

Excellence Is Expected

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter. You will be able to see all the fantastic opportunities and experiences that students have participated in this term. It has certainly been a busy term. We have today marked a memorable moment for Year 11 as we took their Year Group Photograph, a new JQA Tradition that has been started this year. It was an enjoyable and special day for all students and the Year 11 team. Next term exams begin and the focus for Year 11.

At the end of this term I wanted to provide you with some staffing updates, we say good bye Miss Cutler, she has been a great member of the team and we thank her for all her support.. One other change is Miss Bowen has moved from her role as SENDCO to Head of Year 10. After the Easter break we welcome Mr Mehmood as Deputy Headteacher, Miss Padmore as Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Westwood as SENDCO.

Next term I will write to all parents/carers with an update on our vision and key priorities moving forward as we continue the work to develop and improve JQA for all our community.

Have a great holiday and we look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 28th April.

Mr J 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/>

28th April - Students return for 8.35am start

28th April—GCSE exams start

5th May - Bank holiday

14th May— Year 8 Progress evening

23rd May—Break up for May half term

Jewellery
Quarter Academy

St George's Court
1 Albion Street
Birmingham

tel: 0121 729 7220 between 8am and 4pm

email: enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy

www.corejewelleryquarter.academy

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

 [@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 workshop, 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:



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COLLABORATION – Financial Support During 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 9:30 -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- Places to eat



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025. Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025.

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

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

SAINSBURY'S CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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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 \(birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk\)](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 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 move from the Spring term into the Summer term it is important that key reminders of expectations are shared with all pupils and parents.

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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OPPORTUNITY– Opportunity Day 2

Opportunity Day 2 was held on Friday 7th of March. Each year group took part in different opportunities throughout the day.

Year 7 students did work and heritage trails around Jewellery Quarter.

Year 8 students worked with Talk The Talk company on how to work on their oracy skills.

Year 9 students visited the Globe Theatre in London to watch Macbeth.

Year 10 students worked with post-16 providers to look at different courses that are available.

Year 11 students visited Blackwell Adventure to take part in different outdoor activities.

The students had a great day with the different activities that went on.



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OPPORTUNITY- Water sport trip

Selected year 9 and 10 students were picked to go on a water sports trip, to try sailing. They went to Bartley Green lake to work with the Andrew Simpson Centre who very kindly sponsored our students to take part in this new experience. The students learnt the techniques on land before being let loose onto the lake. All students worked really well as a team, even some did fall in! They were a credit to the school and should be very proud of themselves!



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OPPORTUNITY– PE Department

A big well done to everyone who has taken part in a fixture this half term, from Basketball to Football, you have all been a credit to the school and all of the PE department are very proud of your teamwork and dedication! We look forward to some more wins next term! 🏆

Miss Cover - PE Teacher



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OPPORTUNITY– Hippodrome

Our pupils performed their own, modern version of Macbeth at Birmingham Hippodrome for their HEN showcase.

Every pupil was amazing and their performance was well received by the audience too!



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OPPORTUNITY– Science

The Many Lives of PET #2

This term our year 10 students got to witness a performance put on by Stan's Cafe about the sustainability of plastic, in which the main characters were all... different objects made of plastic. The play was actually written in the past month, using feedback gathered from a focus group of JQA students, when Stan's Cafe and University of Birmingham visited the school earlier in the year to educate students on how plastic is made and the many different types of polymers we come across in our day to day life. With a mix of live action acting and puppetry, the play discussed many serious concepts, including environmentalism, greenwashing, and the moral responsibilities of businesses. We were thrilled that the performers at Stan's cafe were able to put on such an engaging and informative show for our year 10s.

Physics Olympiad

Some of our top physicists in year 9 had the opportunity to compete in the first ever CORE Physics Olympiad competition. The students competed in three different events, including designing their own wind turbine, building a paper tower capable of holding a tin of tomatoes, and designing their own Gravitrax course for a marble to run through. The students had to apply their knowledge of energy, forces and efficiency to be successful in each event. After the points were tallied, JQA were named joint champions, alongside Arena Academy. Our very own, Layson Bormanis, was named as one of the star pupils of the competition, as highlighted by judges from across all four CORE schools.



