

29th December 2022

RE: Returning to JQA on Wednesday 4th January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that you are continuing to have a restful break together as a family. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that all students are expected to return to school **in full uniform for 8.30 on Wednesday 4th January 2023**. Students' uniform will be inspected upon entry by a senior leader and they are expected to be 'ready' in their blazer, black shoes and gold tie.

Students will be offered a free breakfast on arrival and will be issued with a new timetable by their form tutor who will also check that they have their expected equipment and planner. [Our clear uniform and equipment policy is here](#). I look forward to seeing smartly-dressed students, ready to shine. We also welcome some new staff starting in January: Mr Allen in English, Ms Powell in Science and Sr. Lora in Modern Foreign Languages. I will share more details in my [first blog of the new year](#).

A reminder that students in **Year 7** and **Year 8** have crucial tests beginning in the new year to measure their progress so far; **Year 10** also have their Parents' Evening on Thursday 5th January (4.30-6.30) and [appointments can be booked using our booking system here](#). **Year 9** parents are reminded of our virtual [Options Evening via Microsoft Teams](#) on Thursday 19th January. **Year 11** have a crucial term after their first set of mock exams too – with key knowledge to be consolidated, key skills to be practised and all coursework to be completed. Parents and carers can find all Academy events on our website at <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/events/>

I cannot stress the importance of a strong start with attendance this term for all students: too often last term, too many students had too much time off, resulting in them missing priceless learning. It is unacceptable and attendance and lateness to school continues to be a huge focus for us. Where a child's attendance or lateness causes us concern and drops below our expectations, we will work with Birmingham City Council's team and procedures which can result in fines in line with their [Prosecution Policy](#).

It was wonderful to see so many of our 'gems' rewarded and recognised at the end of last term for shining at JQA. You can find a full round-up of last half term in our [latest newsletter here](#) – essential reading over the Christmas holidays! As we move into the new year, I'm excited for 2023 as it is going to be another brilliant year for JQA – one of teamwork, fantastic opportunities for our students, togetherness and achievement. I look forward to welcoming your child back to school at our Pope St gate on **Wednesday 4th January 2023 between 8.15 and 8.30**.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Barton - Headteacher