

Headteacher Bulletin 15th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer and Students of our Arena,

I hope you are having an enjoyable weekend with your loved ones.
We are now entering the final week of the term.

Attendance: (Everybody's responsibility) As you are aware, attendance to school is a key focus at Our Arena. Students who have high attendance are far more likely to achieve good grades. Attendance for the week ending 12th December highlighted that on average 895 students out of our total students on roll achieved the expected attendance across the week.

I am conscious that we have a high proportion of our students absent from the academy. I will need you to work closely with us to ensure that unless your child is incredibly unwell, they attend the academy every day. We need to work together to ensure that students are building the routine to attend the academy across the week. Students are expected to arrive on time to school every single day. Our academy doors open at 8.25am and finish at 8.35am. We have noticed that a handful of students are arriving after 9.05am. If there is a continuous pattern of U codes, parent/carers will receive a letter of concern. I look forward to seeing all the children back and well from Monday. It is crucial that we are able to absorb our young people with the maximum learning opportunities.

Throughout the week, we have blended a range of rewards assemblies, reward trips, double core points and the full access to the curriculum. Can I ask you to work with us to ensure students are in attendance this coming week. We would like all of our students to engage with key activities across the week.

Year 11 Strategy :

Thank you to all parent/carers for your ongoing support with Year 11. We are now two weeks away from the second set of Mock exams. These are crucial exams in providing evidence on the most up to date progress Year 11 have made.

All Year 11 students will bring key revision material with them. It is critical that they are supported throughout the holiday period.

Year 11 invite only students will be expected to attend each of their P6 sessions across the week.

Rewards Assemblies: 15th-19th December

Students in the academy will engage with rewards assemblies as part of their year group. Your child's Head of Year and Year group coordinator have worked immensely hard to shape what will be an incredibly positive experience in assembly. We look forward to all our young people engaging in those rewards assemblies.

Rewards Trips: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (15th-17th December)

We are looking forward to students in Year 7-11 engage in a range of activities as part of the rewards trips. Students will be undertaking these activities during the school day and will be returning back to the academy by the close of the day. Key staff will be supporting the rewards trips. I know how excited our students are to attend the rewards trips.

Last Day plans: Friday 19th December

We will be finishing the academy day at the end of Period 3 on Friday (12.20pm).

Students will be returning to their form class where we will be dismissing in a calm and staggered manner. Please could I ask that you inform your child to return home immediately once they leave the academy.

Students who normally receive a lunch at the academy will be able to bring a packed lunch home.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support you have provided me and the staff this term. It has been greatly appreciated.

Please have a great festive break with your families and loved ones.

Kind regards,

Mr Malik
Head of School