

JQA is a 'good' school.

Firstly, thank you for all your support this year. It has been a year of significant progress for the JQA community and all connected to it. [Our recent Ofsted inspection validated this progress and JQA is officially a 'good' school.](#) This edition of the newsletter captures some of the reasons why Ofsted have come to this judgement: everyone working together, the fantastic opportunities available to our students, the harmony, unity and respect in this community and, of course, our relentless pursuit of excellence.

As we look back on a landmark year in the school's history, we also always look ahead—excellence is about always trying to be better. We have a full staff team for September with some exciting appointments in a range of subjects. I look forward to introducing them to students on Tuesday 6th September. I'd also like to thank the community for their ongoing confidence in us. This is reflected in the fact we will welcome more Year 7 students than ever before in September. [I'm sure they will have a fantastic experience at Summer School next week.](#)

Safety over the Summer is vital—do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any additional support (see back page).

I'm excited to celebrate with Year 11 on Results Day on 25th August and seeing more celebrations together. I will be in touch with arrangements for the return to JQA on Tuesday 6th September. It is important parents ensure their child is ready with [full uniform and equipment](#), including PE kit for their first day back...ready to shine.

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/>

Mon 25th July 2022—Year 6/7 Summer School starts

Thurs 25th August 2022—Year 11 Results Day ([see letter online](#))

Mon 5th September 2022—Staff Training Day

Tues 6th September 2022—All students return to JQA—letter to be put on our website with specific details and timings ahead of the return date.

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COLLABORATION—Student Parliament

We've been having our very own Leadership Contest at JQA this term and it is safe to say that the standard is significantly better than elsewhere ...

After a rigorous process of applications and interviews, we are delighted to announce that Ife, Lamrot, Altamont and Aivah-Mae make up a new student leadership team who will lead our new student parliament next year.

Before heading on their end of term Rewards trip, our new Student Leaders checked out the new Student Parliament space at The Joint Works.



COLLABORATION—CORE Leaders of Tomorrow

Congratulations to Ife in Year 10 who is a CORE leader of tomorrow, his call for equality and social justice was a powerful and inspiring piece and we were delighted to see his achievements celebrated by Goldman Sachs this term.

You can watch Ife's inspiring video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3WHGbfclcg>



COLLABORATION—Year 11 Leavers' Lunch

We said goodbye to our Year 11 this term, it was an emotional last day, but it was also filled with smiles and celebrations at our Year 11 Leavers' Lunch.

The Senior Leadership Team served lunch to all our students who enjoyed the occasion immensely.



COLLABORATION—Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11s haven't had the easiest of times whilst studying for their GCSEs: lockdowns and COVID 19 have seen to that. But they have been unwavering in their determination and commitment to ensure nothing holds them back from achieving excellence. Last week, we celebrated them completing Year 11 with their prom at a local football ground in Small Heath.

Every single one of them looked dapper in their suits and dresses and we look forward to celebrating with them all over again in the summer when they collect their exam results on 25th August. A letter inviting them to the Results Day is now on our website and has been emailed to all parents: <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/20th-July-Year-11-results-day-letter.pdf>



COLLABORATION— Year 6 Transition Day

This term we welcomed our new cohort of Year 7s into the school for their Transition Day and it was certainly a great opportunity for them to show off some of their creative skills. In true JQA style, students created gem-shaped biscuits and Jewellery Quarter inspired postage stamps. A lovely reminder to us of how precious our newest gems are ...

Additionally, students were also wowed by the brilliance of Mr Dowe who delighted the students with his scientific wizardry!

We look forward to welcoming all our new students to JQA on Tuesday 6th September.



COLLABORATION—COREUs

In the week beginning 27th June, students participating in the COREUs choir took part in a schedule of live performances at each of the four CORE academies, culminating in a full concert at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire on the 29th of June. The evening choir performance included students from other schools and individuals from many professional organisations who joined the live band onstage for a fantastic show. All guests (including members of our own SLT) thoroughly enjoyed the show and were thrilled with the energy and talent on display.

[Some video of the event can be seen by clicking here.](#)



COLLABORATION—Financial Support This Summer

We will be in touch with families w/c 25th July to support with food vouchers over the Summer.

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 9:30 -11:30 Fridays 10:00-13:30).

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 12.00-14.30pm).

Handsworth

Handsworth Birmingham Foodbank, New Life Wesleyan Church, Holyhead Road

Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 0LA. Telephone - 0121 070 734. (Open Thursdays 13.00pm-15.00pm)

Sparkhill

Units 20-21, Rovex Business Park, Hay Hall Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AQ. Telephone - 0121 7081398 (Open Tuesdays / Thursdays 10.00am-13.30pm).



