

12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: JQA App**

The Academy has designed an app to improve parental communication and aid parents and carers to support their son / daughters with learning at home. **We ask that all students and families download the JQA app onto their smartphones and devices.**

We will also be posting a range of learning materials for students in different subjects on the app each half term, to support students towards achieving academic excellence.

Some key features of the app are:

Parents/Carers	Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to email your son / daughter's Head of Year easily</li> <li>• Find all Academy events – such as Parents' / Carers' Evenings</li> <li>• Find and read all letters sent home</li> <li>• Pay for items via ParentPay, quickly</li> <li>• Purchase uniform online</li> <li>• Update contact details, using 'Forms'</li> <li>• Give feedback on Academy performance, using 'Surveys'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Rewards</li> <li>• Report any concerns and worries quickly</li> <li>• Log in to GCSEPod and EdLounge</li> <li>• Find learning materials and revision activities to deepen learning in all subjects</li> <li>• Log in to TT Rockstars</li> </ul>

The app will also allow users to receive alerts via push notifications to remind or update you on key events or information. **It is available on the App Store and on Android phones, too.**

To download the app, search for **Piota Schools** in your Android or App Store. Once downloaded, open **Piota Schools**, then search for Jewellery Quarter Academy. You will also need to ALLOW push notifications to make the most of the app.

We look forward to working with all users to continue to develop the app and would appreciate any feedback.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr J Barton  
Deputy Headteacher

