

## Headteacher Bulletin 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer and Students of Our Arena,

May I begin by welcoming our new Year 7 students to Arena Academy for what I hope will be a very successful five-year journey with us.

I hope all students have had a very enjoyable and relaxing summer and are looking forward to coming back to school, energised and ready for the new school year.

During the Summer, we celebrated the **fantastic success** of our Year 11 students. The overall results continue to improve, with significant improvement in the headline figures of English & Mathematics 4+ and 5+, SEND outcomes, and Average Attainment grade. The atmosphere in the hall was one of much happiness and celebration, and it was good to see so many parents attending to celebrate their child's success. Well done to our former Year 11 students and we wish them all the best in the next stage of their careers.

### **A new term.... A fresh start.**

We welcome our students back to school **on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Each year group will return at the following times and enter through Arena Central. Staff members will be available on the school gates and entrance doors to welcome and greet new year 7 students.

- Year 7 – 8:35am
- Year 8 – 11:30am
- Year 9 – 11:30am
- Year 10 – 10:00am
- Year 11 – 8:35am

### **Ready for the first day back? Please ensure that .....**

- Your uniform is immaculate. [Uniform & Equipment - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy/uniform-equipment)
- You pack your bag and bring the pencil case given out in the summer term. Year 7 students will be given a free pencil case with equipment next week.
- Year 7 Students will also be given a free lunch for the first week.
- You are on time, do not be late.

If there are any issues with uniform, please inform the Year Coordinator in the first instance.

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Year 9: Ms Bilal [ZBilal@corearena.academy](mailto:ZBilal@corearena.academy)

Year 10: Mr King [Cking@corearena.academy](mailto:Cking@corearena.academy)

Year 11 Ms Dowling [DDowling@corearena.academy](mailto:DDowling@corearena.academy)

### **Get ready for learning by .....**

- Looking at the new timetables which are available on Class Charts. A paper copy will be given to all students on the first day back.
- By ensuring that you are familiar with our expected standards and procedures - 'Our Arena Way'. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will be practising these procedures to ensure that we get the new year off to a good start. It will include how we move around school, where we do Line Ups, how to use mini white boards, how to activate hard thinking etc.

## **Family Handbook 2025 - 26**

The Family Handbook has been updated with all the relevant information for the 2025-26 academic year. It includes updates on form tutors, form rota, term dates, uniform, attendance, rewards plus much more. Please take time to familiarise yourself with the contents. [Parents and Carers - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](#)

### **Attendance to School**

I was delighted that our school attendance improved last year to be above national average. However, I am concerned that it dipped in the summer term and we will be analysing the reasons for this. Despite the improvements, there are still too many students who are Persistent or Severe Absentees and we will continue working with families to support students in overcoming any barriers to attendance. One of the reasons for the dip in the summer term was children going on holiday during term time. Please be aware of the fines that will be given if children are taken out of school for this reason at any time during the school year. [Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#). For more information about attendance, please click here: [Attendance - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](#) I will continue to send texts and letters to parents each half term giving details of their child's attendance. All students will receive a personalised letter next week giving a summary of their attendance last year. **It is crucial students use the data on the letter to evaluate their attendance and look at ways on how to improve.**

A new academic year is the perfect time to make a good start, establish good learning habits, join new clubs, and make a good impression. Our Arena is full of such polite, friendly, and talented students, who every day make me feel proud to be their Headteacher.

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 3rd September.

Kind regards  
Mr Mann