, where possible). W App automatically displays the user's school on their profile – but if your child does want to use the app, you can advise them to only enter their first name and not to upload an image of their face.

DO SOME 'APP ADMIN'

Before letting your child download W App, you may want to (via their device's settings) disable the option to make in-app purchases (£4.99 per week for the subscription can soon mount up). Likewise, if a friend's use of W App is causing your child to be inundated with texts inviting them to sign up too, you could suggest asking that friend to stop selecting your child's name from their contacts list.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Holliman is an online safety specialist, advocate and researcher who has delivered and engineered and building and cyber safety policies for schools. She has also written various research reports and national guidance for the education government alongside her own use and testing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: [https://www.nos.org.uk/resources/parents-and-carers/parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-wapp/](#)

RESPECT—Summer Food Offers



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

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

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

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

TRAVELODGE

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

HUNGRY HORSE

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

PREMIER INN

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

SIZZLING PUBS

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

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 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

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

WHITBREAD INNS

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

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

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Sports Day

Our gems demonstrated their sporting Excellence at this year's Sports Day, held on Tuesday 18th July at Tipton Sports Academy

We all give a massive thank you to all staff, students and Year 11 helpers for their excellent contributions to making this a fantastic day for students!

The winning forms were 7CAL, 8CWI and 9AST. A big congratulations to 8CWI for retaining the overall Sports Day title for the second year in a row!



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EXCELLENCE is expected here—New Appointments

As a new term begins, we say goodbye to the members of the team and welcome new members to the team for the next stage of JQA's journey.

We are proud to be 'fully staffed' for September, despite the national challenges around teacher recruitment and retention.

We welcome the following new staff to the team and we will give our students some key information about their new teachers in the first assembly back in September:

Mr B Bissell—Assistant Headteacher (Geography Teacher)

Miss G Bains—Assistant Headteacher (Maths Teacher)

Mr A Mirza—Head of Maths

Mr K Hess—Head of Science

Miss E Belcher—Assistant Head of Humanities

Miss S Landa—Science Teacher

Mr S Ahmed—Teacher of Science

Mr R Adigun—Teacher of Maths

Mrs A Bowater—Teacher of English

Mr J Sprintall—KS3 Phase Leader (Science Teacher)

Mr J Bahra—Teacher of DT

Mr L Packer—Teacher of Science

Miss S Deshi—Teacher of Humanities

All our new staff have been given a full induction, including a tour of our community and we will continue to support their transition to Team JQA in September.

We are very excited by our new appointments and we are looking forward to them helping our students to shine!

EXCELLENCE AT JQA—CORE Leaders of Tomorrow

Our amazing CORE Leaders of Tomorrow project participants were able to professionally record their speeches in Birmingham City centre in June.

Our CORE LoT gems tackled all kinds of important societal issues and wrote speeches that were personal, passionate, mature and thought provoking. A massive well done to them all!



One of our CORE LoT students showed the maturity and confidence to deliver his speech during an important staff CPD session to inspire staff.

Cody's speech, emphasising the importance of kindness and family was delivered with power and poise in front of a room full of teaching staff.

A brilliant feat and a shining example of the CORE value of Excellence!



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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.



We saw some students win Smart Watches, Echo speakers, power banks and other prizes to reward them for their strong attendance this term.

Attendance will remain an Academy priority in Autumn term as we want more students to attend every day.

For all Attendance enquiries, please get in touch with Mrs Wilkinson
swilkinson@corejewelleryquarter.academy



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CONTACTING JQA OVER SUMMER

Contacting Reception

Our Reception remains open during the hours of 8am and 4pm on weekdays

The most effective way to contact us is via email :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, particularly for support in setting up your Class Charts account.

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

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 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 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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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 's cohort 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.

New Year 7 Mr A Henry: ahenry@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 8 Miss S Mahey: smahey@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 9 Miss E Egerton: eegerton@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 10 Mr C Tennant: ctennant@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 11 Mr G Christie: GChristie@corejewelleryquarter.academy



Mr Henry



Miss Mahey



Miss Egerton



Mr Tennant



Mr Christie

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We communicate via text message so it is very important that the Academy has up to date contact details for you.

We will also share information with parents via Class Charts from September and we would encourage all parents to set up their account with their child's unique code at: <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login> or downloading the Class Charts app.



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