COLLABORATION—Financial Support This Summer

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend from 25th July - 4th Sept 2022

FUTURE INNS

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

TABLE TABLE

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

YO! SUSHI

Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until 1st September 2022

THE REAL GREEK

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

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

From June 27th kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend

MARKS & SPENCER CAFE

Likely But Not Yet Announced

WHITBREAD INNS

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

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

BELLA ITALIA

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

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

PRETO

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

FARMHOUSE INNS

Likely But Not Yet Announced

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COLLABORATION—Activities For Families

As well as the Commonwealth Games this summer, there are lots of activities for families to get involved in around the city centre.

Galleries

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery - Chamberlain Sq, Birmingham B3 3DH

(Open from 10.00am-17.00pm).

Lapworth Museum of Geology - Aston Webb Building, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT

(Open from 10.00am-17.00pm)

Ikon Gallery - 1 Oozells St, Birmingham B1 2HS

(Open from 11.00am-17.00pm).

The Library of Birmingham - Centenary Sq, Broad St, Birmingham B1 2EA

(Open from 11.00am-17.00pm).



Parks

Cannon Hill Park - Russell Rd, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8RD

(Open from 07.30-21.00).

Woodgate Valley Country Park - Clapgate Ln, Bartley Green, Birmingham B32 3DS (Open from 10.30-16.00pm).

Sandwell Valley Country Park - Salter's Ln, West Bromwich B71 4BG

(Open from 10.00-16.30pm).

Events

Birmingham Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival 15th July - 24th July

Simmer Down Festival 22nd August

Moseley Folk and Arts Festival 2nd -4th September

We also wanted to include some handy sites that students can access, such as.

Child line

They have a great website for students to sign up to access lots of information, you can create an online journal and speak with 1-1 councillors. (www.childline.org.uk).

Forward Thinking Birmingham

Mental health partnership (<https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/>).

Kooth

Mental Health and Well-being (<https://www.kooth.com/>).

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OPPORTUNITY— Common Ground Project

Four students in Year 10 had the opportunity to attend the Common Ground Youth Summit at the University of Birmingham on Wednesday 13th July. This event was attended by students from schools all over the Birmingham area. The students were able to hear speeches and attend seminar workshops where they discussed topics such as how to get their voices heard, how to use sport as a way of improving mental health and wellbeing, and how to diversify the curriculum in schools. They were also able to meet and talk to several special guests, such as Haseebah Abdullah, the UK's first Hijab wearing boxing coach.

You can watch the full video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ng7QZtZoZDs>



OPPORTUNITY— A Royal Visit

It is not everyday you get to visit a member of the Royal Family, but that's just what some of our CCF students did this term as they engaged in a spot of archery with The Earl of Wessex.

As part of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games legacy, the awards scheme has partnered with the group Gen22 to provide employability opportunities for young people across the West Midlands.

We are delighted to tell you that our students served with honour and distinction and were all thrilled to be given such an amazing opportunity.

We are hoping many of our current Year 7s will join the contingent as they move into Year 8 in Autumn.



OPPORTUNITY— Wimbledon

Staff and students at JQA were given the incredible opportunity to watch some of the world's best tennis players strut their stuff at Wimbledon this year. Team JQA soaked up the atmosphere of the historic venue and were treated to some phenomenal sportsmanship. We believe our students can do anything at JQA, and we hope to see some of our students on Centre Court one day ...



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OPPORTUNITY—The Brilliant Club

'Oxford University is for you!' That was the inspirational message our students saw when they visited St Johns College at Oxford University this term as a select group of students graduated from The Brilliant Club.

We believe in excellence in everything we do at JQA, and our students conducted themselves fantastically in one of the world's finest educational establishments. We look forward to the day, in the not-so-distant future when one of our students graduates from Oxford.



OPPORTUNITY—Home Court Basketball Film

Our future basketball stars were given the opportunity to see the premiere of the Home Court Basketball Documentary in Digbeth this term. Our youngsters are committed to being the very best at everything they do and it was great to see them at the event listening to and learning from the inspirational story of Myles Hesson—a local lad who is part of the [3 x 3 Team GB basketball team at Birmingham 22](#).



OPPORTUNITY—Cadets and D of E

JQA works closely with the Combined Cadet Force and The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme to ensure that not only do our students have opportunities inside school, but also outside of school too. We were delighted to see so many of our current Year 7 students sign up to take part in both programmes this term. These amazing life experiences will develop students CORE character to shine even brighter!



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RESPECT— JQA Heritage Club

The students involved in our Friday afternoon Heritage club with Governor Josie Wall and Archaeologist Ian Mackey had two fantastic sessions over the past couple of weeks. Firstly, students had the opportunity to take part in a real archaeological dig, helping to excavate the remnants of an old grave site that had been buried over many years. Then, students took part in an Art workshop with special guest, artist Saranjit Birdi where they designed a piece of artwork around the theme of war and conflict, that will be included in an exhibition in Coventry in November this year. Students behaved impeccably throughout and produced some fantastic work, showing respect to our community's history and heritage.



