



ARENA
ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th March 2021

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Good afternoon parents and carers,

This week we have been extremely busy in ensuring that our students are able to return to us safely next Tuesday.

On Monday we began our testing programme with years 7 and 8, followed by years 9, 10 & 11 on Tuesday. In all over 830 students were tested on those two days. Then on Thursday and Friday they all returned for their second tests.

Can we take this opportunity to thank all those students who came in to the building and took their tests in an impeccable manner. It was wonderful to see so many of you.

The third and final test in school takes place on Monday 8th. We are going to test the entire school in one day and this is an organisational task of mammoth proportions, so please make a note on the timetable on the following page to ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

As always, masks must be worn a social distancing must be adhered to.

In readiness for next Tuesday's full return to school, Zoom meetings have been held this week to go through all that we know with parents, to set their minds at ease. We were bowled over by the response to these meetings and cannot thank everyone enough for their overwhelming support.

On Wednesday our minibus was on another mini-tour of our community delivering food and masks, and talking to parents and students about the return to school, and once again it

was fantastic to see so many people. We must give a special thanks to the Midland Langar Seva Society for their generosity in preparing an amazing chickpea curry and samosas for our families.

Can we please remind our families that even as we return to school and restrictions slowly start to ease a little, if you have any difficulties at all, we can help. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Once we return to school we have much to do, and priority is being given to helping our students adjust to life back in school, and we will be focussing on mental health and wellbeing issues.

Another priority area is that of catch-up learning. We are committed to filling those gaps in knowledge and learning that inevitably appear following a sustained period of time out of school. We will be using the National Tutoring Programme, a national scheme partly funded by the government, alongside our own highly skilled and professional staff to try ensure that there is no lasting negative impact on our students' as a result of these two lockdowns.

Once again, everyone at Arena wishes to pass on their thanks for all the support every parent, carer and member of the Arena Community has shown to the school - and to each other - during this uncertain period, and we cannot wait until your children are back in our classrooms where they belong.

Best wishes, All at Arena.

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Return to School News

Please check through the schedule for COVID testing on Monday 8th March and ensure your child or children arrive to school on time, and that they go to the correct area.

	09:00 - 09:30	09:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	LUNCH	12:30 - 13:00	13:00 - 13:30	13:30 - 14:00	14:00 - 14:30	
GYM	7HBR 7FTI	7MLO 7MIS	7CLY 7LFR	7DZS 7NYE	8HNE 8GSK	8FBE 8FEI			8SGA 8SVA	8HCU 8LAM	11KJO 11KRW	11GBI
DRAMA ROOM	9ARA 9HKA	9OPE	9JDH 9OKI	9SFE	10KBL 10SCO	10SNA			10LSE 10CFI	10EWL	11PGO 11KCU	11MKH

Safety Measures

To help ensure as safe a learning environment as possible, we will continue to follow the same, stringent measures as last term: year and class bubbles and zones; staggered start, finish, lunch and break times; extra hygiene practices; and additional cleaning. In line with latest advice, students will now be asked/required to wear a face covering in the classroom, as well as when moving around the school site. Please ensure your child has a face covering with them at all times – while we have a small number available in school, these are of limited supply. Pupils should attend in full school uniform, with all the correct equipment for learning. On the days that your child has PE they should attend in PE kit.

Years 7 & 8 start at 8.30am and finish at 2.45pm

Years 9, 10 & 11 start at 9.00am and finish at 3.15pm

School Uniform

We are aware that some families may be struggling to replace certain items of school uniform as Clive Mark is not currently taking online orders. If you require a replacement blazer for your child's return to school, we may be able to support you. Please contact Miss Guest via email on kquest@arena-birmingham.academy

We are also pleased to inform you that we will be providing new blazers with our updated Arena Academy logo to all of our students, free of charge. This will be taking place later in the academic year and we will be sending further correspondence to all parents to collect the necessary blazer sizes needed to place this order.

Remote Learning

Until we re-open, your child should continue to follow their remote learning timetable. On Monday 8th March work will be set for the pupils to do, but I appreciate that most of them will be coming into school for testing. We are all incredibly proud of how hard students have worked during lockdown – let's keep it up!

Year 11 Parents Evening

Year 11 Parents Evening is on Thursday 25th March. Arena has introduced a new intuitive and easy to use online parents evening system called SchoolCloud. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers, you will receive an email confirming your appointments and appointments will take place via video calls.

