

JUNE
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Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of yet another academic year, I am pleased to share the incredible progress happening within Our Arena. It is evident that our school is thriving in every aspect, and I am pleased to hear our students regularly praising the improvements we have made, acknowledging the positive impact on their educational experience.

This monthly newsletter aims to provide you with a glimpse into the life of a student at Arena Academy. We have worked diligently to create a learning environment that offers a multitude of fantastic opportunities for our students. From academic achievements to exciting extracurricular activities, we are dedicated to ensuring our students receive the best education that extends beyond traditional boundaries.

Our exceptional staff members, along with the collective efforts of our entire school community, are the driving force behind the positive changes taking place. Through innovative teaching methods, enhanced facilities, and an evolving curriculum, we continuously strive to nurture our students' talents, inspire their ambitions, and equip them with the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

As we reflect on the past year, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support, trust, and active participation in our school community. Your collaboration is integral to the growth and success of every child under our care.

I invite you to explore this newsletter, where you will discover glimpses of the vibrant daily experiences of our students at Arena Academy. From captivating classroom projects to enriching extracurricular opportunities, you will witness the diverse tapestry of their educational journey.

Let us celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students and embrace the exciting possibilities that lie ahead for each and every one of them. Together, we will continue to shape the educational landscape at Arena Academy, providing an environment where students can truly flourish, and open doors to their futures.

COLLABORATION

Soccer Aid for UNICEF

Congratulations to our Arena student team for bringing home the win for our UNICED Soccer Aid Football Match! The tension was high as it went to penalties, but our students came through for the win despite some tough competition from our Arena staff team!



COLLABORATION

West Midlands Police Visit

A huge thank you to PC Manns for coming into Arena Academy to present an assembly on bullying and assault.



COLLABORATION

UNICEF Ambassadors

This week our UNICEF student ambassadors have been sharing the importance of Articles 11 and 36. These highlight the right of children to be protected from abduction and exploitation.



EXPLORING ARTICLES 11 & 36

Most children never experience abduction or other forms of exploitation, but it does happen and that's why these articles are included in the CRC.

What should adults do to protect children and keep them safe?



REFLECTION

What can you do as an individual or a school to help others who may be affected by abduction or exploitation?



COLLABORATION

Year 7 Collaborative Artwork

Our fantastic group of Year 7 Art Club students have embodied the Core value of collaboration by leading the creation of collaborative artworks during form time and KS3 Art club. Each student in Year 7 and 8 has created a single leaf or flower and these have then been combined together to create the larger outcome of a tree or a peacock. The stunning outcomes are a credit to these dedicated and creative students, well done!



