

Dear Families,

It has been another purposeful week at Arena, with students continuing to work hard and staff building strong routines to support them. Within the SEND team, we have been focusing adapting one-page profiles with useful data and preparing for some important events next week.

NGRT Results and Reading Support

This week, many of your children received their NGRT (New Group Reading Test) results. For some, this was a moment of joy and pride, while others may have felt disappointed. Please be reassured that if your child's score is below average, we will work closely with them to ensure the right support is in place. Below is an example of what the data section will look like on your child's one-page profile. This is a key tool that helps every teacher understand your child's strengths, needs, and strategies that support their learning.

Data - NGRT/PASS/Reading Wave

- **SAS:** 69|**Reading Age:** 6:07
- Word reading and comprehension below age expectation
- **Lowest PASS Score:** Response to curriculum demands (5.2)
- Scaffold tasks appropriately, provide clear instructions, and check for understanding to ensure the level of difficulty feels achievable but challenging.

We are also strengthening our interventions. Many of our Teaching Assistants are now being trained on *Fresh Start*, a phonics-based literacy programme designed for students who still struggle with reading. It focuses on breaking down words into smaller parts, building fluency, and increasing confidence. Once training is complete, our TAs will begin delivering weekly sessions to support students in making accelerated progress.

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Open to All

Arena offers a wide range of extra-curricular clubs that are open to every student. Unfortunately, we know that students with SEND are often less likely to attend. This is something we want to change. We are encouraging all students with SEND to join at least one club this term, and our Teaching Assistants will be speaking to as many students as possible to help make this happen. If there are barriers such as confidence, timing, or accessibility, we are here to help.

Please find the club timetable attached and encourage your child to try something new. Extra-curricular activities not only build skills but also boost confidence, friendships, and enjoyment of school.

Year 7 Residential Trip: Monday

On Monday, our Year 7 students will be heading off on their residential trip. It is fantastic to see so many students with SEND taking part, which is a real testament to their confidence and determination. As parents, please rest assured that we will be looking after every child as if they were our own. Residential trips are a wonderful opportunity for students to build independence, develop friendships, and grow in confidence, and we are excited to see them thrive.

Looking Ahead: October Awareness Events

October is an important month for celebrating differences. As a school, we will be marking ADHD Awareness Month, Dyslexia Awareness Week, and International Stammering Awareness Day.

Next week, I will personally be delivering training to all staff about ADHD, what it is, how it can present in the classroom, and strategies to support students. I have attached a copy of my presentation so you can see what we will be sharing with staff.

If you believe your child may have ADHD, you can make a referral through your GP. Alternatively, I can support with this referral if I also feel it is appropriate for your child. For families, a free 6-week online course, "Nurturing ADHD Kids," begins in November. It is open to Birmingham parents and carers of students with ADHD or suspected ADHD, and comes highly recommended. Further details and the application link are attached.

Looking Ahead: Year 7 Settling-In Evening

Next week, we will also be welcoming families to the Year 7 Settling-In Evening. I am particularly keen to meet every family of students with SEND in Year 7. Mrs Hussain (Deputy SENDCo) and I will be available to share your child's new One-Page Profile, gather your feedback on how it can be improved, and provide log-in details for Provision Maps.

Provision Maps, a sister company of ClassCharts, will allow you to view your child's One-Page Profile, communicate directly with the SEND team, and over time track the interventions your child is receiving. More information about this platform is available at www.edukey.com.

Further Information and Contact

To learn more about SEND support at Arena, please visit:
<https://www.corearena.academy/our-academy/send/>

If you have concerns about your child's provision, please use this feedback form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BB9XTeCPF7>

You may also contact my line manager, Mrs Kilroy (Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion and Safeguarding), if you feel your concerns are not being met.

