



The weekly newsletter of **Arena Academy**

Welcome

Friday May 8th 2020

Parents, carers & students,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well during these most trying of times. In these weekly e-newsletters we will be keeping you informed with all of the developments and news at Arena Academy during the lockdown period and as we eventually start to reopen school.

As always, if you wish to contact school please email enquiry@arena-birmingham.academy and a member of our team will respond.

Our phone number is 0121 729 7310 and is available from 8.30am until 3pm. Please stay safe and we hope to see you all very soon.



Laptop Update

During this period of lockdown our teaching has shifted to an online provision utilising Microsoft Teams. This has been a great success and we applaud all our students who have been engaging with their lessons in this manner.

However, we understand that some are unable to access this provision and we are doing all we can to rectify this.

Currently all of our available laptops have been issued. We are in the process of completing repairs to some existing machines and hope to issue these as soon as they are ready. However, the priority of issuing to specific students means that not all who want one will receive one immediately.

We are grateful for your patience and understanding during this time and we will continue to keep you updated.



Learn from home & stay connected with
CORE CONNECTS.

Go to www.arena-birmingham.academy and follow the links to your year group.



Extra! Extra! Extra Curricular!

Don't forget our CORE Extra Curricular events. Monday Masterclasses are for year 10, so don't forget to sign up.

For all years we have Tuesday Talents, Wednesday Wisdom, Thursday Thoughts and Friday Fun! Details on CORE CONNECTS.

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All students are able to access their online learning through Microsoft Teams. This is available by going to Office365 at www.office.com and logging in using the student's school email address and password. Contact enquires@arena-birmingham.academy if unable to sign in.



Paper-based resources

We appreciate that some students are not currently able to access our online teaching. If any children are in need of work to be completed on paper for any reason then please can you let us know by emailing the student welfare email address: student.welfare@arena-birmingham.academy

One of the team will then be able to contact you and make the necessary arrangements.

Ramadan and Eid

We are currently in the month of Ramadan and just wanted to say to all of our families who are fasting at this time that we are here to support you and understand that trying to manage school work during this time can be difficult. If there is anything we can do to support further please keep in touch with us, Birmingham City Council has offered advice and guidance for staying safe during this time, you can use this link to read more; https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50231/coronavirus_covid-19/2168/ramadan_and_eid_2020

Parent & Student Feedback

Many thanks to all the year 9 & 10 students that responded to our survey about our online teaching, and also to all the parents and carers who responded. We truly value your feedback and we have produced this newsletter and modified the number of teaching hours in each day in response to your comments.

Another survey will be coming out for students in years 7 & 8 and their parents & carers this week. Please do respond. We'd love to hear from you.

Timetables

Timetables are available for years 7 - 10 students on our website. Go to www.arena-birmingham.academy and click on the CONNECTS logo.



Then click on the link to the relevant year group.



This will take you to your year group page where there is a link to your timetable for the week. This will contain any required link to external lesson sources such as BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy.

Current online learning topics

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
English	Fantasy, Greek Mythology	Fantasy, Victorian Literature, Oliver Twist	Blood Brothers	An Inspector Calls
Maths	Mean, Mode, Median & Range, Sequences, Expressions	Adding, subtracting, multiplying & Dividing Fractions	Number - Fractions, Decimals, Percentages.	Algebra, Simplifying Expressions, Expanding brackets etc
Science	Ecology and Forces	Earth Structures and Rocks	Physics - Energy Chemistry - Bonding Biology - Infection & Response	Biology - Homeostasis, Inheritance, variation & evolution Chemistry - Energy & Chemical changes
Triple Science			Chemical Changes	Ecology
History	Anarchy	The Enlightenment, Colonies	Health and the People	Norman England revision
Geography	Tourism, Maps	Tourism, The Earth	India	Resource Management, Urban Issues
RE	Creation, Christianity, Exploring beliefs	Incarnation, Judaism, Exploring beliefs	Alternative Religions	N/A
French	Conversations, Hobbies, Media	Conversations, Hobbies, Media	Hobbies, Home & Local Area	KS4 Grammar, Identity & Culture
Art	Creative Photography/Art Challenges	Creative Photography/Art Challenges	Inside Out themed journal	Personal theme - observations from primary sources
Photography			Key concepts - Image taking & critical investigation	Portraiture - Self portraiture
Drama	Stimulus - Drama theory	Stimulus - Interpreting drama	Script work - Blood Brothers	Script work - Blood Brothers
Business	Marketing	Dragons' Den project	Leadership, business organisation and employment	Making marketing decisions theme 2
Computing	Coding, flowcharts	Virtual reality/worlds	Networks	Functions and characters of CPU
iMedia			Theory digital graphics and preproduction skills	Practical digital graphics and preproduction skills
PE	Exercise & Fitness Videos uploaded daily			
Health/ Social C.			See Teams	M1 Task 2
Child Dev.			See Teams	Unit 3. Assignment 1. Inclusive practice in early years
Sport			GCSE - Coursework BTEC -	GCSE - Ethics BTEC - Unit 3
D.T.	Baking, Basic Skills in Textiles	Baking, Sustainability	Food Commodities & Sustainability	Dietary Needs Properties of Materials (Engineering)
Music	Music Tech 101	Film Music & Theory	Song Writing	Song Writing

