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Dear Parent/Carer,

All staff members take their responsibility to keep students safe and well extremely seriously. Regularly, we work closely with the police and other agencies to protect our young people. We are never complacent when it comes to this aspect of JQA's provision.

We all want to ensure our Academy remains a safe place for children to learn and adults to work.

Today, we have worked in collaboration with the K-9 Deployment Unit, which meant that a working dog was brought onto the premises to ensure our Academy is and remains drug-free. This was a routine arrangement and we did not expect to find anything. The dog, a cocker-spaniel called Nico, and his handler visited classrooms and changing rooms across a range of year groups and also different areas of the building.

**As expected, we did not find anything.**

You may be aware that we have also worked with the police this term in partnership to conduct a 'knife arch' where students and their possessions passed through a metal detector. **On that occasion, we also did not find any weapons.**

We will continue to work in collaboration with the police regularly.

We remain firmly committed to ensuring Jewellery Quarter Academy is a safe place for students and staff.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact me at the Academy, via Reception.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr J Barton (Deputy Headteacher – Personal Development)**