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The JQA 2018 Sport Relief challenge saw the return of staff vs students distance challenge! Over the course of Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March students had to cycle, row, run and cross-trainer as great a distance as possible. Staff were then tasked with the challenge of beating the collective distance of all the students in the school! At 3.30pm on Thursday a target of 450km had been set by the students. The staff were determined to not be outdone by the students and in just over 3 hours staff had reached a total of 480km and therefore beating the students' total. Great collaboration by both staff and students over the last few days for a worthy cause.



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Jewellery Quarter Academy make it to the Mosaic Regional Finals and came third in the whole of Birmingham. Having made it to Regionals in 2017 and making second place, JQA did it again! In 2018, 300 schools competed nationally and 5 schools from Birmingham earned a place at the Regional Finals. Ismail, Sasha, Diego, Shyann and Shantai are Team JQ Aspire and represented our school on Monday 26th March. They pitched their idea for their own social business enterprise project. They got third place and although disappointed, they were incredible and will be masterminding ways to get Read. Recycle. Achieve off the ground later on in the Summer. Well done JQ Aspires!



On Thursday 15th March eight of our Year 10 students spent a day at the BBC in the Mailbox. The students took part in numerous BBC journalism workshops and had a guided tour. They contributed to a live news feeds on the BBC website and then had the opportunity to go behind the scenes to see what is required to produce a BBC news programme. Our students were coached in journalism techniques and then had the opportunity to carry out their own interviews. This day was a unique opportunity and an amazing experience for our students, they told us afterwards it was an experience they would never forget. Thank you BBC (Mailbox)



A hip hop group called Vital Signs came to JQA on the 13th of March. They delivered some very powerful messages through a series of assemblies and a lunch-time concert. Their theme was 'choices and consequences'. They shared their own personal experiences around the poor choices they had made in their early lives and the consequences of these. They then talked about how they had changed their lives for the better. These messages were supported by music they had written themselves. Our students enjoyed the experienced, joined in with the music and fully engaged with discussions around the key messages. Thank you to Nick and Vital Signs for giving your time to support our students and reinforcing important key messages about life choices and good citizenship.



The weather would have been more appropriate for a production of A Winter's Tale rather than Much Ado About Nothing but despite falling snow and howling winds, a brave group of staff and students from the JQA travelled to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London to watch a live performance, in the world famous venue. Students and staff enjoyed the production immensely, it had clearly been prepared with the student demographic in mind and this adaptation was pacey and included music, singing and dance. As we were leaving the venue, our staff and students were praised by the representative from the Theatre for their



On Friday 9th March we held our first careers day. Students attended information sessions about Apprenticeships run by BMET College and Traineeships. They learnt about the types of skills that employers would be looking for and completed a self-evaluation tool to see which skills they were strong in and which ones they needed to develop. The day culminated in a "Careers Fair" where a number of external providers including South and City College, University of Birmingham and Orion Training and Development attended and were available to talk to individuals. There were activities for the students to complete and a variety of literature available for them to take and look at. There was positive feedback about our students and the questions they were asking! Thank you to them and well done to all!!!



Week commencing 23rd March saw our Year 10 students swop the classroom and school uniform to experience the world of work. There was a wide variety of placements including four students who were accepted by one of the top Barrister Chambers in London a fantastic opportunity!!! Closer to home we had students working in places from Tesco, to working with reptiles, gaining experience of accountancy and being part of the voluntary sector. A number of students have returned to school with offers of weekend and holiday placements. The feedback from the employers has been really positive with students representing Jewellery Quarter Academy to the best of their ability. We are grateful to all employers and thank them for their continued support for our students.

Birmingham has been awarded the 2022 Commonwealth Games. This is a very large event for our city and we are proud to have a member of staff, Bryoni performing in the Opening Ceremony. As part of the wider celebration of the event being handed over to our city, Bryoni recently performed as part of the dance group 'Street Steps'. We are all very excited to take advantage of the opportunities the 2022 Commonwealth Games will provide for our students and staff.



On Wednesday 7th March in the Town Hall students attended the Spring Assembly for 2018 where they were joined by up to 1000 people from across the region to congratulate and celebrate the news of the impending arrival of the 2022 Commonwealth Games to Birmingham. Students to witness powerful testimonies and cultural performances as well as hearing pledges from the Bid Team and their partners on a set of people's guarantees raising aspirations which benefit communities.

Key dates:
Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 26th April
Teacher Training Day, no students in school - Friday 27th April
May day bank holiday - Monday 7th May

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