

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As many of you are aware, there are incidences of knife crime happening in the area. We are in constant communication with West Midlands Police who have been proactive in delivering assemblies warning of the danger of knife crime. However, it is our collective responsibility to ensure the safety and welfare of everyone on site, so can the following please continue to happen:

All students must not carry any weapon, of any type, at any time. Parents must continue to have conversations with their child regarding the danger of carrying knives and periodically check bags. If any student hears that a student may be carrying a knife, they must inform a member of staff - this can be done confidentiality using Whisper too: [Whisper - Report a Concern - Arena Academy](#). Staff will continue to discuss this issue with students, and periodically random bag searches will be carried out. We must continue to work together to keep everyone safe. Please find attached a poster that gives more information.

Year 11 Examinations

Year 11 exams have started well. Please encourage your child to attend all the morning booster sessions. A detailed timetable is available here: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy](#). All students who attend the morning booster sessions will also have a free breakfast. We are also collapsing some classes/lessons so that students can maximise their time in school, in preparation for the GCSE Examinations.

Personalised text messages are being sent to Parents the day before exams to remind you of what exam is taking place the next day. Please speak to a member of the Year 11 Pastoral team if you have any questions regarding examinations:

- Ms Taj: STaj@CoreArena.Academy
- Ms Badhan: PBadhan@CoreArena.Academy
- Ms Khalil for SEND students: FFkhalil@CoreArena.Academy

Examinations can be a stressful time for students, a useful website to support Parents in helping their child with exam stress is here: [Help your child beat exam stress - NHS](#).

Year 10 Examinations

Year 10 students should now be revising thoroughly for their GCSE Mock examinations that start on Monday 9th June. We strongly recommend at least one hour of revision every. The full timetable can be found here: [Year 10 Examinations - Arena Academy](#)

Attendance - 19 day challenge, don't break the streak

There are 19 school days in this half term. So far there are 756 students who are eligible to be entered into the draw to win Bluetooth speakers as they have attended every day. Please keep this winning streak going until the end of this half term.

Year Group	Number of students in Year group	Number of students with 100% attendance	% of year group with 100% attendance
7	180	137	76.1%
8	180	127	70.6%
9	240	165	68.8%

10	210	152	72.4%
11	240	175	72.9%
	1050	756	72.0%

After school clubs

The programme of after school clubs has been updated and available on our website. There is something for everyone, so I would encourage all students to attend at least one a week. Our Arena Youth Club on a Friday is very popular! [Clubs and Activities - Arena Academy](#)

A reminder that the half term holiday is fast approaching so school will close at the normal time of 3:10pm on Friday 23rd May, and re-open at the usual time on Monday 2nd June.

Have good week everyone, enjoy the sunny weather and stay safe.

Kind regards
Mr Mann