

Excellence Is Expected

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer term has been and gone and like this year it has certainly been an eventful one. We have continued to provide a wealth of opportunities to our students and they have approached each one with the same positive attitude and determination.

Year 7 had a truly enriching time on the residential at Condover Hall, they took part numerous activities and didn't shy away from the challenges they faced, even the weather didn't put them off. Year 10 excelled on Work Experience and they have all returned to the academy with greater aspirations about their future and next steps and we will focussing them on their examinations next year and preparing them for Post 16. Year 9 have all made Option choices for the next two years and we look forward to seeing them move into KS4 and mature into their studies.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Jewellery Quarter Academy and I want to thank all parents/carers for their support over the last year and look forward to working together again next year.

Have a great summer, stay safe.

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/>

22nd August - GCSE results day

3rd September - Students return to the academy

24th September - Year 7 settling in evening

1st October - Open evening

15th October - Year 11 Information evening

24th October - Break up for half term

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Quarter Academy**

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www.corejewelleryquarter.academy

 [@COREJOAcademy](https://twitter.com/COREJOAcademy)

 [@corejqacademy](https://www.instagram.com/corejqacademy)

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 6 week Summer Term 2, 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:



COLLABORATION-Financial Support During The Half Term

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) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



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

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July – 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July – 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July – 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July – 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

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

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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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

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 (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 come to the end of Summer 2 term it is important that key reminders of expectations are shared with all pupils and parents when the new term starts in September.

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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COLLABORATION– Mathletes competition

On Wednesday 9th July, Jewellery Quarter Academy hosted the 2025 Mathletes competition. We welcomed pupils and staff from all four CORE schools. Team JQA did not disappoint, placing second, narrowly missing out on first place.

The team worked particularly well on the team strategy and logic rounds. All four pupils from JQA can be proud of their performance and I look forward to seeing them progress with maths in year 10.



COLLABORATION– Hippodrome

Pupils from Year 7, 8 & 9 worked with Ashlee, our Artistic facilitator from Birmingham Hippodrome on a short story narrated by themselves. This has been a lovely project which has built pupils confidence and comprehension with reading which will support them through next year.

A link will be posted on the Birmingham Hippodrome website shortly. We would like to say thank you to Ashlee for all of her hard work over the last three years with the reading intervention and all things Drama and Performing Arts - we will miss her!!



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COLLABORATION– Brilliant Club

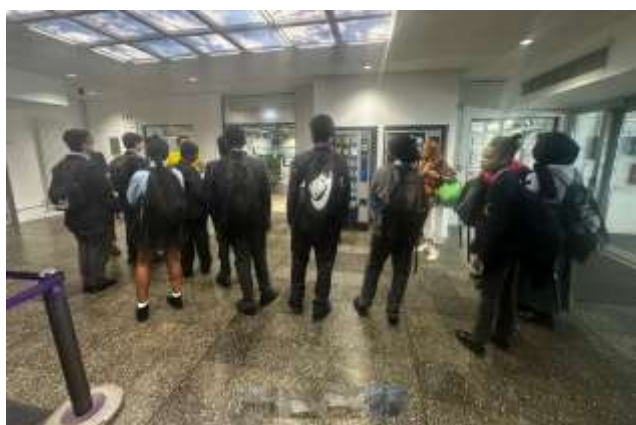
We are incredibly proud to celebrate our Year 8 students who recently graduated from *The Brilliant Club* program at the University of Warwick. The day was a fantastic culmination of weeks of hard work, dedication, and academic excellence.

As part of the celebration, our students were treated to an inspiring tour of the Warwick campus, where they got a real taste of university life. Guided by current undergraduates, they explored lecture halls, student facilities, and gained valuable insights into what it means to study at a world-class institution.

Throughout their Brilliant Club journey, our students engaged in university-style learning, tackling a challenging assignment on a specialist subject. They received personalised tutorials from Mr Kumar, a current PhD holder, who guided and supported them every step of the way. His expertise and encouragement helped each student to stretch themselves academically and explore new ways of thinking.

We are so proud of how our students represented JQA – with curiosity, confidence, and commitment. Program like *The Brilliant Club* open doors to future aspirations, and we know this experience has sparked ambitions for higher education in many of our young people.

A huge [congratulations](#) to all of our graduates – the future is yours!



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OPPORTUNITY– Opportunity Day 3

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

Year 7 students went to Twycross Zoo.