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RESPECT– Every child needs a mentor

Every Child Needs a Mentor was founded by Author, TEDx Speaker, and two-time Mentor of the Year Winner Herman Stewart. He is the creator of ABM (Asset-Based Mentoring) and has over twenty years of mentoring experience supporting students, schools, and parents.

Herman Stewart came in to Jewellery Quarter Academy to deliver different assemblies that were catered for each year group. Students enjoyed the assembly and listened intently to what was being delivered.



RESPECT– National Careers Week

National Careers Week (NCW) usually takes place in the first week of March every year. This initiative aims to highlight the importance of effective careers guidance within the education sector across the UK, offering an array of free resources designed to enhance the career guidance process. NCW serves as a pivotal moment in the academic calendar, providing young individuals with the opportunity to explore, discover, and get excited about their future career paths.

The essence of NCW is to facilitate a concerted effort among schools, colleges, universities, and various educational institutions, enabling them to collectively focus on careers guidance. At Jewellery Quarter Academy, we invited a representative from Goldman Sachs to deliver assemblies across some of our year groups. He talked about all the different careers at Goldman Sachs and his own career path. The students really enjoyed the talk.



EXCELLENCE AT JQA–Attendance

Attendance Matters at Jewellery Quarter Academy

At Jewellery Quarter Academy, attendance and punctuality are at the heart of academic success. We believe that attendance is everybody's responsibility. We remind all students and parents that the academy day starts promptly at 8:30 am, and arriving on time is crucial to ensure that students maximise their learning opportunities. Poor punctuality can have a significant impact on attendance and, ultimately, on students' progress.

We can report that **110 students** currently have an attendance record of **98% or higher**, with **102 students** maintaining **100% attendance** so far this Spring term. Well done to all of you—this is a real achievement! Research strongly supports the link between attendance and academic success & outcomes.

To celebrate and encourage excellent attendance, we've introduced several exciting initiatives:

Introduction of a Breakfast Club: The Breakfast Club opens at **7:45 am**, allowing students to come into the academy, have breakfast, and participate in activities such as table tennis and football. There is also a dedicated revision space for GCSE students.

Attendance Cup: We are excited to announce that the **Attendance Cup** will be returning next half term! This friendly competition encourages students to maintain high attendance, with prizes awarded to the winning form groups.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA-Form competition

Every half term, all form groups have a chance to win “form group of the term”, in which they win a prize. Well done to the forms from each year group, where they were treated to watch a film Sonic Hedgehog 3 or Captain America— Brave New World at the local cinema.

The students were also treated to popcorn and drinks before the film started. The students really enjoyed the day to the cinema.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA– Easter revision

As we are getting closer to the start of the summer GCSE exam period, we are running extra intervention classes over the Easter break to support the students.

Week 1	Monday 14 th April	Tuesday 15 th April	Wednesday 16 th April
9:00am- 12:00pm	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Science (Foundation)</i>	<i>English</i>
12:30pm- 3:30pm	<i>Science (Higher)</i>	<i>English</i>	

Week 2	Tuesday 22 nd April	Wednesday 23 rd April	Thursday 24 th April	Thursday 24 th April	Friday 25 th April	Friday 25 th April
9:00am- 12:00pm	<i>English</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Art</i>	<i>Maths (Foundation)</i>	<i>DT</i>	<i>Maths (higher)</i>
12:30pm -3:30pm			<i>Art</i>		<i>DT</i>	

The following exams will be happening in Summer term 1:

Art - 1st and 2nd May

DIT - 1st May

DT - 6th and 7th May

MFL (Community Languages—German) - 8th May

Business Paper 1 - 9th May

English Literature Paper 1 - 12th May

MFL (Community Languages—Chinese) - 12th May

RE Paper - 13th May

Science (Biology) - 13th May

Geography - 14th May

Sports - 14th May

Maths Paper 1 (Non-calculator) - 15th May

MFL (Community Languages—German) - 15th May

History - 16th May

Business Paper 2 - 16th May

Science (Chemistry) - 19th May

MFL (Community Languages—Chinese) - 19th May

EXCELLENCE AT JQA– Rewards and recognitions

At the end of each term, we look back and celebrate all the effort, hard-work and achievements our wonderful pupils are making in their studies.

Our reward assemblies are a key part of our rewards programme, having three opportunities each year to celebrate.

