

Headteacher Bulletin 1st December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer and Students of our Arena,

I hope you are having an enjoyable weekend with your loved ones.
Another busy week has passed at the academy.

Attendance: (Everybody's responsibility)

As you are aware, attendance to school is a key focus at Our Arena. Students who have high attendance are far more likely to achieve good grades. Attendance for the week ending 28th November highlighted that on average 920 students out of our total students on roll achieved the expected attendance across the week. There were an unusually high number of students absent from the academy on Thursday and Friday. I will need you to work closely with us to ensure that unless your child is incredibly unwell, they attend the academy every day. Friday attendance has continued to improve; can I thank you for your ongoing support in supporting your child attending the academy. We need to work together to ensure that students are building the routine to attend the academy across the week.

Students are expected to arrive on time to school every single day. Our academy doors open at 8.25am and finish at 8.35am. We have noticed that a handful of students are arriving after 9.05am. If there is a continuous pattern of U codes, parent/carers will receive a letter of concern.

I look forward to seeing all the children back and well from Monday. It is crucial that we are able to absorb our young people with the maximum learning opportunities.

Year 11 Strategy :

Thank you to all parent/carers for your ongoing support with Year 11. Academic forms have now started and are running Monday to Thursday each week. Students have now been invited to the after-school invitation only sessions which will begin from Monday 1st December. Please could you check with your child if they have been invited to the sessions and on which days. You will also receive a text message also.

I look forward to a 100% of invited students in attendance to the after-school sessions.

Whole School Photographs: 01.12.25

We have invited in a professional photographer who will be working with colleagues at the academy to photograph each of your children. This is an opportunity for you to purchase a photograph if you would like. Further details will be sent to you once the process has been completed.

Winter Show Case: 01.12.25

Students have been busy rehearsing for the upcoming winter showcase. The event is a celebration of the vast talent students possess at the academy. I am very much looking forward to welcoming parent/carers to the academy. Your support means a great deal for the students performing on stage.

Parent Forum-Tuesday 02.12.25 (5-5.30pm)

We are scheduled to host our Parent Forum this coming Tuesday. Mr Ali and colleagues will be discussing the recent updated homework policy and how parent/carers can support young people with their homework.

Please note that the EEF (Education Endowment Foundation) highlights that a child undertaking the completion of regular homework has the potential of increasing the academic development by nearly 6 months.

Could I ask that you are regularly checking your child's class charts for their updated homework tasks. Please make every effort to attend.

We look forward to another positive week ahead in the academy.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's head of year or year group coordinator, if you require any support.

Kind regards,

Mr Malik

Head of School-Arena Academy