OPPORTUNITY

Year 8 Dragons

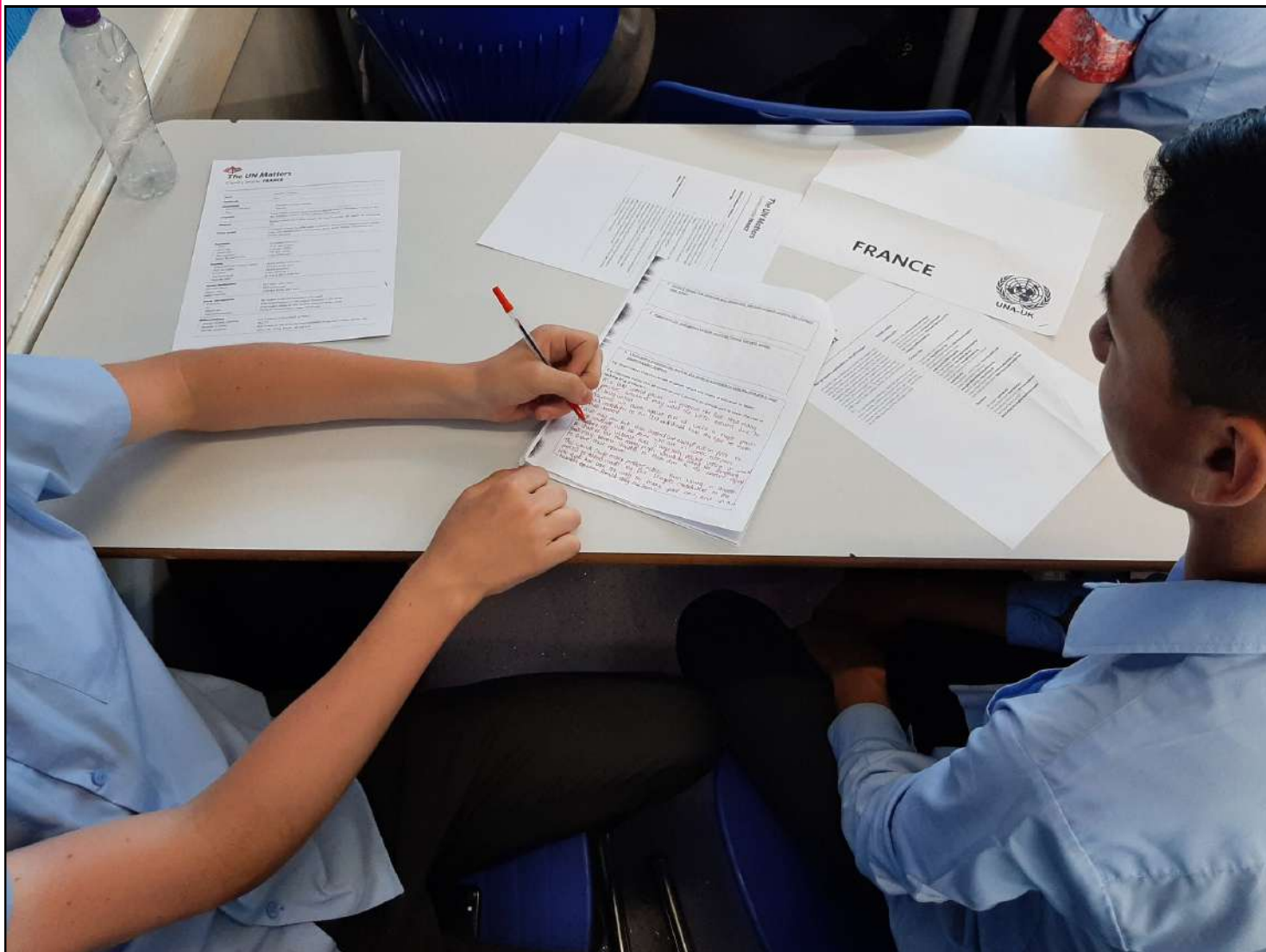
Our Year 8 Dragons Day reaches 'the pitch' in front of the whole year group. Fantastic performances from everyone involved. Young entrepreneurship at it's best.



OPPORTUNITY

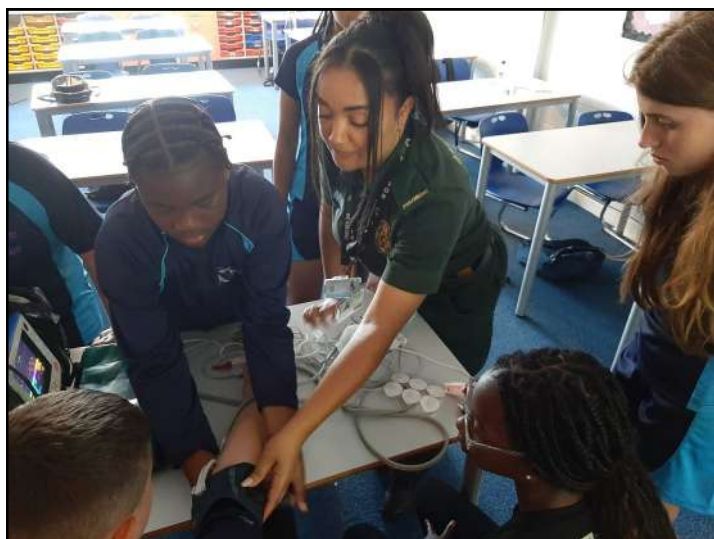
Year 9 United Nations Debate

Year 9 had the opportunity to debate the United Nations Veto as part of their Opportunities Day.



