

Excellence Is Expected Here.

Dear Parents/Carers, we come to the end of another academic year and the end of my second year at Jewellery Quarter Academy. It has been a busy year, we have taken part in a number of external competitions including DebateMate, Physics Olympiad, Cyber Crime and sporting events. We have also performed on the stage in the Hippodrome on two occasions but most recently in Matilda which was a fantastic performance by our students. We have continued to make improvements with The JQA Way and seen some outstanding performances in lessons with the presentation of students work and the pride that they show really developing as a strength for our students.

As is normally the case at the end of the year we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff, Miss Cover will be transferring to CORE Rockwood Academy, Mr Henderson will be leaving us to take up a promoted role at another school within Birmingham and Miss Fashina will be making the move to London and a new role. We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for their contributions to JQA. We welcome Mr Rahman to English, Miss Mohammad to DT and Miss Khera to Maths. All three members of staff will bring real strength to our school and I am sure you will all welcome them to our community.

Finally, I wish everyone a peaceful and restful summer holidays and look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 3rd September.

Mr Henshaw

Our Vision

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/>

20th August - GCSE Results Day

3rd September - Students return to the Academy

7th September - Year 7 Residential Information Evening

14th September - Year 6 Open Morning

23rd September - Year 11 Information Evening

30th September - Year 7 Residential at Condover Hall

7th October - Year 7 Settling in Evening

20th and 21st October - Year 10 Fieldwork

23rd October - Break up for Half Term

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Quarter Academy

St George's Court
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www.corejewelleryquarter.academy

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

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COLLABORATION - Maths & Cyber Security Day

The Maths & Cyber Security day at Aston university was a chance to welcome young students across different school in Birmingham to the campus and to put their heads together and think like genuine cryptographers.

Throughout the day, the students raced through our "Operation Firewall" mission: cracking Caesar ciphers with frequency analysis, hunting for prime numbers hidden inside binary, breaking hash functions, taking on the maths behind RSA, and even facing the quantum threat, alongside a brilliant hands-on cybersecurity challenge led by Aston's own experts.

Congratulations to our students winning first prize.



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COLLABORATION - Matilda

On 14th July, 28 of our students gave a fantastic performance of 'Matilda: Change My Story' in the Patrick Studio at Birmingham Hippodrome.

They showed confidence, enthusiasm, and great teamwork throughout the performance, and with just 10 weeks to prepare, their hard work in rehearsals really paid off.

It was wonderful to see them prove what they can do and they should all be very proud of what they achieved.

Here's to the next JQA show!



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COLLABORATION - Financial Support During the Summer Break

Ladywood

Ladywood Foodbank – Labour of Love Ladywood Seventh-Day Adventist Church

13 Guild Close, St. Vincent Street West, Ladywood, Birmingham, B16 8RP

10.00am - 14.00pm

Birmingham

Birmingham Central Foodbank, Birmingham City Church Parade, Birmingham, B1 3QQ

Tel - 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

Tel - 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 KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

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

2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

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 every day until Sept 1st 2026

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the 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 all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

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 every day this summer with a 65p spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app

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 via app during school holidays

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COLLABORATION— Who to Contact

As the school is closed for the Summer, 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 \(birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk\)](http://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 HOPE-

LINE247 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 \(papyrus-uk.org\)](http://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 \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

[Concerned about your child? \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

Do you want to report online abuse or exploitation?

[Reporting to CEOP \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://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 \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://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 Summer 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.



OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

SKIRT/TROUSERS

- Plain grey skirt or trousers (not too tight)
- Skirt must be at least knee length
- Skirt must be appropriate fit and not be jersey material
- No leggings

SHIRT & TIE

- Light blue shirt with top button done up at all times
- Tie must be waist length

TROUSERS

- Plain grey trousers
- No skinny fit trousers or jeans

BLAZER

- Navy blue jacket with school logo
- Must be worn when walking around the building (can be taken off in classrooms with staff permission)

SHOES

- Smart plain black shoes
- No trainer style shoes

HEADSCARF (OPTIONAL)

- Plain navy blue

JUMPER (OPTIONAL)

- Plain grey V-necked jumper (no logo)

ACCESSORIES & JEWELLERY

- 2 pairs of studs, sleepers or small earrings are allowed
- 1 simple small ring is allowed
- 1 discreet nose stud is allowed
- No heavy makeup (must be discreet)
- Nails allowed to be painted one colour (nail extensions are not allowed)

RULES

Uniform must be worn correctly, including on the journey to and from school. No coats/jackets, hats, scarves or gloves on inside of the building. No hooded tops (including CORE or City versions). Shirt must be tucked in at all times.

