

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As we approach the final few weeks of this academic year, I have highlighted below some of the exciting opportunities that will be taking place. Although there are several events taking place which will be fun for our students, normal lessons will continue and we expect a full attendance from all our students.

Sports day – Thursday 25th June

Our Arena will be hosting sports day at school during Opportunity day on Thursday 25th June for years 7, 8 and 9. The theme for this year is the 2026 FIFA World Cup. On sports day, students can represent the team they have been allocated by coming to school wearing the colour assigned to their form group (see table below). Clothing must be suitable for sporting activities and students must wear trainers, no jeans or crocs are allowed. If students do not have appropriate clothing in the selected colour, they must wear full and correct Arena Academy PE kit and trainers to school.

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Colour	Team	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Yellow	Australia	CME	ASP	DMK
Green	Mexico	GSK	AIV	ARA
Blue	France	ASA	LAM	SLA
Black	Egypt	SDA	JKL	ADR
Red	USA	DZS	JKT	TAL
White	Japan	AHZ	TCH	SMO

Students will be taking part in various sporting activities on the day to score points that will be added together for the 3-year groups to give an overall winning team. Some student will then be selected to take part in an additional sports day at Alexander Stadium on Thursday 2nd July and represent Arena Academy against City Academy. We look forward to all students trying their best to help their form win sports day 2026.

Opportunity day – Thursday 25th June

Many activities are being planned for the final 'Opportunity Day' of this academic year. The theme for Thursday will be wellbeing.

Soccer Aid – Friday 26th June

I am sure many of you are engrossed in watching the football World Cup, but why not take a break from watching the professionals and come along and watch Arena superstars in action? We are hosting a Soccer Aid event next Friday, June 26th from 3:15pm to 4:45pm. Students and staff will come together for an exciting football match. The Staff team will be training all week for a chance to score at least one goal against the Year 11 team so come down and see what happens! This highly anticipated event is not only a fantastic opportunity for our school community to engage in friendly competition but also serves a vital purpose: raising funds for UNICEF, a charity dedicated to improving the lives of children worldwide. We encourage all students to

come along and support this wonderful initiative. Tickets will be on ParentPay next week.

Year 9 Booster Vaccinations - Friday 26 June

A reminder that the Year 9 Booster Vaccination Programme will take place on Friday 26 June. We understand that vaccinations can sometimes cause anxiety for young people. Please be reassured that all members of the SEND team and Teaching Assistants will be available throughout the day to provide support where needed. The vaccination process itself is very quick, and students will be monitored afterwards to ensure they feel well before returning to lessons.

Do you love Gaming?

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Shirt Sleeve Order

With some very warm weather heading our way next week, we are making a small (and hopefully welcome) change to our uniform policy. We will be enforcing our Shirt Sleeve order from Monday 22nd June. Quite simply, this means uniform as normal except for tie and blazer. When this is in force, students should:

- Not bring or wear coats or jackets – coats should not be worn instead of blazers.
- Bring their blazers to wear in the event of any sudden change in weather. These may be kept in their bag.
- Not wear a tie or blazer. Not bring or wear the optional V-neck grey jumpers.
- Ensure they have taken any hayfever medication and have brought a re-fillable water bottle. Students can fill their water bottles at the water fountains before and after school, break and lunch. At break and lunch, they can choose to sit in the canteen/Arena Central and not go outside.
- Hats are not permitted to be worn in school. Students that bring a cap to protect them from the sun can wear them outside on hot days, but they must be removed upon re-entering the building.

I hope this helps everyone stay comfortable while still looking smart. We will review this on a daily basis. For more information about our shirt sleeve order, please visit the uniform page on our website: [Uniform & Equipment - Arena Academy](#)

Lots of activities coming up, and I will update you each week as more are finalised. As mentioned above, there is a balance between enjoying all the additional activities and remaining focussed in lessons.

Wishing all our students, staff and families a happy Father's Day, thank you to every dad and father-figure for your support.

Kind regards
Mr Mann