



The weekly newsletter of
Arena Academy

Headteacher's Welcome

Friday May 22nd 2020

I have to confess that this has been a particularly interesting time for me to have joined Arena Academy! Yet despite the many challenges these weeks have brought to all of us, I am incredibly encouraged by the resilience our entire community has shown. Our students have embraced the challenge of online learning and our inboxes are overflowing with examples of thoughtful, innovative and inspiring pieces of work. Our students, supported by their families, have responded overwhelmingly to say that while Covid-19 disrupts almost every other aspect of our lives, their learning will continue. Our teaching staff have risen to this challenge and while we keenly miss seeing our students, we look forward to the day when we will be reunited. I thank too our support members of staff for continuing to ensure that our wider



As we look ahead to the Summer Term, it is overwhelmingly clear that that spirit of resilience and adaptability will be vital. We will continue to offer an online learning programme, taught by our dedicated team of teaching staff. In school, we are delighted to continue to remain open to serve the children of key workers and those identified as in need of the provision. Yet we now know that further change is upon us and we will rise to meet it. We are investing in powerful CPD to help teachers improve our online teaching offer. We are 'ramping up' by ringfencing a proportion of each day for students to engage with the imaginative COREExtra programme because, at this time more than ever, we need our students to be exposed to the wonder of the world around them and to flourish in creative pursuits.

Finally, we are putting in place steps to cautiously prepare for some face-to-face provision for our Year 10 students, who are the closest to external assessment next year. We will write to update you as to the progress of this but please be assured that the welfare and wellbeing of our entire community will guide our response to emerging Government guidance.

In the meantime, please let me thank you - sincerely - for the warmest of welcomes I have enjoyed. Times like these can bring out the very best in others, and it is abundantly clear that I am seeing the Arena community at its best. Please enjoy some quality family time together this week over Half Term and, as ever, please do contact us if you have any questions, comments or

 **Mr Raj Mann**
Headteacher

News

Our staff have been overwhelmed by the kind messages so many of them have received from our students!

Thank you to all those students who took the time to send in #ThankATeacher messages using this online form!

If you have yet to do so, you can still send a message - anonymously if you wish - to any member of staff - by clicking on the National Thank a Teacher Day logo...



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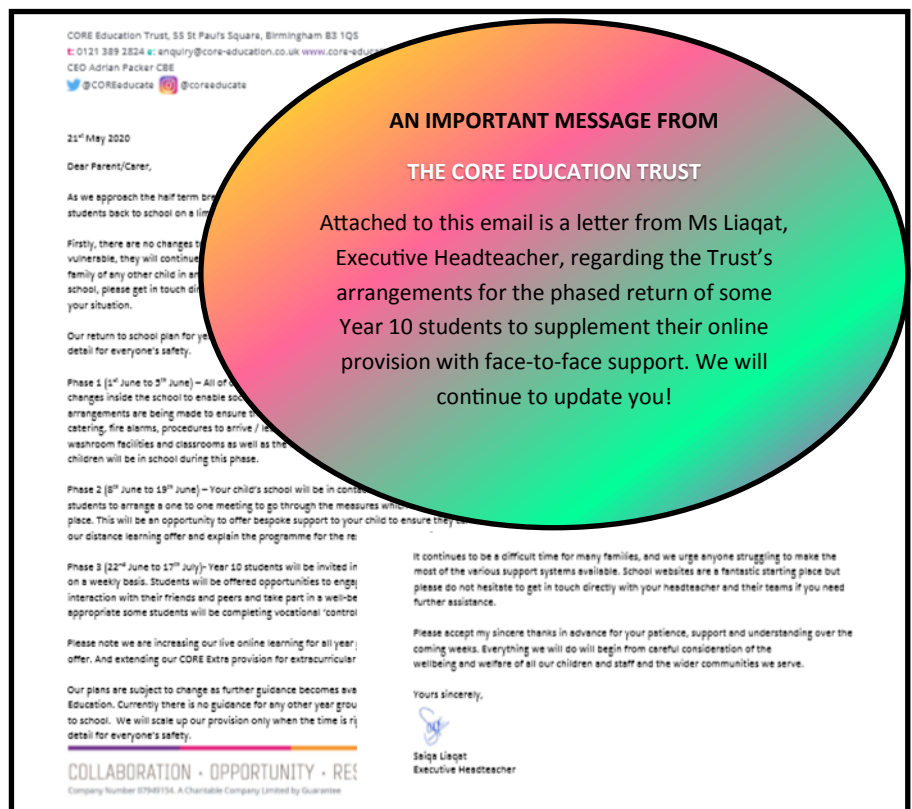
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YEAR 6 INDUCTION UPDATE

