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Message from the Headteacher

It is hard to believe that we have just one half term remaining before we conclude this academic year. It has been an incredible journey thus far, filled with numerous accomplishments and positive developments. I am delighted to inform you that our school community has flourished in various aspects, and I couldn't be prouder of our students. This newsletter serves as a valuable communication tool to keep you informed about the latest happenings and achievements at Our Arena. This is in addition to the Headteacher Bulletins that are sent every Sunday.

First and foremost, I am thrilled to announce that our school has been the recipient of several prestigious awards this term. These accolades are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students, as well as the unwavering support and guidance provided by our exceptional team of teachers and staff. Such recognition is not only a reflection of our academic excellence but also the development and personal growth we strive to foster within our students.

Moreover, I would like to emphasise the remarkable progress we have made in enhancing the overall educational experience at our school. Most classrooms now feature large digital interactive screens, providing dynamic and immersive lessons. Additionally, visualisers have been installed, allowing teachers to model work easily and enhance understanding. Furthermore, we have installed an extra food serving station in the playground, ensuring efficient access to nourishing meals for our students. This will also reduce the queue waiting time for students at break and lunch.

As we move forward into the final half term, I encourage you to stay actively engaged in your child's educational journey. Regularly checking class charts will provide you with all the important information about your child. If you do not know how to access class charts, please contact Mr Afzal safzal@corearena.academy

Let us continue this journey of growth and success with enthusiasm, as we look forward to finishing the year strong and celebrating the achievements of our exceptional students. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.

COLLABORATION

Work Experience



We are looking for local businesses that are willing to accommodate our Year 10 students on work experience placements from the 3rd to the 7th July. If you are in a position to offer a placement, please contact Miss Van Deventer, Head of Year 10.

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COLLABORATION

The Risks of Vaping



Our UNICEF Ambassadors delivered an informative and insightful assembly explaining the risks of vaping. They dissected assumptions of vaping and shared helpful strategies to quit e-cigarettes.

VAPING



COLLABORATION

8KRW Supporting Year 11 Exams



On the morning of the Year 11 English Literature Exam, 8KRW spent form time writing quotes on the playground for Yr11 to revise. Year 11 were so engaged with this activity and appreciated the help from year 8.

Thank you 8KRW

COLLABORATION

NHS UNICEF Ambassadors



Our UNICEF Ambassadors took part a community engagement event at ASDA where they promoted the NHS Health and Wellbeing App Library. They did a fantastic job spreading awareness about the importance of using safe and verified healthcare apps.

OPPORTUNITY

Science Ambassador

Congratulations to our first Science Ambassador. Megan has received our first enamel Science Ambassador badge.

Our Science Leadership Project goes beyond the curriculum, offering our students many opportunities to expand their skills.

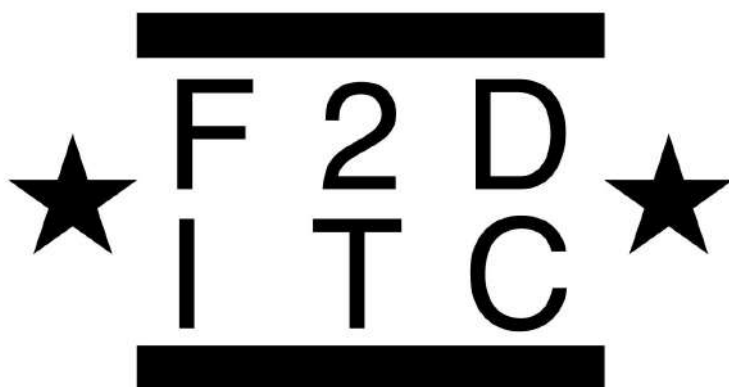


OPPORTUNITY

Free 2 Dream



Free 2 Dream joined us to work with some of our Year 7 students.
Inspiring our young people to reach their full potential.



OPPORTUNITY

Titanic the Musical



Year 9 and Year 10 students had the amazing opportunity to see Titanic the Musical at The Birmingham Hippodrome. The performance, lighting and music were highly dramatic and really brought home the catastrophe of the Titanic's maiden voyage.

