

Headteacher Bulletin 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

Thank you to all our students for the mature and sensible manner in which you have behaved during the wet/snowy/icy weather. I know that it is difficult when you have to spend all day indoors due to the weather, but I have been very pleased with how you have conducted yourselves at break and lunch. Some students want to go outside when it is raining to get some fresh air, but please bear in mind it can be very uncomfortable for you sitting in wet clothes for the remainder of the school day. Please be sensible and avoid getting soaked!

### **Year 11 Mock examinations**

So far, so good! I am very pleased with the approach Year 11 are showing towards their examinations. The behaviour has been excellent, and as always, I am hoping that the results reflect the effort they are putting in. Keep going Year 11, not long to go before the summer examinations start. Remember, support is available if you need it, so don't 'suffer in silence', the staff are always willing to support you whenever/however they can.

### **Stargazing**

Last year we held a similar event which was well attended and extremely enjoyable. It was good to see so many parents with their child, sharing the experience of 'Stargazing'. This year, the science department are again inviting parents and students to come to Arena to spend the evening doing many activities around the theme of the Universe. The evening will take place on 21st January, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Please sign up using this link on EventBrite: [Stargazing Night Tickets, Wed, 21 Jan 2026 at 17:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stargazing-night-tickets-wed-21-jan-2026-at-1730-tickets-34300011111)

### **Careers Fair – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Every year we hold a Careers Fair in order for students to become informed in regard to the various career paths they can choose, and what qualifications/subjects are required. Amongst our parents, there are a wealth of professions, with a vast amount of knowledge, which could be shared with our students. If you are able to help out, please contact Ms Guest KGuest@corearena.academy, who will give you further details.

### **Attendance**

Thank you for your continued effort to ensure your children are in school every day, this time of the year can be difficult with the unpredictable weather and illness so thank you for ensuring where possible your children attend. If you have any concerns, queries or questions regarding attendance please contact our Attendance Officer, Deborah Westwood, there is also some useful information on the Birmingham Council Website on this link: [From Birmingham with Love | From Birmingham with Love | Birmingham City Council](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/children-and-families/children-and-young-people/parenting-and-family-support/parenting-and-family-support-from-birmingham-with-love) and useful support can also be found here: [the-waitingroom.org](https://www.the-waitingroom.org)

### **Safeguarding**

We are proud to link with an organisation called COMPASS, they offer support and guidance for children and families who might be struggling with anxiety, emotional

wellbeing or past trauma. We can make referrals for children to COMPASS and to date they have supported many of our students, you can also refer directly to COMPASS as parents and carers, please use this link to find out more information and also make a referral. If you would like school to make a referral on your behalf please contact your child's Year Group Coordinator, Mrs Kilroy (DSL) or Ms Campbell-Williams (Deputy DSL). [Parents / Carers - Compass](#)

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I hope you have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Mann