Please visit: <https://arenaacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments.

Appointments can be made from Monday 8th March and will close on Friday 19th March. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please email enquiry@arena-birmingham.academy.

There is an instructional video on how to book appointments on our website. You can view this at <https://www.arena-birmingham.academy/parents/>



schoolcloud
Parents Evening

Parents' evenings, simplified

Arena Academy Twitter

Arena Academy has its own Twitter page and this is the best place for all the latest up-to-date information about our school and our community.

You can find us @COREArenaAcad

If you have a Twitter account, please follow us to ensure that you're kept in the know regarding all school announcements, COVID updates, special events and student achievement.



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Delivering a CORE education in Birmingham. #DACE
#COREcollaboration #COREopportunity #CORErespect #COREexcellence

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Arena Minibus on Tour

Once again Mr Stephens and Mrs Wain were out and about on Wednesday in the school minibus, delivering food and face masks, and discussing the reopening of school.

It was wonderful to see so many of you and to hear how everyone is looking forward to coming back next Tuesday.

Many thanks to Midland Langar Seva Society for coming in to school to cook a delicious curry and somas for our families, and we hope you all enjoyed your meal.



Family Literacy with

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HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY

In 2021 World Book Day, just like everything else, will be different. We've adapted to make sure that World Book Day sends a powerful and positive message about books and reading, even in lockdown! At Arena we are doing tons of activities to ensure pupils and staff get the opportunity to showcase

Competitions for Staff and Pupils!



The winners will receive a £10 Amazon gift voucher and 50 points for their form on the
Arena Conduct Cup!

Deadline: Thursday 11th March 2021

Who is Arena's Masked Reader?



Old Man in A Village

Our Masked Reader this week shared a very important story about an old man, who spent 80 years chasing 'happiness' with no luck. This left him very bitter. It provides us with a very important message:

Do what makes you happy and live for now. Time never returns.

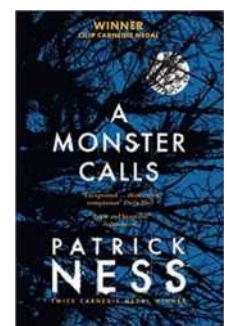
<https://steemit.com/life/@ingus42/an-old-man-lived-in-the-village-or-short-life-story>

Booker Squad

Led by Young Writer's from the National Literacy Trust, selected pupils from Year 8 and 9 have been partaking in a project called 'Booker Squad'. Over the next 6 weeks, our learners will create their own piece using the following books for inspiration:

'Pigeon English' by Stephen Kelman

'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness.



Guess the characters



Did any of you dress up for World Book Day? If you did, please send your photos into: nyesmin@arena-birmingham.academy

Conduct Cup & Stars of the Week

The winners of the Whole School League Table this week are...



1st Place = 7HBR



2nd Place = 10LSE



3rd Place = 9SFE



Best Year Group = Year 7

THIS WEEK

Form	Rank	Points
7HBR	1	57
10LSE	2	47
9SFE	3	46
7NYE	4	44
7LFR	5	42
7MIS	6	41
7DZS	7	40
11KJH	8	39
7FTI	9	37
7CLY	10	36
9HKA	11	35
10SCO	12	33
8FBE	13	31
8SVA	14	29
8GSK	15	27
8SGA	16	26
9JDH	17	26
10CFI	17	24
9OKI	18	22
8FEI	18	22
8SVA	19	21
9OPE	19	21
7MLO	20	19
9ARA	20	19
11KJH	21	18
11KJH	22	17
8HCU	23	15
8LAM	23	15
8HNE	24	14
10KBL	25	13
11KJH	26	11
10SNA	27	9
10EWL	28	8

TOTAL

Form	Rank	Points
10LSE	1	322
11KJH	2	311
7LFR	3	257
9JDH	4	254
7NYE	5	241
10SCO	6	240
10SCO	7	239
11KJH	8	234
7HBR	9	228
7DZS	10	221
7CLY	11	218
9HKA	12	203
7MIS	13	201
9SFE	13	201
8SVA	14	198
7FTI	15	192
8SGA	16	186
8GSK	17	180
8FBE	18	172
8HNE	19	167
8FEI	20	166
10SNA	21	153
9OPE	22	140
9ARA	23	133
10CFI	24	126
7MLO	25	125
9ARA	25	125
11KJH	26	122
8LAM	27	117
11KJH	28	114
9OKI	29	112
8HCU	30	101
10KBL	31	83
10EWL	32	74