Year 8 students went to Dudley Zoo.

Year 9 students took part in Team Building activities throughout the day.

Year 10 students went to Joesph Chamberlain College for taster sessions.

Here are some of the photos from the day.



OPPORTUNITY– Taster session day

Taster sessions, or taster days—also known colloquially as "Try Before You Apply" sessions—are a popular way for higher education institutions to help drive student recruitment in high-priority subject areas as well as offer students an authentic perspective on what studying at your institution would be like.

These taster sessions can play an important role in exposing secondary or high school students to a firsthand university experience before deciding to apply to that higher education institution.

Our Year 10 students were invited to take part in taster sessions at Birmingham Metropolitan College (BMet college) in June. They took part in different activities throughout the day to get a feel of what college/ post-16 life is like.

The students had a great day and cannot wait to take part in other taster sessions.



OPPORTUNITY- Next Generation Awards

The Next Generation Awards Scheme is a highly successful Citizenship program that has been run by the Birmingham Civic Society for the past twenty years. In total over 37,000 young people have participated in the Next Generation Awards since the program began.

Each year we aim to work with 20 schools and approximately 2000 young people. We were extremely proud to be awarded winners of the Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community Category at the Education Awards in 2018 for the Next Generation Awards Program.

A group of Year 9 students took part in the program, in which they discussed issues and solutions to littering within Jewellery Quarter. The group reached the semi-finals and made the school proud of what they have achieved.

The students received the silver award for their presentation. Well done to all!!!!



OPPORTUNITY – Summer program



FairGround

The National Youth Music Theatre is bringing their FairGround festival to Birmingham in August 2025.

**Four free workshops
made just for you!**

SEN YOUTH THEATRE WORKSHOP

with Birmingham Hippodrome

FRI 29 AUG | 10.00am-12.00pm

TECHNICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

with BOA Trust

FRI 29 AUG | 2:30-4:30pm

MUSICIANS SKILLS WORKSHOP

with Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

FRI 29 AUG | 12:15-2:15pm

ACTORS SKILLS WORKSHOP

with Birmingham Hippodrome

SAT 30 AUG | 10.00am-12.00pm

City Academy

23 Langley Walk, Birmingham B15 2EF

If you've ever been interested in being on stage, behind stage or even next to it playing in the band, then why don't you come along for the ride?

Plus, you will get a free ticket to watch NYMT's *Carousel*!

Fair Chance, Fair Play, FairGround.

www.nymt.org.uk/fairground

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OPPORTUNITY– Residential

Y7 ended the year with a trip to Condover Hall for a two night residential. They had the opportunity to collaborate with students from other CORE schools. Activities included raft building, abseiling, archery, trapeze, orienteering and team building activities.

Students had a fantastic time, the staff were impressed with how well they conducted themselves. Well done Y7!



OPPORTUNITY– Sports Day

The annual Sports Day, held on Friday 11th July, was a vibrant celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit. The event took place at Tipton Sports Academy under clear skies, with students and staff coming together to cheer on participants and enjoy a day full of energy and excitement.

A wide range of events kept the crowd engaged throughout the day, including:

- **Track events:** 100m, 200m, 400m, and relay races
- **Field events:** Long jump, high jump, shot put, and javelin
- **Other sports:** Football competition.

The competition was fierce but friendly, with students showing great sportsmanship and determination. Teachers and even some parents joined in for the much-anticipated staff-parent relay, adding a touch of humor and camaraderie to the event.

Sports Day 2025 was not just about winning—it was about unity, effort, and the joy of being active together.



OPPORTUNITY– Reading

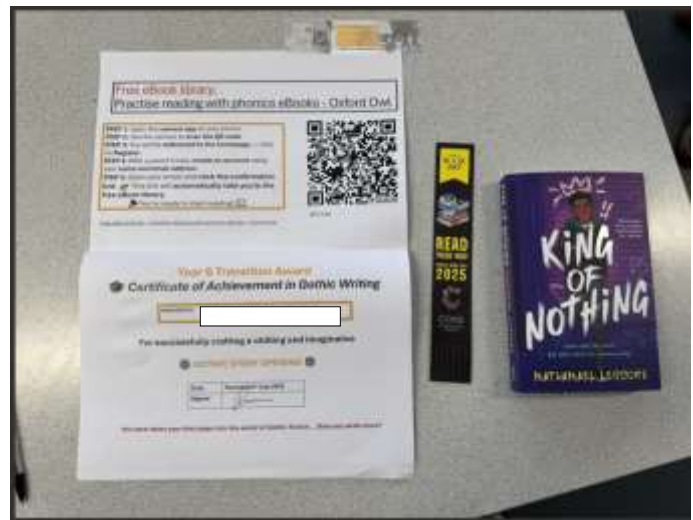
On Thursday 3rd of July, we were thrilled to welcome our newest Year 7 cohort and celebrate their creativity as they wrote their own incredible opening to a Gothic story. To share our passion for reading, each student received a brand-new book (compliments of CORE Trust)—a small gift to spark big imaginations.

