

Headteacher Bulletin 24th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer and Students of our Arena,

I hope you are having an enjoyable weekend with your loved ones.

Attendance

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 21st November highlighted that on average 927 students out of our total students on roll achieved the expected attendance across the week. Whilst the number of students reported ill has decreased, we have continued to experience high levels of illness across the week in the academy. 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.

After School Clubs

Clubs have now restarted at the academy. It was very warming to see a considerable amount of young people in attendance at the youth club on Friday.

Whilst we will ensure that there is a clear registration process for these clubs, could I please ask you to double check with your child which clubs they will be attending.

Please contact your child's head of year for further information.

Year 11-Strategy

Thank you to all parent/carers for your ongoing support with Year 11. Following the analysis meeting on your child's mock exam results, your child has now been placed in a new academic form starting on Monday. This will enable your child to work intensely with key staff to support improvements from the recent mock exams. It is crucial that year 11 are in attendance every day.

The P6 intervention timetable has also been shaped. These sessions will begin week beginning 1st December. You will receive notification of which sessions your child will be invited into.

Could I ask for your support to ensure that your child is in attendance.

Mobile Phone Pouches.

Thank you for your ongoing support with regards to children's phones being locked into the pouches. This intervention has made a considerable difference to the way our young people are approaching their learning in the classroom. Most students are now embedded into the routines we have established.

Can I ask you to remind your child each day around the expectation of their mobile phone. It is important that we work together to remove any distractions around learning.

Winter Showcase - Monday 1st December

We invite you to join us for our Winter Showcase on 1st December at Arena Academy. This year's theme 'Christmas Around the World' will feature our performing arts students representing a variety of countries and sharing how each celebrates the festive season. Doors will open at 5:50pm and we look forward to welcoming you for an evening of culture, creativity and celebration. Tickets are £2 and can be purchased via ParentPay.

Light refreshments will be available on the night, and a selection of savoury snacks will also be available to purchase through ParentPay starting next week. All funds raised will go towards supporting the Year 11 Prom.

Rewards Fair-Friday 28th November

We will be running our Rewards Fair on Friday where students will be able to exchange their core points for the items they may have purchased from the class charts shop. It will be fantastic to see so many of our young people purchase items that they have really worked hard for.

Rewards fair will be running during lunch time.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Many thanks,

Mr Malik
Head of School-Arena Academy