RESPECT— Srebrenica Memorial Week

This term, all students at JQA had an assembly to mark Srebrenica Memorial Week, which runs from the 4th to the 11th of July. Selma, a JQA alumnus and British-born Bosnian, led the poignant assemblies, as she led on the theme of 'Combatting Denial: Challenging Hatred'. At JQA, we are a school that respects and welcomes everyone from all faiths and all nationalities, we believe in educating our students to ensure they work towards building a better tomorrow.



RESPECT— Commonwealth Games 2022

At JQA, we are proud to celebrate our community and we are thrilled that Birmingham will host the Commonwealth Games this year. Our Year 7 students have been designing official gifts for the athletes alongside Craftspace, a group of innovative craft makers.



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RESPECT— Hometown Heroes

JQA students were visited by Josie Nelson, who will represent Team England in the road race as part of the British Cycling team in the Commonwealth Games and Salma Bi BEM, a grassroots cricket champion to celebrate Birmingham 22 beginning shortly.



RESPECT— Refugee Week 2022

JQA is proud to be a refugee school where all students and staff are welcomed, respected, and treated with equality and respect. We have students who speak over 40 different languages at the school and this term we celebrated Refugee Week where our gems designed posters on the theme of equality with the poignant message that “we have more in common than that which divides us”. [We also saw Birmingham Mail published Sayed’s story of how he arrived in the UK to escape the Taleban. You can read it here.](#)



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RESPECT— Windrush

At JQA we firmly believe in the transformative power of knowledge. We want our students to go out into their communities and create a better world and as a part of their respect sessions they have been learning about the Windrush generation and the British Empire, for many learning more about their roots.



EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Ofsted Celebrations

Everything we do at JQA, we do for our wonderful students and community, who deserve the very best. The school was recently observed by Ofsted over a two-day period, and we are delighted to say that Ofsted rated us as a ‘good’ school.

The inspectors praised our “ambitious curriculum” and the “friendly respect between staff and students”.

We are of course delighted to have the hard work of our staff and students recognised, but we see this ‘good’ judgement as only the start of our journey as we endeavour to provide this community with the very best education possible.

We will always continue to improve the Academy as we want the best for our students.

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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— Year 9 Cricket

Our Year 9 boys secured an impressive 40 run victory over Aston Manor this term in their first ever cricket match. The boys demonstrated excellence throughout as they put their rivals to the sword in a thrilling encounter.

Excellence is expected here.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— Teach Chemistry

The Science Department at JQA is proud to announce a special collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry who will be supporting our school to deliver inspirational chemistry teaching across Years 7-11. Mr Dowe and his team are relentless in their pursuit of scientific excellence, and we are honoured as a school to be making these links with some of the world's best science providers.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA— School Library

During the second half of the summer term, the library has been busier than ever! With brand new books, games, and a comfy beanbag chair, JQA students from all years have been diving into some fantastic stories. Our Book of the Month for July, chosen by Arena Academy, is *Mortal Engines* by Philip Reeve. This futuristic science fantasy has been a hit with all year groups, and we hope that students will continue to read the rest of the book series over the summer from their local libraries.

One of our new library displays celebrates some of our very own writers. It's lovely to have the opportunity to showcase JQA's finest young writers within our own library, inspiring other students to write too. Here are a few short stories and poems from the book "*Unsolved*", with 18 published poems written by our lovely Jewellery Quarter Academy students.



EXCELLENCE AT JQA— School Library

Covid restrictions took a toll on our ability to get our students back to our local libraries, but now we can happily say all of the students that applied for a library card have received them! We look forward to hearing about the literary adventures our pupils will experience over the summer holidays.

Additionally, students have the opportunity to take part in the 6-week Summer Holiday Challenge. By ticking off as many on the list as possible, they can earn prizes for September.

If there are any students that have not received a physical library card from us, this means they are already signed up with The Library of Birmingham. You can go to any of our local libraries (e.g., Springhill, Handsworth, City Centre etc) to access your account and receive a new library pass and pin. All books are free to borrow, and with an abundance of novels to choose from, the possibilities are endless! We encourage pupils of all ages to explore their libraries and the Central Library of Birmingham is a fantastic place for summer holidays day out.

This term has been a delight for JQA regarding our library participation and attendance from all years, and it is so nice to have a space where pupils can read, play chess, learn new words, find new hobbies, and share reviews of books with other students. We can't wait for September to start another year of delving into new books!



EXCELLENCE AT JQA— F2D ITC

Over the past few weeks, some of our Year 8 students have been taking part in a workshop run by F2D-ITC, a local business who specialise in designing clothing that has been worn publicly by a variety of celebrities and public figures. The students were able to learn all about entrepreneurial skills and how to grow and develop a business, thinking about things such as branding, marketing etc. The best part of the workshop no doubt for students was the opportunity to design their own hoodie, which was then made specifically for them and given out in the final session on Thursday 14th July.



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CONTACTING JQA OVER THE SUMMER

Contacting Reception

Our Reception remains open during the hours of 9am and 4pm.

The most effective way to contact us is via email at 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

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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