Students not wearing the correct uniform will be sanctioned, in line with our behaviour policy.





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OPPORTUNITY - CORE Explore Day 3

CORE Explore Days are an opportunity for our students to have a chance to engage in meaningful, enriching experiences outside the standard curriculum. CORE Explore Day 3 was held on Friday 3rd of July. Each year group took part in different opportunities throughout the day.

Year 7 students went to Chester Zoo.

Year 8 students went to Ackers Adventure.

Year 9 students went to West Midlands Safari park.

Year 10 students went to Weston-Super-Mare.

Here are some of the photos from the day!



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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 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 - Connect Futures

Founded by 5 directors from a range of backgrounds, Connect Justice (as it was known in 2012) was established as an ethical and values-driven social enterprise with real influence and evidence-based delivery of socially driven projects.

Connect Futures works with young people, communities and practitioners to build skills and confidence to navigate some of the most sensitive and contemporary challenges: exploitation, hate, extremism and disinformation.

A group of Year 9 students took part in the project and discussed the topic “Looksmaxxing”. This is the process of deliberately improving your appearance to maximise attractiveness.

The students were invited to Birmingham City University to take part in an interview discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of Looksmaxxing.

The students did the Academy proud and they were invited back on Friday 10th July to see the trailer version of their interview.



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RESPECT - Mental Health



FREE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THEIR FAMILIES

DO YOU NEED SUPPORT WITH:

- Low Mood
- Anxiety
- Stress
- Managing emotions



ABOUT COMPASS BIRMINGHAM:

Compass Birmingham Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) offer free, confidential help to children, young people, and families to improve mental health for those with mild to moderate emotional needs.

WHAT WE DO:

We provide low intensity CBT-based support to children and young people aged 5-18.* We also work with parents/carers to provide support for their young people.

We provide support for feelings of sadness, fear, worry, anger, or frustration, connecting individuals with appropriate resources.

CONTACT US:

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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 11am and 3pm

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 - CORE Hello

This term, our CORE Hello students at JQA were presented with certificates to celebrate the excellent progress they have made in developing their English language skills.

The awards also recognised their confidence in sharing their home languages and cultures, helping to create an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and represented.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work, resilience, and willingness to celebrate the rich diversity that makes our school community so special.

Congratulations to all of our wonderful students on this well-deserved achievement!



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EXCELLENCE - Inspiring Futures Programme

This year, we have been proud to take part in the Inspiring Futures Programme, led by the Rigby Foundation.

The programme has enabled us to work in partnership with four charities, all committed to developing students' skills and enhancing their future employability opportunities. Over the course of the year, we have partnered with Envision, Place2Be, Debate Mate and Action Tutoring.

Through these partnerships, students have taken part in debating competitions, visited the University of Birmingham, participated in mock interviews with HSBC staff, accessed one-to-one mental health support, developed and delivered social action projects, and received additional tuition in Maths and English.

These experiences have provided our students with valuable opportunities to build confidence, develop key life skills and prepare for their future pathways. We are delighted that this successful partnership will continue into the next academic year.



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EXCELLENCE - Attendance

Good attendance plays a vital role in ensuring students make the most of every learning opportunity, build strong relationships and achieve their full potential.

We have continued to celebrate and reward excellent attendance throughout the year, with incentives including queue jumps, board games, sweets, wireless speakers, Easter hampers and bowling trips.

We are pleased that 25 students achieved 100% attendance this year, demonstrating outstanding commitment and dedication.

In addition, 231 students achieved attendance of 95% or above, a fantastic achievement that reflects the importance our students and families place on being in school every day.

We look forward to building on this success next year and continuing to promote the message that every day counts.



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 be aware that you may not receive an immediate response however we will endeavour to reply the same day. The contact emails for each Year Group Coordinator are listed here.

Year 7 Mr C Tennent: CTennant@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 8 Mr G Christie: GChristie@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 9 Miss S Gardener: SGardener@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 10 Mr R Henderson: RHenderson@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 11 Miss C Whittaker: CWhittaker@corejewelleryquarter.academy



If you would like to contact the wellbeing team, email safeguarding@jewelleryquarter.academy. If you have an **urgent** safeguarding issue, you can call our Designated Safeguarding Lead on 0121 729 7220.



Mr Tennant



Mr Christie



Miss Gardener



Mr Henderson



Miss Whittaker

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 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, please email:
safeguarding@corejewelleryquarter.academy

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

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



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