

Headteacher Bulletin 26th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

Once again, Arena has welcomed several visitors this week, and again they have left with a very favourable impression of our students and the school. The comments received included how well behaved, polite and respectful our students are. One visitor, someone who visits many schools, stated that she had never been so warmly received as she had at Arena Academy. Parents should be proud of their children, they are representing the school magnificently.

Year 11

The mock examinations have been completed, and Year 11 students will receive their results before the half term break. I am sure that Year 11 students do not need reminding that the next few months are crucial in determining the outcomes they receive in August. The amount of effort they put in between now and June will be reflected in the grades they achieve. Focusing and complete all classwork and homework, attending revision sessions and period 6 classes, revising for 2 hours per evening are just the basics of what is required over the coming weeks.

GCSE Results day will be taking place on Thursday 20th August 2026. More information about the day will be given shortly. All students have been given a GCSE examinations timetable detailing the dates of all GCSE examinations. If you do not have one, please see Mr Turner.

Echo Eternal - Royal Ballet

Throughout the year we aim to give our students the best possible experiences, and on Monday 26th January some of our students will get the opportunity to perform at the Royal Ballet School in London. The event is sold out so they will be performing to a full audience, I am sure this will be a tremendously exciting experience for them. I wish them all the best, I will be there to support them, and will share pictures of the event in the Arena Newsletter.

Stargazing Feedback

Our second ever Stargazing Evening held on 21st January was a great success and we thank all those that attended! The star dome was fully booked; with students and families, members of the local community, and staff who brought their young children, all coming together to enjoy the experience. Although cloudy skies and rain meant we were unable to observe the stars directly, our guests made the most of the event: the crafts, educational lecture and the planetarium experience in the Star Dome. We would like to extend our thanks to the Ogden Trust for sponsoring the event and to Mellors for supporting us by working the kitchen and providing hot food throughout the evening.

Parent Coffee morning feedback

The Parent Coffee Morning was also a great success, with constructive discussions on how we can further support our SEND students in and beyond the classroom. COMPASS shared valuable advice on boosting student mental health, and Essence highlighted the positive impact of the Refocus programme. The event reinforced our shared commitment to improving support for all students.

Online safety webinar

The safety of our students at all times is paramount. There is an online safety webinar that parents can register for which provides information on keeping your child safe. Attached to this bulletin is a PDF with all the details and the registration link that you can access.

Careers Fair

We are proud to be hosting a careers fair at Arena Academy on Tuesday 3rd March 9am - 3pm for all students. We already have a range of sixth form, college, apprenticeship and employment providers attending. It would be fantastic to have representatives from as wide a range of industries to share their experience and knowledge with our students, to inspire their next steps after life at Arena. If you have any connections to people who might be willing to come and join our careers fair, would you please contact Katie Guest: kguest@corearena.academy Thank you for your support.

Kind regards
Mr Mann