Although the Covid-19 outbreak has forced us to alter our traditional arrangements for inducting our Year 6 students, making them feel welcome is just as important to us. If your child is due to be joining us in Year 6, we will be writing to you after Half Term but just to keep you posted, please see the highlights below:

- Virtual Tours of School
- Video Introduction to Arena
- Finding about our new cohort!
- Virtual Induction Parents' Evening



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CORE EDUCATION TRUST

Attached to this email is a letter from Ms Liaquat, Executive Headteacher, regarding the Trust's arrangements for the phased return of some Year 10 students to supplement their online provision with face-to-face support. We will continue to update you!

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Dear Parents/Carer,

As we approach the half term break and students back to school on a limited basis...

Firstly, there are no changes to the arrangements for vulnerable, they will continue to be supported by the family of any other child in any other school, please get in touch directly with your situation.

Our return to school plan for year 10 is in detail for everyone's safety.

Phase 1 (1st June to 3rd June) - All of our changes inside the school to enable social distancing arrangements are being made to ensure the catering, fire alarms, procedures to arrive / leave school, washroom facilities and classrooms as well as the children will be in school during this phase.

Phase 2 (8th June to 18th June) - Your child's school will be in contact with you to arrange a one to one meeting to go through the measures within the school. This will be an opportunity to offer bespoke support to your child to ensure they can continue to access our distance learning offer and explain the programme for the remainder of the year.

Phase 3 (22nd June to 17th July) - Year 10 students will be invited in on a weekly basis. Students will be offered opportunities to engage in interaction with their friends and peers and take part in a well-being programme. Where appropriate some students will be completing vocational / control work.

Please note we are increasing our live online learning for all year 10 students. And extending our CORE Extra provision for extracurricular activities.

Our plans are subject to change as further guidance becomes available from the Department of Education. Currently there is no guidance for any other year group to return to school. We will scale up our provision only when the time is right for everyone's safety.

It continues to be a difficult time for many families, and we urge anyone struggling to make the most of the various support systems available. School websites are a fantastic starting place but please do not hesitate to get in touch directly with your headteacher and their teams if you need further assistance.

Please accept my sincere thanks in advance for your patience, support and understanding over the coming weeks. Everything we will do will begin from careful consideration of the wellbeing and welfare of all our children and staff and the wider communities we serve.

Yours sincerely,
Saiqa Liaquat
Executive Headteacher

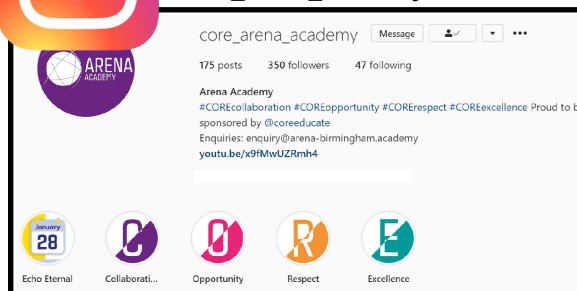
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Changes to the Online Day

As you will be aware, we are always keen to act on parent feedback and one of the emerging pieces this week has been around the different time slots during which the lessons taught each day are timed.

From **Monday 1 June 2020**, all students will be taught during the times listed below. Year 7 and 8, who have been having one taught period a day, will have their teaching doubled so that, from 1st June, two lessons will be taught each day and one period will be delivered via an online activity/resource.

