

## Headteacher Bulletin 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

I always look forward to the occasions when parents come into school and share their thoughts on their child's education. We gain invaluable feedback which contributes to our development planning. This week we had such an occasion and there are two more next week.

### **Year 11 'Going for Gold' Parents session**

Thank you to everyone who attended last Tuesday evening, there was a tremendous turnout, and I hope parents and students found the session useful. The slides from the evening are attached. Feedback given was very positive, and showed how staff, students and parents must work together to get the best outcomes for our Year 11 students. Our Year 11 webpage has been updated with the following information:

- **Intervention timetable** – this shows which sessions are available in the morning, during lunch time and after school (period 6).
- **College/Sixth form open days** – this shows a detailed list of all local college and sixth form open days – most are in the evening or on weekends.

### **Free online Maths tuition for Year 10 and 11 Students – Every Monday from 6:00 – 7:00pm**

Our partners, Aston University Mathematics School is giving us an exclusive offer for live online tuition sessions with expert Maths teachers focusing on challenging GCSE topics for students working at Grade 6 and above in Maths. I highly recommend all Year 10 and 11 students who are working at a grade 6 or above in Maths to sign up for this free tuition: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/revise-maths-mastery-tickets-1708278610309>

### **Year 7 Settling-In Evening – Thursday 2nd October (4:00-6:30pm)**

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Year 7 Settling-In Evening and celebrating your child's positive start at Our Arena. Appointments with form tutors will give you a chance to hear how your child has settled into life at Arena and their progress so far. Booking details for appointments have been shared via ClassCharts to all Year 7 Parents. You'll also have the opportunity to speak with our SEND team, COMPASS (mental health and wellbeing team) and mentoring staff. If you have any questions about the evening, please contact Mr Crawford ([dcrawford@corearena.academy](mailto:dcrawford@corearena.academy)) or Mrs Badhan ([pbadhan@corearena.academy](mailto:pbadhan@corearena.academy))

### **Parent Forum - Tuesday 30th September**

A reminder that this will be taking place this week. All Parents are invited to attend from 4:30 to 5:30pm In the first meeting of this academic year we will be discussing the School Development Plan which outlines our priorities for this year.

### **Extra-Curricular activities**

Students have all been informed about the timetable that has now been released. Students are encouraged to attend at least one club per week. Please note, we are also offering a breakfast club every Monday to Thursday from 8:00 to 8:35am run by our City Year team. If there is an activity that you would like to do that is not currently offered, please speak to Mrs Guest. [Clubs and Activities - Arena Academy](#)

### **Reading age scores**

As you are aware, reading forms an integral part of our teaching and learning and students are encouraged to read as often as possible - whether in school or at home. Recently all students

undertook a reading test to determine their reading age score. It should be in line with their chronological age (how old they are). Can Parents please encourage their child to read at home, it is an essential skill which underpins their learning in all subjects. For further information on how you can help your child read at home, please see our updated webpage on reading: [Reading - Arena Academy](#)

**Open Days for current Parents**

Finally, as I mentioned at the start, we are always keen for parents to come to school and celebrate our strengths and highlight any areas of improvement. We will be holding open days week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October for any parents who wish to see the school on a normal school day. Mr Ali will be sending all Parents a form to book your slot.

Only by working collaboratively, will staff and parents achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Kind regards  
Mr Mann