The reward assemblies was held on the week commencing 7th of April and the winning form competition held on Friday 11th of April.

Well done to the many pupils that received awards.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA-No Negatives

At Jewellery Quarter Academy, our mission is to make sure that our students do the right thing every day. We want to congratulate the following students who have no received no negative points this term. Well done to all!!!!!!

Year 7

Name	Form group
Besan	7C
Ram	7R
Aaliyah	7E
Suleman	7E
Ayesha	7R
Oumar	7E
Khalid	7R
Ashwi	7R
Myra	7E
Given	7R
Kartikeya	7C
Phoebe	7R
Shayan	7O
Iy Noor	7E
Simon	7C
Zeehan	7R
Yasmin	7O

Year 8

Name	Form group
Ayuub	8O
Mahmud	8E
Mustaf	8O
Rawan	8O
Fiyin Isinmioluwa	8O
Omairah	8O
Akibnur	8E
Lawy	8O
Alaysia	8C
Tuleen	8E
Muhammad Ibrahim	8C
Kiana	8R
Tejith Singh	8R
Haleen	8C
Rehan	8O
Fares	8O
Jaidan	8R
Goodness	8O
Damilola Mary	8E
Layla	8C
Nakshatra	8O
Shanay	8E
Vincent	8E
David	8O
Abdirahman	8R
Muadh	8R

Year 9

Name	Form group
Faduma	9R
Mardiya	9R
Gabriel Oluwadamilola	9R
Ranya	9R
Najmo	9E
Hermela	9O
Layson	9O
Rushaniya	9J
Melina	9O
Beatriz	9O
Sakara	9O
Jayden	9O
Ralph	9C
Manaal	9R
Munira	9R
Hashim	9J
Tayyibah	9R
Wafa	9J
Levi	9E
Ellie	9E
Bashiirah	9E
Goodluck	9R
Isabel	9E
Isaac	9C
Maria	9O
Khandoker	9C
Julie	9C
Farhaan	9O
Tyrae	9C
Kurtis	9C
Sarina	9O
Fatoumata	9C
Najma	9C
Azaan	9E

EXCELLENCE AT JQA-No Negatives

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Year 10

Name	Form group
Maryan	10C
Osama	10R
Dami	10O
Olamide Ibrahim	10R
Zipporah	10R
Diego	10E
Annie	10O
Crystal	10O
Jaad	10R
Dolly	10C
Lovish	10R
Belro	10E
Israel	10O
Darvin	10C
Nerone	10O
Basira	10R
Albader	10E
Mohammad	10O
Krystian	10R
Sharon	10C
Keziah	10E
Oluwatomi	10O
Amir Hossein	10R
Ines	10C
D'Angelo	10R
Adrianna	10C
Esha	10E
Zainum	10O
Alexia	10C
Alfee Ahmed	10R
Tomika	10E

Year 11

Name	Form group	Name	Form group
Sam Sam	11E	Safaa	11O
Zaid	11J	Zlata	11C
Mawa	11E	Josephine	11J
Salih	11J	Alphine	11O
Mohammed	11E	Ismail Nahal	11C
Khalid	11O	Alexandru	11R
Mohamed	11O	Carla	11J
Tiago Zarious	11J	Maryam	11C
Miriam Sofia	11E	Simon	11J
Blessing-Vumi	11E	Vickie Othemie	11O
Aliqka	11E	Anandi	11R
Demeigh	11E	Aleen	11E
Destiny	11O	Areen	11O
Lavinia	11J	Hannah	11J
Divora	11O	Ishan	11E
Andy	11C	Weronika	11O
Jessica	11J	Kacper	11E
Eafod	11C	Stayf	11J
Ashley	11O	Sara-Flori-Paraschiva	11C
Temiloluwa	11O	Arian Ahmed	11J
Neferkare	11C	Farhiya	11R
Hanaan	11C	Leon	11J
Aaron	11O	Muhammad	11J
Masumah	11O	Aasher	11E
Mohammed	11E	Cindy	11R
Adil	11R	Max	11R
Sael	11J	Angelina	11O
Sana	11O	Blessing	11O

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@corejewelleryquarter.academy

If you have an urgent safeguarding issue, you can call our Designated Safeguarding Lead using 0121 729 7220 and choose Option 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 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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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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