OPPORTUNITY

Year 7 First Aid with The Ambulance Service



Our Year 7's had the opportunity to learn how to use the tools used by paramedics. They also had a tour of their ambulance.

Year 7 also learnt some valuable First Aid skills.

Thank you to the West Midlands Ambulance Service for your time and for sharing your skills.



OPPORTUNITY

10 Downing Street

We are delighted to share the remarkable experience our students had on Friday, July 23rd, in celebration of National School Sports Week 2023. Accompanied by Miss Nahar and Mr. Stephens, eight of our exceptional students had the privilege of participating in a tennis event held at 10 Downing Street. This exclusive gathering was graciously hosted by Akshata Murty, the Prime Minister's wife, who emphasised the importance of engaging in a minimum of 60 minutes of daily exercise.

During the event, our students had the incredible opportunity to play tennis alongside the Prime Minister's wife. Furthermore, they were treated to an exclusive tour of 10 Downing Street and even paid a visit to the renowned Buckingham Palace. It was an unforgettable day filled with sports, cultural experiences, and inspiration.

We owe a special thanks to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) for providing us with this opportunity. The LTA is the national governing body for tennis in Great Britain. They are responsible for promoting and developing the sport at all levels, from grassroots to elite players, and organising various tournaments and events throughout the country.



OPPORTUNITY

Lawn Tennis Association

CORE Students enjoyed playing tennis at Edgbaston Priory working with the Lawn Tennis Association.



OPPORTUNITY

The Big Bang Fair

Some of our year 7 and 8 scientists went to the Big Bang Fair. The students had a taste of careers in science, including engineering, AI, radiography and aerodynamics. "There was a headless robotic dog! All the robotics were so cool."



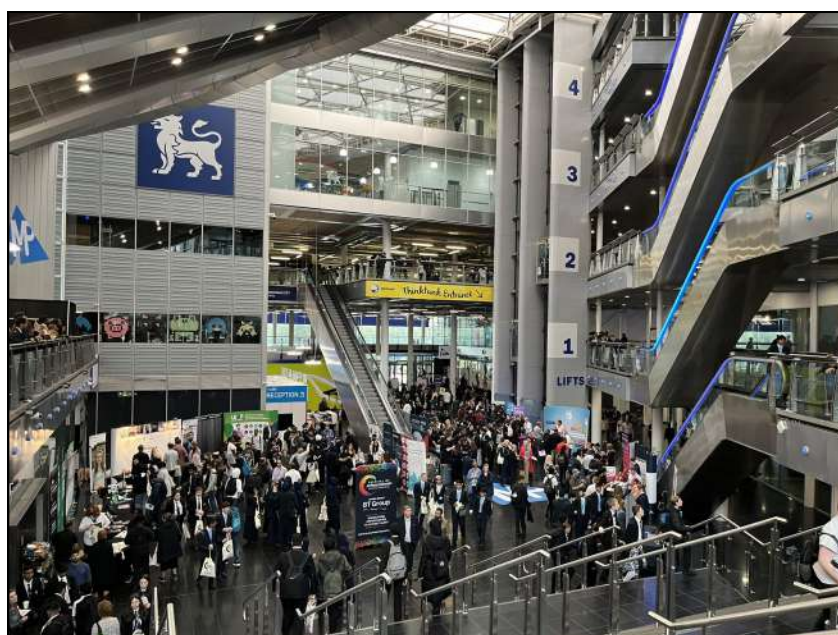
OPPORTUNITY

Careers Fayre at Millenium Point

Year 10 students were offered the opportunity to attend the annual Festival of Apprenticeships held at the Millennium Point in Birmingham.

Here they discussed apprenticeship vacancies in roles such as Engineering with HS2, Medicine with the NHS, Telecoms with BT, Finance with Kaplan and KPMG, RAF, NAVY, AIRFORCE, West Midlands Police, Waste Management with Veolia, Media with the BBC plus lots more.