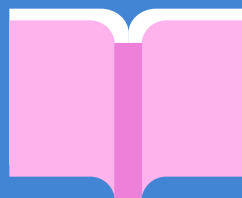
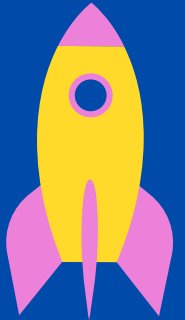
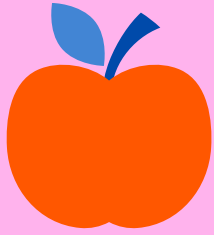
Final Message

As we move into October, I hope you can join us in celebrating the strengths of every child, while continuing to work together to overcome challenges. Thank you for your ongoing support, it makes a real difference to our shared vision that *every child belongs at Arena*.

Best wishes,

Mr Ahmed

SENDCo, Arena Academy



Extra-Curricular Timetable - Autumn Term

Monday

Breakfast Club	City Year	8 - 8:35am	Arena Central
Calm Colouring Club	Miss Fellows	Break and Lunch	Library
Guitar Lessons	Services for Education	9am - 1:20pm	Room 20
Art Club	Miss Freeman	Lunch	Room 17
Cricket Club	Miss Hazem	Lunch	Gym
Homework Club	City Year	Lunch	Room 28
Anti-Bullying Drop In	City Year	Lunch	Room 8
Board Games	City Year	Lunch	Arena Central
Vocal Lessons	Services for Education	12:20 - 3:20pm	Practice Room
Debate Club	City Year	3:15 - 4pm	Room 8
CoreUs	Miss McKenzie / Audrey	3:20 - 4:20pm	Room 18

Tuesday

Breakfast Club	City Year	8 - 8:35am	Arena Central
Keyboard Lessons	Services for Education	11:20am - 1:20pm	Room 18 and 22
Homework Club	City Year	Lunch	Room 29
Science Club	Mrs Spence	Lunch	Room 139
Board Games	City Year	Lunch	Arena Central
Reading Plus Homework Club	English Team	3:15 - 4:15pm	Room 28
Our Arena Boxing Club	Mr Rahman	3:15 - 4:30pm	Sports Hall
'Make and Bake' Club	Mrs Dowe, Dorsett and Dowling	3:15 - 4:15pm	Room 19
Music Club	Miss McKenzie	3:20 - 4:20pm	Room 22
Gospel Choir	Mr King and Miss McKenzie	3:20 - 4:20pm	Room 18

Wednesday

Breakfast Club	City Year	8 - 8:35am	Arena Central
Whisper Wednesday	Miss Fellows	Break and Lunch	Library
Clarinet Lessons	Services for Education	11:30 - 12:30pm	Practice Room
Homework Club	City Year	Lunch	Room 28
Board Games	City Year	Lunch	Arena Central
Sparx Maths Homework Club	Maths Team	Lunch	Room 29
Athletics	Mr Taylor and Mrs Joyce	3:15 - 4:15pm	Astro Turf

Thursday

Breakfast Club	City Year	8 - 8:35am	Arena Central
Film Club	Miss Fellows	Break and Lunch	Library
Drum Lessons	Services for Education	11:20 - 1:20pm	Practice Room
Homework Club	City Year	Lunch	Room 28
Board Games	City Year	Lunch	Arena Central
Handball	Mr Simon	3:15 - 4:15pm	Gym
Cadets	Miss Hazem	3:15 - 4:30pm	Room 32
Drama Club	Miss Alam	3:15 - 4:15pm	Room 18

Friday

Friendship Club	Mrs Sweet	Lunch	Room 8
Football	Mr Joyce	3:15 - 4:30pm	Astro
Youth Club	Sporting Elite	3:15 - 5pm	Astro / Sports Hall



Nurturing ADHD kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

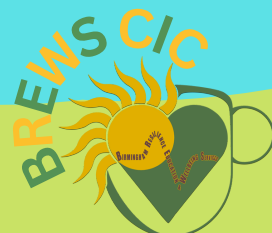
What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions

Email:
contactus@brewseducation.org





Nurturing ADHD kids

NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free online 6 week course for parents and carers
Each session is 90 minutes

September 2025 courses

Mondays 7- 8.30 pm
starting Monday 15th September
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



Wednesdays 10-11.30 am
starting Wednesday 17th September
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



Registration closes at
5 pm on Friday 12th September

If you miss the deadline, email us at
contactus@brewseducation.org and you can
join the next one starting in November