Art Masterclass - Monday 11th May at 3pm

There is an opportunity for all year groups to get involved with an Art Masterclass this Monday. This will be lead by an external artist and is fantastic opportunity to engage in a fun afterschool activity.

The theme is 'getting creative with what's at hand'. It will look at how other peoples' creativity can be inspiring, exploring materials around us, and a creative challenge. If you wish to take part, please bring a pencil, scissors, glue (if you have it), 3 different types of cardboard (delivery boxes, toilet roll tubes, cereal boxes, etc) and an empty plastic milk bottle or similar. If you wish to take part sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/Art-Masterclass>

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Wellbeing for families

The welfare team is here and available for all children and families, and we have an email address that comes straight to the team as well as a telephone number that also goes direct to the team during term time between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm. The number is 0121 679 4663.

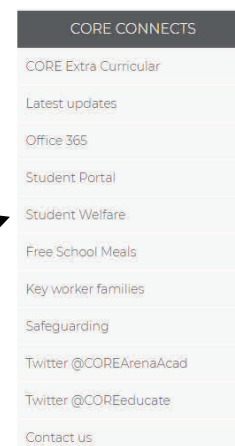
The Welfare Team consists of:

Claire Kilroy – Deputy Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

Joanne Chance – Student Welfare and Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Emma Sinclair – Student Welfare and Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

For any other advice and services linked to wellbeing please visit the Core Connects Webpage linked to Arena Academy and click on the Student Welfare Page, or use this link <http://arena-birmingham.academy/student-welfare/>



Year 11

We are sure that you understand by now that the Graduation and Prom for the Class of 2020, which was scheduled for 18th and 19th June have both sadly been cancelled as a result of the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Any deposits that have been paid will be fully refunded via Parent Pay in due course.

We fully understand the disappointment that students and parents will feel as we were all looking forward to celebrating these two events with our class of 2020.

We will conduct a review of the situation upon the reopening of school to establish an appropriate time later in the calendar year to provide a leavers celebration. Whilst we do not know what this will look like at this moment in time, we believe that it is imperative to acknowledge the journey and successes that have been achieved individually and collectively over the past 5 years. Believe us when we say that your time at Arena WILL be celebrated!

Launching Monday 11th May on the Year 11 CORE Connects webpage, resources to help you prepare for your next steps in education.

Year 11 Next Step Ready

Year 11,

Your future remains at the heart of our thinking as always. We will continue to provide you with the support to develop and embed the key skills and attributes, which you shall need in order to be successful in the next steps of your educational journey. We will provide you with opportunities to ignite your inquisitive and curious minds!



We are delighted to launch the 'Next Step Ready' programme of academically challenging and engaging tasks, which will be crucial in helping you to further cultivate your own independent learning and to develop those all-important higher order thinking skills. These tasks are designed to test your ability to problem solve, think critically, analyse, evaluate and make judgements, being a range of skills respected by higher and further educational institutions and employers alike!

The 'Next Step Ready' programme will launch on Monday 11th May 2020 and run until Friday 12th June 2020. There will be several tasks published over a period of four weeks. All resources and the task briefs will be uploaded to the academy's website <http://arena-birmingham.academy/year-11-core-connects/> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/COREArenaAcad> and will also be emailed to your school email account every Monday.

If there are any questions, please email Miss Hall chall@arena-birmingham.academy.

