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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of the first half of the Spring Term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Following our vision to further improve parental communication I would like to invite you to two open evenings where Senior Leaders will be available to answer any of your questions. These will take place in the Main Hall as follows: (if you have children in different years please choose either)

Years 7, 8 and 9	Wednesday 2nd March	5:00 to 6:00pm
Years 10 and 11	Thursday 3rd March	5:00 to 6:00pm

If you would like to attend, please complete the following link so that we can get an indication of how many parents will be attending. Please note; these sessions are optional and refreshments will be provided. <https://forms.office.com/r/7Mf7SFbNx0>

In preparation for the start of the new term I would like you to consider the following:

Uniform

Can you please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and school shoes (no trainers). Some of the girls are wearing inappropriate uniform with skirts too short, or trousers/skirts too tight. Please encourage your child to wear uniform that is appropriate for school. Please click this link to view the full list of our uniform: [Uniform & Equipment - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://www.corearena.academy/uniform-equipment)

Punctuality

The vast majority of students arrive on time, which is tremendous. However, there are some students that are consistently late to school. Please ensure that your child leaves the house to be able to arrive at school on time. All students must be seated in their form rooms for 8:35am.

Change of details.

If your details have changed – for example home address, next of kin, telephone numbers, email address or any medical information that we need to be aware of, can you please email lmullen@corearena.academy.

Vaping

We have recently been made aware about an increase in the number of incidents in our local community where children and young people are being exposed to potential harmful substances through the use of electronic cigarettes and/or vapes. Please see attached letter that informs you of the issue, provides you with access to helpful resources if you feel that your child is involved in this kind of behaviour, as well as to alert you to the potential consequences should your child/children be found to be in possession or use of electronic cigarettes/vapes on the academy premises.

There has been a lot of activity regarding different year groups that I need to update you on.

Year 11 – Mock examinations will take place the week beginning **7th March** for two weeks. Details of the advance information released by examination boards is attached, both the links to the examination boards and a booklet outlining the details. Following the completion of the mock examinations, all Year 11 students will have the opportunity to go to the London Globe Theatre to watch a production of Macbeth on either **28th or 29th March**. (further details will be provided after half term)

Years 7 – 10 Students who have been identified as having gaps in knowledge due to the periods of school closure will have the opportunity to attend tuition programmes which will begin from **14th March**. All students in Year 10 will be given a revision guide in English, Mathematics and Science; and all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be given Catch Up books in English, Mathematics and Science which they will use in school and at home.

Year 9 – the first draft of the option process has been completed. We will analyse the results over half term to determine which option groups are viable. As promised at the Options Evening students will be able to attend taster sessions in all of the options (including Psychology and Photography) – these will commence from the week beginning **7th March**.

We are very pleased to tell you that we have recently been awarded the first stage of UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA), Bronze: Rights Committed. We are always striving to create the best possible learning environment for our young people and this achievement shows that we are committed to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school.

As you can see, we have managed to keep the school open to all students throughout the term, despite the obvious challenges and have endeavoured to provide as many opportunities as possible. I would like to pay tribute to the staff for their continued resilience, to the students for their adaptability and kindness and to parents for their patience and continued support.

Half term dates

School re-opens for students on **Tuesday 1st March** at normal time.

Yours Sincerely,



R Mann
Headteacher