

## **Headteacher Bulletin 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

After the first two weeks of the new school year, I hope that everyone has settled in well, that students are familiar with their timetable and can now move quickly and calmly between lessons. Year 7 students are doing well and finding their way around school, something which can be quite daunting when starting somewhere new, so [congratulations](#) to Year 7 for the way they have responded during the first two weeks.

### **Year 7 Residential**

A good way to make new friends is by attending the Year 7 Residential which is on offer to all year 7 students. The attached poster gives more details. There is an information session for parents regarding this visit being held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. I would encourage as many Year 7 students as possible to attend this residential, it will be great fun!

### **School calendar and events**

Please visit the events page on our website to see the latest school activities. The calendar contains information on Mock Examination weeks, Staff Training days, Opportunity days and much more. The events calendar is regularly updated and can be found here: [Events Archive - Arena Academy](#)

### **Assessment dates**

In addition to the events webpage, we have also updated our Assessments page which contains information about dates for Parents Evenings and assessment weeks: [Assessments - Arena Academy](#)

### **Revision timetable**

To consolidate the work that students are doing in school, they should be spending at least one hour a day revising (Year 11 should be revising for a minimum of two hours). On Friday, all students were given a revision timetable so they can plot when and what to revise. All students should be using their learning journeys [Curriculum - Arena Academy](#) to identify the topics, and the knowledge organisers [Knowledge Organisers - Arena Academy](#) which helps with the content.

### **Presentation of work in exercise books**

At Our Arena, we encourage all students to take pride in their work and complete all the work set, this includes ensuring books are neat and well presented. They will be checked on a regular basis to ensure that they are meeting our expected standards. All learning journeys should be stuck in the front or back of every book. Please see the attached poster regarding our exercise book expectations.

### **Collaboration Coffee Morning – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

We are pleased to invite you to our first Collaboration Coffee Morning of the year, taking place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 9:00am to 10:00am. Refreshments will be provided. The session will offer an opportunity to share any concerns, ask questions, and explore ways we can work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing. In addition, we will provide a tour of the school and, where possible, the chance to visit some lessons in action. All Parents are welcome to attend.

### **Attendance – Everyone's responsibility**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September there were 22 students who were off school due to illnesses. Some students decided to take the day off due to minor ailments, such as headaches, or sore throats – this is unacceptable. Can I remind Parents/Carers to please check the NHS [Is my child too ill for school?](#) -

[NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) website before deciding to keep children at home if they are ill. Please visit our attendance webpage to find out more information about the importance of attending school every day: [Attendance - Arena Academy](#)

### **Year 11 preparation for GCSE Examinations**

Throughout the year, students will receive guidance on how to study and revise, but a good starting point, if they have not already done so, is to have them log into GCSE Pod [GCSEPod - Arena Academy](#) and engage in daily, focused revision sessions. All year 11 students should be completing a minimum of 2 hours of revision a day. Here's a link to our Year 11 webpage containing essential information about revision and examinations: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](#). Advance notice for Year 11 - mock examinations commence on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October for two weeks. A timetable will be given to students next week.

### **Year 6 Open Week**

Parents of Year 6 students will be visiting the school next week. As always, I would like them to see what an exceptional group of students we have at Our Arena. If you see any Parents or visitors in school, please speak to them and introduce yourself, answer any questions they may have and show them how proud you are to be a student at Arena Academy. Please see attached poster on how we meet and greet any visitors at Our Arena.

As we wrap up another bulletin, I would like to remind Parents you can call the Academy on 0121 729 7310, leaving a message if the line is busy and we will get back to you. Our line is very busy in the daytime so we encourage parents to email [enquiry@corearena.academy](mailto:enquiry@corearena.academy) or email staff members directly (all email addresses can be found on pages 20 -21 of our family handbook: [Parents and Carers - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](#).)

Kind regards  
Mr Mann