

Headteacher Bulletin 16th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

May I begin by congratulating our Year 10 students on their successful Work Experience placements. The feedback we have received has been very positive and complementary, re-affirming what a mature year group they are. I hope that our students found the experience very useful, enabling them to think about their future and what career path they wish to follow. From this experience, Year 10 students should be focussed on what qualifications they are going to need to ensure they have access to their post-16 career choice. The next twelve months will go quickly (Year 11 students will confirm this). Well done Year 10!

Student Behaviour

During assembly time this week and next, I am reminding students in each year group, of our expected behaviour standards, with a particular focus on students who may decide that the best way to resolve a disagreement is to start fighting each other. Students will be reminded that such actions will not be tolerated in school and will result in police intervention and the student being placed at an off-site placement. Thankfully, the occurrence of students fighting is very rare at Arena Academy, visitors comment on how our students are polite and well-mannered. We want Our Arena to continue to be a warm, safe and welcoming school.

CORE Examination Strategies portal

We are very excited to launch our CORE exam strategies portal next week. The portal contains lots of useful information not only for year 11 students but for all students to help and aid with revision and exam prep. This includes:

- AI tools to use for revision
- Revision apps
- Revision timetables
- Parent guides
- Subject revision tips
- And much more!

It can be accessed via our website by clicking on 'Curriculum' and 'Examinations'. A direct link to it is here: <https://www.corearena.academy/examinations/>

Year 11 Parents Meeting

A reminder that all Year 11 Parents and Students are invited to attend on **Tuesday 17th March, 6-7pm**, when we will discuss the 'final sprint' for our Year 11 students as they prepare for their upcoming examinations. It will be an opportunity for parents to raise any concerns they may have and discuss how best to help their child. Please make every effort to attend, students are also welcome to attend.

Year 9 Mock Exam timetable

Year 9 Mock examinations begin on Tuesday 5th May, the full timetable can be found here: <https://www.corearena.academy/year-9-examinations/>. Students should be

revising for these important examinations now. Please use the CORE Examination strategies portal for revision, <https://www.corearena.academy/examinations/>

Languages Club

There are many opportunities for our students to attend clubs before and after school, two of which I wish to bring to your attention. Firstly, the Languages Club (see attached poster). Being able to speak an additional language is an extremely useful skill to have - it can increase employability opportunities, is useful when travelling abroad etc. In addition, students who can read, write and speak any language will have the opportunity to take an additional GCSE.

Secondly, we have many board games being offered at break and lunch. Playing a board game is much more sociable than playing a game on your phone etc, so why not go along and meet new friends whilst playing a board game in Arena Central at break and lunch? All students are welcome.

Social Media

I brought to the attention of parents the craze that was appearing on social media. Thankfully, 'The School Wars' craze seems to have fizzled out, thank you to all parents for their support in ensuring our students did not get involved. Can we continue with the message that students should not be spreading hate messages, especially on any form of social media, and they could be arrested if they do. I refer you to an article that appeared in the media:

[Boy, 13, arrested in Sheffield over social media posts encouraging school violence | UK News | Sky News](#)

Finally, happy mothering Sunday to all those celebrating today.

Kind regards
Mr Mann