9.00am – 10.00am	Self-Study
10.00am – 11.00am	Session 1
11.00am – 11.30am	Breaktime
11.30am – 12.30pm	Session 2
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Session 3
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Lunchtime
2.00pm – 3.00pm	COREExtra Programme or Self-Study



CONNECTS
EXTRA

Our innovative COREExtra programme enables students to continue to enrich themselves through engagement with Masterclasses; celebrating Talents; being inspired by Wisdom; collaborating around Thoughts, or having Fun! From 1 June, these sessions will run every day

MASTERCLASS	A number of students have been identified as benefitting additional cross-Trust opportunities to consolidate particular gaps in knowledge. You will be contacted directly about these.
TUESDAY TALENTS	Each week, we will be sharing ways your child can sign up to develop their talents in areas ranging from the arts to sports and technology. We have had some amazing contributions from our students' limitless reserves of talent! Please encourage your child to keep an eye out for more information about developing these talents, and sign up to participate!
WEDNESDAY WISDOM	Every Wednesday, a short 'assembly' will be recorded and shared on the CORE Education Trust's YouTube channel. This week's was on the theme of Thank a Teacher and our very own Mr N Jones represented Arena, and can be seen here , if you have yet to do so. Your child will be encouraged to use Wednesday afternoons to watch these in order to continue to develop and connect them.
THURSDAY THOUGHTS	Every Thursday, all students will join their Form Tutor and peers to participate in Thursday Thoughts - a PSHE-style session to ensure students are continuing to develop their sense of citizenship, as well as widening their spiritual, moral, social and cultural skills.
FRIDAY FUN	Mr Rogers, Headteacher of CORE Connects, will be inviting all students to join him to participate in games, challenges, quizzes and other activities designed to celebrate our community and allow students to interact with friends and peers across our Trust of schools.

Learning Topics week beginning Monday 1st June

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
English	Fantasy	Fantasy	<i>Blood Brothers</i>	<i>Blood Brothers</i>
Maths	Sequences	Decimals	Fractions, Decimals, Percentages	Algebra
Science	Ecology and Forces	Earth Structures and Rocks	Physics - Energy Chemistry - Bonding Biology - Infection & Response	Biology - Variation & Evolution Chemistry - Energy & Chemical changes
Triple Science			Chemical Changes	Ecology
History	20th Century Britain	20th Century Britain	Health and the People	Norman England/ Nazi Germany
Geography	Tourism, Maps	Tourism, The Earth	India	Resource Management, Urban Issues
RE	Buddhism	Buddhism	Alternative Religions	
French	Hobbies	Free time and the media	Me, my family & friends	KS4 Grammar, Environment
Art	Creative Photography/Art Challenges	Creative Photography/Art Challenges	Inside Out themed journal	Recording observations from primary sources
Photography			Key concepts - Image taking & critical investigation	Portraiture - Self portraiture
Drama	Creative Writing	Creative Writing	<i>Blood Brothers</i> - Musical Theatre	<i>Blood Brothers</i> - Musical Theatre
Business	Marketing	Dragons' Den project	Management leadership & ethics	Theme 1 revision (SPA/NMY) Enterprise & marketing
Computing	Coding, flowcharts	Virtual reality/worlds	System security	Storage devices
iMedia			Exam practice: digital graphics & preproduction skills	Practical digital graphics and preproduction skills
PE	Exercise & Fitness Videos and challenges uploaded daily improving physical & mental health of students			
Health/Social C.			PIES development of individuals	Care values - overcoming obstacles to access services
Child Dev.			Children's development through play	Unit 3 - Early years' practice
GCSE PE			Analysis of individual performance	Chapter 6 - Health, fitness & wellbeing
BTEC Sport			Practical Performance	Practical performance (10A2) Applying principles of personal training (All other groups)
Dance			Dance Styles and practitioners	
D.T.	Basic Skills in Textiles	Sustainability	Hospitality & Catering: Sustainability in the food industry	Engineering: properties of materials
Food			Food tech: Nutritional deficiencies and food safety	Food tech: Dietary needs and sustainability
Music	World Music	World Music	Song Writing	Song Writing & Concerto through time