

Headteacher Bulletin 13th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As we enter the last week of this academic year, there are important updates that need to be shared.

Firstly, I would like to inform you about an incident that took place after school on Friday 10th July involving one of our students. The incident occurred away from the school site; however, we know it may be concerning for many of our students, families and staff. The student involved is safe and well. West Midlands Police are investigating the incident, as this remains an active police investigation, it would not be appropriate for us to comment further on the circumstances. Additional pastoral support will be available for any student who has been affected by this incident or who would like someone to talk to. Thank you for your continued support, the safety and wellbeing of our students remains our highest priority.

Year 10 GCSE Mock Examination Results

Year 10 students picked up their results on Friday. This will give them a good indication of where they are at in their GCSE journey. Please use these results to focus revision for next year. All year 10 students will be coming home with essential revision material to complete over the summer holidays.

Hot Weather

Thank you to all students for your resilience through this heatwave. I can confirm that all students can wear PE kit until the end of this academic year. It will also be a relaxed dress code for staff.

Advance notice

Next week's bulletin will contain all the essential information that Parents and students need for a smooth start in September. Please find time during the holidays to read the following:

- Family handbook (this will detail any changes taking place next year)
- Information about GCSE Results day
- What day and time students return in September 2026
- Free Uniform offer
- Form tutor list

We will end this academic year next week with Celebration Assemblies. These will highlight all the tremendous achievements of our students this year.

Wednesday 15th July – End of Year trips

We are pleased to see many of our students attending an end of year trip. More information about the day will be given to students early next week.

Friday 17th July – Last day of the academic year

A reminder that we finish the term on Friday 17th July, and students will be dismissed from period 5 onwards. It will be a non-uniform day for staff and students. We will have free ice creams available for all students and a live DJ playing songs in the playground at lunchtime. This is a day you do not want to miss!

I would like to encourage all Parents and carers to discuss end-of-term plans with their children and to consider whether travel into Birmingham City Centre is necessary. Knowing where young people are, who they are spending time with, and how they intend to travel home, can help keep them safe and reduce the risk of them becoming vulnerable. Our collective aim is to ensure that all students can enjoy the end of the school year safely.

Wimbledon future champions?

We are delighted to announce that our Summer Tennis & Sports Camp will be returning for Summer 2026 following the success of our previous programmes. Delivered in partnership with the LTA Tennis Foundation through the #RaiseMyGame initiative, the camp provides students with an exciting opportunity to develop their tennis skills, stay active, make new friends and enjoy a range of fun sporting activities in a safe and supportive environment. The camps are open to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 and are FREE of charge. Please sign up here: [Summer Tennis and Sports Camp - Year 7 - 9 – Fill out form](#).

Kind regards
Mr Mann