OPPORTUNITY

BMet Inclusive Support Open Event

Tuesday 13 June. 4pm–6pm

**Assistance|Help|Boost|
Service|Encouragement|
Lift|Kindness|Attention|
Guidance|Backing|
Helping hand|
Aid|Facilitation|
Attention|Service|
Beneficience|**

Inclusive Support (SEN) Open Event

Our Inclusive Learner Support
Open Event is taking place across all
our main college sites –

**James Watt College
Matthew Boulton College
Sutton Coldfield College**

Hear and talk to our specialist Inclusive Learning
Support team on the range of support offered at BMet.

Register at BMet.ac.uk/SENevent

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We are here to help you

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IT!**



OPPORTUNITY

May Half Term Camp



OPPORTUNITY

Year 10 NHS Community Research Project

A number of our year 10 students have been selected to become NHS research ambassadors.

The project focuses on our students discovering their own personal development, career choices, in-depth knowledge, creative thinking and community outreach.

This is a new approach the NHS have put together regarding Work Experience where the students will become Health Ambassadors for the community, looking great on their CV and Personal Statements.

The idea is that the students interview and research people in the community regarding their experiences within the NHS. This particular project is Maternity Care/early childhood care.

Each student has to complete 5 interviews and then report back to an NHS panel with their findings by producing a presentation. The main aim is to help improve future treatment and resources given to expectant mothers.

Students will also have the opportunity to visit the Birmingham Women's Hospital to have hands on experience of being on the labour wards.

Congratulations to those students who have been chosen.



OPPORTUNITY

Year 10 Trip to Paris

I am pleased to confirm that the Year 10 students and staff who went on the Paris trip returned home safely in the early hours of Friday morning. Thank you to Miss Campbell-Williams and Miss van Deventer for their hard work and dedication in planning and leading the trip. I know that a great deal of time and effort went into organising this trip, and it is clear from the pictures below that the hard work paid off! It looks like the students had a wonderful time, and I am sure they learned about a new culture, and created memories that will last a lifetime.



OPPORTUNITY

Year 10 Trip to Paris



OPPORTUNITY

Envision

Congratulations to our year 10 Envision students for being named the winning group! They have worked incredibly hard over the last 12 weeks to plan and present their idea in front of judges. Their group called CORE CULTURE wanted to highlight the importance of cultural diversity in our school and to improve awareness and inclusivity through activities and culture days. The group showed incredible team work and spoke with confidence and passion. It was a daunting challenge in front of 5 other very strong groups but in the end we were victorious!! Well done.

Miss van Deventer is a very proud Head of Year!

