

Headteacher Bulletin 29th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena

It was a challenging week with the heat wave, but I was extremely pleased with how all our students coped. Thank you for being so sensible and continuing as normal as best as possible. I hope students enjoyed the free ice creams and lollies, just small treats to say a big thank you. Next week the weather is forecast to be somewhat cooler, however it will still be warm, therefore students will be required to attend school in full uniform however do not need to wear blazers, no ties and shirt top buttons can be undone (Shirt sleeve order - [Uniform & Equipment - Arena Academy](#)). Staff will also be dressed smartly and professionally; however they will not be wearing ties and blazers. This will be in place until the end of the week and will be reviewed daily.

Year 10 Mock GCSE Examinations

Year 10 examinations finished last week, and despite having to cope with the hot weather, their conduct was fantastic. As a reward, we thanked all our Year 10 students with an afternoon tea on Thursday, a nice way to finish an exhausting period of examinations. Well done Year 10!

Teachers are now busy marking all the papers and the results will be given out in the last week of term.

Rescheduling of postponed events

Due to the heatwave, we had to cancel Sports day, UNICEF Soccer and Opportunities day last week. We are busy trying to re-schedule them into what is already a busy end of term. We will communicate next week when Sports day and the soccer aid will take place.

Year 6 Induction Day and Evening on Wednesday July 1st

Next Wednesday we will have 180 students from Year 6 joining us to prepare them for September. I am sure all our students will remember what it was like on your first day at Arena Academy, so please make the year 6 students feel welcome. Some will be very nervous about starting a new school, so please be warm and friendly and reinforce the message that Arena Academy is a great place, there are lots of opportunities, and all the students are wonderful!

Cultural Diversity Day - Friday 10th July

This day is always very popular with our students; it gives them a fantastic opportunity to celebrate who they are, whilst learning from other students and staff members. We will be celebrating the range of cultures, languages, religions and backgrounds we have within our school community. More details will be given to students next week, but students may wish to start thinking about their costumes. Events on the day/week include:

- Students and staff members can wear clothes from their heritage or colours from their country's flag.

- A Cultural Diversity catwalk for students during Period 5. If you are able to help, please speak to Ms Guest.
- Patties, samosa and jalebi at lunchtime on the playground.
- Make ceramic clay/modroc masks from Japan with Miss Freeman and Miss Ives
- Practice Mehndi with Miss Kanwal.
- Learn about Polish culture with Ms Dziedzic.
- Learn Romanian with Mr Simon.
- And much more

Summer holiday activities

A reminder that the summer holidays are quickly approaching and you may wish to consider the Bring it on Brum activities which are available here [Home - Bring it on Brum!](#)

On Monday evening I had the privilege of seeing some of our Year 7 and 8 students perform at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. The music they played was truly amazing; I was so proud of them.

Have a good weekend, and I will see all our students, in school uniform without blazers and ties on Monday.

Kind regards
Mr Mann