

Headteacher Bulletin 15th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

Thank you to all our students for behaving so sensibly this week during many wet breaks and lunches. I know it can be very frustrating, but you have all coped very well.

Year 11 Examinations

On Monday 15th June, Year 11 complete their examinations. They have undertaken them so well, showing a mature and positive attitude throughout, and I hope all their efforts is reflected in the results in August. Once the Science examination is over on Monday, Year 11 students will have the opportunity to have shirts signed, followed by a 'Leavers Lunch', from which they will be dismissed. A huge thanks to all parents of Year 11 for all the support they have given to the school, you have provided an invaluable source of support during what can be a challenging time for Year 11 students.

Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations

Year 10 students have got off to a good start with their examinations this week. Their attitude and behaviour have been superb. The examinations continue next week, and students will receive their results before the end of term. Now that Year 11 are leaving, Year 10 will become the Senior Student Ambassadors and set the example for the school.

Year 9 GL assessments

Similar to Years 10 and 11, Year 9 have responded well to their GL assessments. The results of these will be shared with parents shortly. The outcomes of these assessments will be used to identify any gaps in knowledge that needs to be taught again over the remainder of this term in order to start Key Stage 4 with a strong platform.

Attendance – Everyone's Responsibility

Although attendance remains close to national average, there are still far too many students taking time off school for non-approved reasons. Over the remaining weeks of this term, I would like to see every child in school unless there is a legitimate reason for absence. Can I remind parents that they should not be taking holidays during term time, and all students are expected to attend school up to the last day of term. There are penalty fines that can be issued for unauthorised absences during term time, so please avoid this happening.

Seating in the Gym

During the summer, we will have moveable lecture style seating installed into the gym. This will enable masterclass lectures to be delivered to groups of students from both our own staff and external speakers. It will not impact PE lessons as it can be moved whenever required. It will add another dimension to the delivery of high-quality lessons to our students.

Year 6 Summer School - Student helpers

Each year, during the first week of the Summer holidays, all our new intake of Year 7 students (current year 6 students) are invited to attend a summer school at Arena Academy. If there are any students who wish to help support the staff during this week, or would like to know more about helping out, please speak to Ms Guest. This opportunity is available to students in all year groups.

Thank a Teacher Day

Wednesday 17th June is National 'Thank a Teacher' Day! This campaign celebrates the hard work that staff members in schools across the UK put into our education community, and in shaping the futures of young people. If you would like to send a free personalised e-card to a staff member to show your appreciation, please use the link below:

[Thank a Teacher Form - Thank a Teacher](#)

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to wish our Year 11 all the best for their future careers, they have been an incredible year group, I am so proud of you all.

Kind regards

Mr Mann