They were also able to access lots of tips and advice from apprenticeship providers such as Pathways, LEAP apprenticeships, Youth Employment UK and World Skills UK.



OPPORTUNITY

Breakin' Conventions

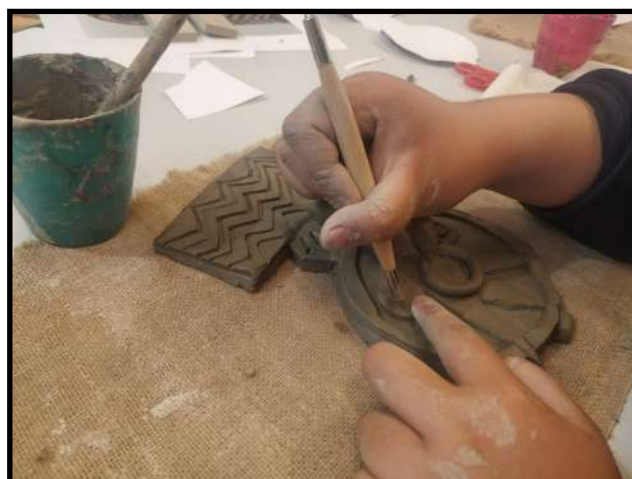
On Wednesday 14th June, we took a group of KS3 students to see the Breakin' Conventions Hip Hop dance event at the Hippodrome Theatre. The event celebrates the 20th anniversary of Breakin' Conventions and it was a fantastic education in Hip Hop culture with the top dance artists from across the world. There was breakdancing, groove, flexing, pole dancing and narrative performances. We were all blown away by the skill of the dancers and the students really enjoyed interacting with the event by cheering, clapping and even dancing during the interval on the amateur dance stage in the foyer!



OPPORTUNITY

Ceramics Workshop

During our recent Opportunity Day, a selection of Year 7 students took part in a three hour ceramics workshop to develop their 3D making skills and create a mask inspired by BWA culture. Students learnt how to cut shapes using a template, use scoring and slip to join elements together and add detail by carving out and using materials to imprint into the clay. We all really enjoyed the workshop and students will add colour using acrylic paint to complete the masks.



RESPECT

National Thank a Teacher Day

On 21st June our students expressed to our staff how much they respect and admire them for everything they do to deliver a CORE Education.



RESPECT

Year 11 Graduation Evening

The beginning of our celebrations and sad goodbyes to our Year 11 Class of 2023.

The Year 11 Graduation was emotional, funny, inspiring and a perfect way to say goodbye to our students.



RESPECT

Year 11 Leavers Lunch

Year 11 and all staff celebrating the hard work of our students with a leavers lunch. Years 7 to 10 were sent home early so that we could all celebrate together.



Our Year 11 Form Tutors and Head of Year Class of 2023



RESPECT

Year 7's Anti-bullying Workshop

Open View Education delivered Anti-bullying workshops with our Year 7's. Our Year 7's were involved in discussions and role play.



EXCELLENCE

Thank you to Our Arena Staff



To thank our incredible
Arena staff team,
Mr Mann arranged for an
ice cream van to visit one
sunny Friday afternoon to
treat all of our staff.

Well deserved!



EXCELLENCE

Reading Plus

Our top readers in Year 9 have been gifted a beautiful copy of 'Burn' by Patrick Ness for their outstanding progress with Reading Plus. Well done Neha, Divjan, Syanne, Oliver, Maria, Thivjan, Wareesha, Divyan. Thank you to Literacy Trust for providing our students with top reads.



EXCELLENCE

Recognition and Celebration

Some of our hard working students were taken to see the new Guardians of the Galaxy movie to celebrate their progress in English. “A must see film about friendship” - an exclusive review from one of our students.



EXCELLENCE

Mathletes Champions

Congratulations to our wining team of the CORE Educate Mathletes final!

Johnson, Wareesha, Xin and Milo have successfully won prize money for themselves and for school and a trip.

