

9th August 2022

Uniform and Equipment Expectations Ahead of Starting School on Tuesday 6th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

All students return to JQA on Tuesday 6th September 2022. I will write to you again in late August to confirm the timings for different year groups returning. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families of the high expectations we have of our students' uniform and equipment.

'Smartly-dressed Students, Ready to Shine'

We all wear our JQA uniform with pride and see it as symbolic of what we represent – equality, working together, showing respect and striving for excellence. We live our values by how we expect our students to wear our uniform because we are preparing students for their future opportunities: an excellent first impression in an interview for sixth form/college, university or their chosen career.

The 'gold tie' is symbolic of our commitment to our 'gold standards' and should be cherished, honoured and worn with pride – wearing it means you are part of a team that has the highest standards for each other and is proud to be part of and respect this historic community.



We expect all students to be wearing full uniform on Tuesday 6th September, **including smart black shoes**. We also expect ALL students to have the Academy PE kit. A full list of our expectations, including the important **points of note** is available on our website: <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/JQA-Uniform-Policy-Jan-2022.pdf>

Hoodies instead of practical coats, branded jumpers instead of grey v-neck jumpers, pouches instead of practical school bags, hats of any kind, dyed-hair, any other religious headscarf apart from navy blue or black – to be clear, ALL of these items are not permitted as outlined in our clear policy. Details matter here.

We do not engage in discussion about what is and what is not acceptable. If we have a doubt about any aspect of uniform, there is no doubt for us that it contravenes policy. Our expectations are clear and rooted in the best intentions for our students: to present themselves professionally and build habits for good organisation and preparedness. We expect everyone to respect the spirit of the rules, not to try subterfuge and find a loophole and **we operate a policy of confiscation and collection**. Where students arrive without basic items of uniform, parents will be expected to bring the item to the Academy before entry. **Excellence is expected here.**

We have tried to keep branded items to a minimum to keep costs down. Our branded items of uniform can be purchased from [Clive Mark](#) or [Crested Schoolwear](#).

If you need support with items of uniform, please get in touch via an email to enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy ahead of Tuesday 6th September.

'Students Who Are Ready For Learning'

JQA is a place of learning. Learning is central to all we do and we expect our students to arrive with the necessary equipment to make the most of all learning opportunities. When students don't have equipment, it slows learning and wastes time: it is unprofessional to arrive unprepared and this is something we want to instil in our students. Students will need the following equipment to ensure they are 'Ready' to learn.

Expected List (checked each morning by your child's tutor)

- Practical and professional school bag
- Clear Pencil Case
- Black or blue pens (N.B more than one pen is expected)
- Green Pen for self-assessment
- Pencil and rubber
- Ruler (to underline titles and present work excellently)
- Sharpener
- JQA Planner – provided by the Academy

Preferred List

- Scientific Calculator
- Maths equipment set (protractor etc)
- Reading book

I look forward to welcoming smartly dressed students who are ready for learning and ready to shine on Tuesday 6th September.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr J Barton - Headteacher