★ Best Year 7 form = 7HBR

★ Best Year 8 form = 8FBE

★ Best Year 9 form = 9SFE

★ Best Year 10 form = 10LSE

★ Best Year 11 form = 11GBI

STARS OF THE WEEK! YEAR 7

MR CANNING-ENGLAND Connor

7CLY Faizaan and Blair	7DZS Rhia
7FTI Christian	7HBR Kadey
7LFR Oliver	7MIS Kyishia
7MLO Mia	7NYE Heba

"Rhia is always incredibly polite, well mannered and positive. She has received praise consistently from many of her teachers in a broad range of subjects. Thanks for talking during form period online!"

"Kadey for her mature attitude to remote learning and engagement in all activities."

STARS OF THE WEEK! YEAR 8

MISS JOHNSON Gurjas

8FBE	8FEI Ameerah
8GSK Niamh	8HCU
8HNE Kayden	8LAM Jaiya
8SGA Jamie	8SVA Jasmyne

"Niamh brings constant positivity to form times and lessons and gives her all. Always eager to contribute and allows me to clearly see her understanding and the class to hear her opinions on important topics."

"Jaiya - for the highest attendance in our Form for last week and for demonstrating exemplary work in your Core subjects. Well done!"

STARS OF THE WEEK! YEAR 9

MR PYATT Tajearn

9ARA Imaan	9HKA Amina
9JDH Tyara	9OKI Chloe
9OPE Rehan	9SFE Riley

"TJ - for brightening up Mr. Pyatt's Friday by offering a critique on certain music choices!"

"Riley - for 100% attendance to lessons ALL week. Let's keep it up!"

STARS OF THE WEEK! YEAR 10

MR JONES

10CFI Megan	10EWL
10KBL Ibrahim	10LSE Anna
10SCO Callum	10SNA Alishaba

"Ibrahim for improved attendance and punctuality, always engages in form discussions and completed a great PSHE ambassador application!"

"Alishaba for excellent engagement with PSHE this week, well done."

STARS OF THE WEEK! YEAR 11

MR STEPHENS Louise

11GBI All of 11GBI!	11KCU Umar
11KJO Callum	11KRW Paige
11MKH Ellie	11PGO

"Well done to everyone in 11GBI for your amazing perseverance, resilience and team effort throughout lockdown 3.0. I could not be prouder of each and every one of you!"

Well done everyone!

Careers Week

This week was National Careers Week and all of our lessons included great career information and advice. Some highlights of the week were:

- Mr Levy sharing a careers and higher education Q&A session with some amazing people, including a Biomedical Scientist, a Doctor of Molecular Biology and an Aeronautical Engineer.
- All teachers sharing their career journeys, including Miss Van Deventer who spoke to students about her early education in South Africa to receiving her BA in History at Newman University.



ARENA ACADEMY CAREERS

Live Q&A careers event for all students:

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Details have been emailed to students

DR MISHA BADIAL
Consultant Eye Surgeon

Wednesday 3rd
March
at 3:00pm



JOHN WOODYATT
Business Development
Manager

Thursday 4th
March
at 3:00pm



EMMA RUFFINATO
Head of People &
Organisation
Development

Friday 5th March
at 3:00pm



DELIVERING A **CORE** EDUCATION

For 3 evenings, Arena Academy hosted live career events with some incredible speakers. All of the sessions were well supported by both students and their families, with students asking excellent questions. We would like to extend our gratitude to the speakers for the time they gave us and for their inspirational and aspirational words of advice that they shared. We would also like to thank everyone who joined the events.

Our live career talks will be continuing. Next week we are welcoming Mr Adrian Wright who will be sharing his knowledge of **engineering**. More information will be shared with students and families next week

Careers Week

Following on from our speakers this week, some useful websites are:

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer>

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/education/becoming-a-doctor-in-the-uk>

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs/job-profile/surgeon>

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/career-sectors/business/338-would-a-career-in-business-suit-me>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/business-and-finance>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/marketing-executive>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/public-relations-officer>

National Careers Week have a virtual event that showcases many industries and job sectors.

Please go to <https://ncw2021.co.uk/>