As part of our continued commitment to fostering a love of literature, all KS3 students at JQA are invited to take part in our **Summer Reading Competition 2025** (see information on reading happens everywhere). With an array of exciting prizes up for grabs, it's a fantastic opportunity to dive into new adventures through the pages of a book.

We are grateful for your support as your child takes part, and we wish all our families a joyful, well-earned summer break. Happy Reading!

Best Regards,

The English Team



Reading Happens Everywhere

C	Connect with Family and Friends Read with someone at home or with loved ones. (+10 pts)
O	Out at a Restaurant or Food Place Take a book to your favourite food spot. (+15 pts)
R	Reflect in a Religious Space Enjoy peaceful reading in a sacred setting. (+15 pts)
E	Explore a Tourist Landmark Read somewhere iconic or historic. (+15 pts)
J	Journey through Nature or a Park Take your book outside and read in the wild. (+10 pts)
Q	Queue on Public Transport Read while waiting or commuting. (+10 pts)
A	Advocate for Reading (BONUS +25pts) Recommend a book you've read during this challenge to someone else. You can do this in a short-written review, a poster, a voice note, or a video clip.

Scan Me!

RESPECT- Windrush Generation

Windrush Day takes place on 22 June, remembering the day when around 500 migrants from the Caribbean arrived at Tilbury Docks in Essex in 1948.

Britain was just starting to recover from World War Two back then. Thousands of buildings had been bombed, lots of houses had been destroyed and it all needed to be rebuilt.

In the Caribbean, lots of young men and women had served in the British armed forces because at the time, many Caribbean countries were still under British rule and not yet independent. After the war, some of these people answered an advert to come to Britain where there were lots of different jobs to do.

They got on a ship - the Empire Windrush - which left the Caribbean to travel thousands of miles across the Atlantic.

This was the first time so many Caribbean people had come to live in Britain. Many more arrived in the following years.

It was 22 June 1948 when the Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in Essex.

As part of our Refugee Week, students learnt about the Windrush Generation and the positive impact it had on the British community.



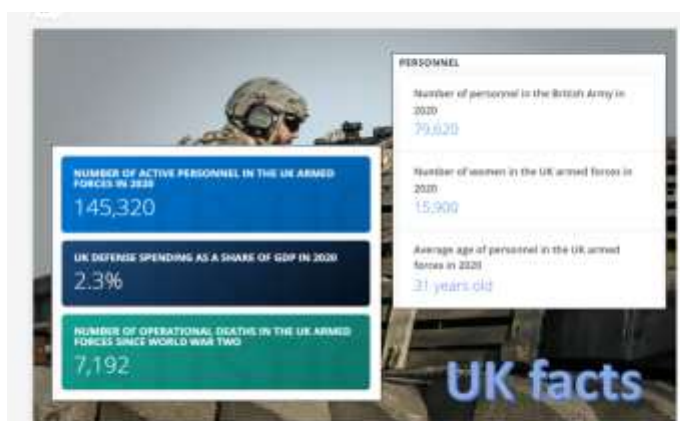
RESPECT- Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day takes place on the last Saturday each June, falling next year on 27 June.

It is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving personnel to Service families, veterans and cadets.

It also marks the culmination of a week of celebrations, beginning on Monday 22 June, when the public show their support and appreciation for the Armed Forces community. It also includes Reserves Day (24 June), which provides the country with an opportunity to recognise our Reserve Forces.

Part of our respect session, form groups was presented the importance of Armed Forces Day and why we need to respect them.



