

Headteacher Bulletin 19th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As part of our ongoing programme to keep our students safe, the police undertook a knife arch and bag search of all students on Friday. This is an initiative the police are undertaking throughout Birmingham schools, and I am pleased to report that nothing was found. The police commented how well our students conducted themselves throughout the process.

Year 11 Examinations

Year 11 attendance has been tremendous - so far, we have 100% attendance in every examination, something I hope will be maintained throughout the examination season. There will be a comprehensive holiday timetable for year 11 students published next week. Please continue to attend the morning booster sessions that start at 7:30am with free breakfast available: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy](#)

Year 10 Mock GCSE Examinations

There will be a 'Step up to Year 11' webinar available to all year 10 Parents/Carers next week. This will give essential information about the upcoming GCSE Mock Examinations - I would recommend all parents attend. Mr Stephens will share more details about the date and time.

Rewards Fair

The Rewards Fair will be taking place on Tuesday 20th May (KS3) and Wednesday 21st May (KS4) at lunchtime. We have decided to split the days to reduce the queues.

Hairspray – Tuesday 17th June

As you are aware, our school production of Hairspray is taking place at the Crescent Theatre on Tuesday 17th June. Please see the attached poster for further details.

Class Charts

If you are aware of any parents who are having difficulties in signing up for Class Charts, please ask them to contact their Head of Year in the first instance.

Year 7: LVanDeventer@corearena.academy

Year 8: SkAli@corearena.academy

Year 9: Hlves@corearena.academy

Year 10: ASstephens@corearena.academy

Year 11: STaj@corearena.academy

Last day of half term – Friday 23rd May

It has been a very short half term, with school finishing next Friday. It will be a normal full day, with all students expected to attend. Students will have the choice to swap their shoes for trainers, if they pay £1 which will be given to the Spec Buddies charity. On Friday, we will be giving Double CORE Points to all students and we also have a DJ (Mr King spinning the decks!) on the playground at lunchtime. You can make your song requests here: <https://forms.office.com/e/9LV4e2YMmL> (all songs will be vetted by staff). Every student will also receive a small treat from Arena Academy staff members to celebrate the start of the half term holidays. Friday is a day you definitely do not want to miss!

Finally, please ensure all students attend every day next week – good attendance matters – every day counts, please see attached poster for more information.

Kind regards
Mr Mann