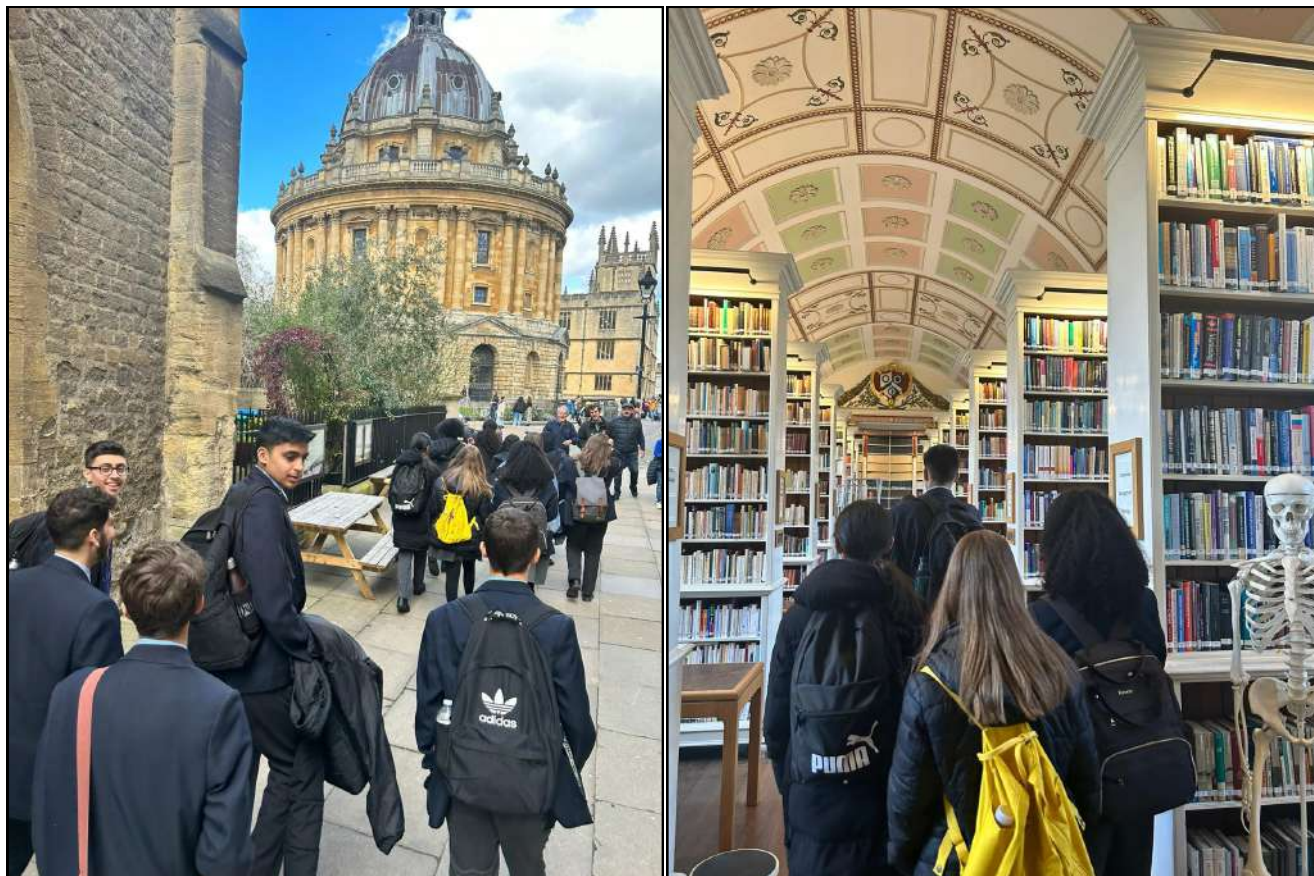


OPPORTUNITY

Oxford University

As part of The Scholars Programme, 14 year 10 students got the opportunity to visit Oxford University.

The Scholars Programme helps students develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to progress to the most competitive universities. Students have been working alongside a PHD tutor to learn about and then submit a university calibre 2000 word essay on their topic; What are The Mental Health needs of BAME communities in the UK. Students will also be invited to attend their graduation at the end of the programme at the University of Warwick. A really great opportunity to inspire students to reach higher!



OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity Day

60 year 10 students were given the opportunity to attend James Watt College for the day and take part in some taster sessions for some of the vocational subject offered at James Watt College. Students were given a briefing on expectations and the experience of going to a college and getting hands-on experience for their potential careers in the future. It was great to see students engaged with a range of subjects, including media, construction, engineering, game design and Child care and Early years.



RESPECT

King Charles III Coronation

We kicked off our celebrations for the King's Coronation early by having a celebratory British menu from Wednesday onwards. Thank you to our Catering Team from Mellors for the delicious menu.



A huge congratulations to Keisha in Year 9. Keisha has been chosen for Reading Plus Star of the Month for her consistent engagement with the programme. Keisha has received £25 worth of book vouchers and a trophy for all of her amazing work.



RESPECT

Mental Health Awareness



For Mental Health Awareness this month, the theme was 'Let's Connect'.

Staff were delivering sunflowers and certificates to students who go above and beyond to help support others. We really do have amazingly supportive students at Arena Academy and we couldn't be more proud of our Arena Family.

EXCELLENCE

Travel Ambassadors



On the 26th April eight students from years 7 to 10 represented Arena at the Birmingham Town Hall and secured £250 of funding for school!

Over the course of six weeks the students worked together to create a campaign to get more students travelling actively to and from school. Despite a very tight schedule they conducted research, analysed data, and prepared a budget, all in preparation for a pitch to a panel of industry experts.

A huge thank you to Modeshift and Birmingham City Council for providing this opportunity to our students and making this possible.

More to come from our Active Travel ambassadors later this term with events, competitions, and prizes soon to be announced.

EXCELLENCE

Afternoon Tea

In the spirit of the Kings Coronation, students who have received the most CORE points were treated to a very British afternoon tea with Mr Mann.

A huge thank you to Mellors Catering.



EXCELLENCE

Book Reviews



Well done to our Arena students for their fantastic book reviews.

Your book reviews are displayed in our school library to inspire your peers.