RESPECT– Staying safe during the Summer

Summer means longer days, warmer weather, and endless opportunities for outdoor fun. Whether you're heading to the park, enjoying a backyard BBQ, or going on a family walk, this season invites us all to get outside and make memories. But with the fun comes a few important safety considerations to help ensure you stay healthy and injury-free.

From rising temperatures to increased exposure to the elements, here are some essential summer safety tips to help you and your loved ones stay protected while enjoying everything this season has to offer.

Sun Safety

- **Use sunscreen:** SPF 30 or higher, broad-spectrum, and water-resistant. Reapply every 2 hours.
- **Wear protective clothing:** Lightweight long sleeves, wide-brimmed hats, and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- **Avoid peak sun hours:** Stay in the shade between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Hydration

- **Drink plenty of water:** Aim for at least 8 glasses a day, more if you're active or sweating.
- **Avoid alcohol and caffeine:** These can dehydrate you.
- **Eat hydrating foods:** Watermelon, cucumber, oranges, and strawberries are great choices.

Heat Protection

- **Stay cool indoors:** Use fans, air conditioning, or cool showers.
- **Limit strenuous activity:** Especially during the hottest parts of the day.
- **Know the signs of heat exhaustion:** Dizziness, nausea, headache, and heavy sweating.

Bug Safety

- **Use insect repellent:** Especially in areas with mosquitoes or ticks.
- **Wear long sleeves and pants:** When hiking or in wooded areas.
- **Check for ticks:** After spending time outdoors.

Water Safety

- **Swim in designated areas:** With lifeguards if possible.
- **Never swim alone:** Always have a buddy.
- **Watch children closely:** Even in shallow water.



EXCELLENCE AT JOA

Well done to Zeehan who entered a national competition ran by British Science week. Every student in school had the opportunity to enter the competition. This year the focus was to produce a poster to design a method of cleaning the air of harmful bacteria and pathogens.

Zeehan managed to finish runner up in the country for his entry.

Well done to Amir in Y10. Outside of school Amir takes part in Taekwondo and recently took part in an event in Wales.

Amir managed to win a couple of medals and a cup to go with his growing collection. of trophies. Definitely a star in the making and one to watch out for in the future.



EXCELLENCE AT JQA-FOMO week



Attendance Matters: FOMO Week at JQA!

At Jewellery Quarter Academy, we know that *every day counts* — and this week, we celebrated attendance in a big way with our exciting **FOMO Week (Fear Of Missing Out)**! From Monday 14th July, students were treated to a week full of surprises, rewards, and opportunities to come together as a school community and celebrate the end of another fantastic year.

Monday: Sweet Treat Day 🍰

We kicked off the week with a bang — and a sugar rush! Over **400 cakes** were distributed to our brilliant students as a thank you for their continued effort and commitment to attending school every day. The smiles said it all!

Tuesday: Mystery Day 🕵️

The air was filled with excitement as students arrived, not knowing what the day would hold. The big reveal? A huge range of **inflatables** set up for students to enjoy! The laughter, fun, and unforgettable memories made it one of the highlights of the week.

Wednesday: Golden Ticket Day 🎟️

Inspired by a bit of magic, we hid **Golden Tickets** around the academy for students to find. Winners got their hands on a variety of prizes — it was wonderful to see the academy buzzing with anticipation and joy.

Thursday: Culture Day 🌍

We proudly hosted our **first-ever JQA Culture Day**, a celebration of the rich diversity that makes our school community so special. From music and food to dress and dance, students and staff came together to honour and share their cultures. It was a powerful and inspiring day of unity.

Friday: Non-Uniform Day 🎨

Requested by our **Student Parliament**, we rounded off the week with a relaxed non-uniform day — a simple but popular way to finish the term in style and comfort.

FOMO Week was a **resounding success** and a testament to the positive spirit of JQA. It reminded us all that when students attend, they don't just learn — they experience, enjoy, and thrive. Let's keep building on this momentum into the new academic year!



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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 Mr G Christie: GChristie@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 8 Miss S Gardener: SGardener@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 9 Mr R Henderson: RHenderson@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 10 Miss C Whittaker: CWhittaker@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 11 Mr C Tennant: CTennant@corejewelleryquarter.academy



If you would like to contact the Well-Being team, email safeguarding@jewelleryquarter.academy If you have an urgent safeguarding issue, you can call our Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01217297220 Opt 3



Mr Christie



Miss Gardener



Mr Henderson



Miss Whittaker



Mr Tennant

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 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.



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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

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/>



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