

Headteacher Bulletin 22nd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As we gather momentum into the term, there are several key pieces of information I would like to share with you.

Year 11 Mock examinations and Going for Gold Parent Sessions

The Mock Examinations are fast approaching, and students should be spending approx. two hours per night revising. The mock examination timetable can be found here: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy](#). On Tuesday 23rd September we will be hosting the Going for Gold Parent Session from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the Sports Hall, which is an essential session for all Year 11 Parents/Students to attend. We will cover important dates in Year 11, how to effectively revise and how to support your child at home. We will also be giving away many free items including revision guides, flash cards, Examination papers and much more!

Curriculum 2024/25

Details of what your child will be studying this year can be found on our website using the following link: [Curriculum - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](#). Each subject has a learning journey which students stick in the front of their book. It is sometimes subject to change if a teacher notice gaps in knowledge and chooses to re-teach a topic. This will enable parents to know what their child is learning and give support at home where necessary. All knowledge that students must know is detailed on our Knowledge Organisers located here: [Knowledge Organisers - Arena Academy](#)

Reading Test and PASS test Results

Next week, during period 5, all students will receive results from the NGRT (New Group Reading Test) and PASS (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School) tests. NGRT gives your child a picture of reading ability, while PASS highlights how students feel about themselves and school. Both results will be added to our teacher database giving teachers a clearer understanding of each child's needs.

Parent forum Tuesday 30th September

This is an opportunity for parents to have an input into all aspects of school and all parents are welcome to attend, we would welcome your views. At the first Parent Forum we will share our School Development Plan and would like an input from Parents as to what other actions do we need to focus on for this academic year.

Medical Update

It is essential that we have up to date medical records for all our students, particularly any student requiring medication during the school day. Please use this form to provide an update: <https://forms.office.com/e/XsgihV3taN>

European day of languages – Friday 26th September

Being able to speak a second language is an extremely useful skill to have. As in previous years, we will be celebrating the many different languages that make up our diverse community with students taking part in different activities. We are in a position now to be offering both French and Spanish to our students. Several of our students gain a GCSE grade in their home language, (many at grade 9 level) and if this is something you wish your child to do, they should speak to their languages teacher.

Year 6 Open Week

There was tremendous interest in the school last week with over 500 parents and Year 6 students touring the school and attending the open evening on Thursday. Our students are a credit to our school, and this was reflected in the many positive comments we received from Year 6 parents and students who came to visit the school last week. Well done everyone!

Kind regards

Mr Mann