

## Headteacher Bulletin 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Dear all,

As we head into the half term, I would like to provide you with an update for this week, and what is coming up at the start of term.

### **Teacher Pay**

I can confirm the Department for Education have accepted the independent School Teachers Review Body's recommendations for 2025/26. This means the implementation of a pay award for teachers and leaders of 4% from September 2025.

### **Year 11 Examinations**

These continue to go well, and we have maintained our 100% attendance again throughout this week. During the half term holiday, sessions are being offered, thank you to everyone who has volunteered - if you are willing to hold a session, please speak to SMA. There are also paid Saturday sessions, again if you wish to offer to deliver a session, please speak to SMA. The timetable can be found here: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy](#)

It is the time of year when our thoughts turn to Year 11 leaving and the events planned for them. Details about the prom are attached.

### **Staffing**

In order to be fully staffed for September, we have been busy interviewing for various positions. I can confirm new staff have been appointed to the following positions:

- Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum, Assessment, Data, Examinations and Pupil Premium
- Teacher of Performing Arts
- Teacher of Geography
- Teacher of English
- Teacher of Mathematics
- 3 x Teaching Assistants
- Teacher of Science

### **Farewells**

A reminder for all staff to gather in the canteen today at 8:00am (if possible) so we can say goodbye to Jody Clarke and Hazel Murray. Both have made a tremendous contribution to Arena Academy over the past two academic years.

### **Attendance – Everyone's Responsibility**

Disappointingly attendance has dipped this week, some students appear to be starting the holidays early. In addition, some Year 11 students appear to be staying at home on days when they have no examinations. Please remind all students of the importance of attending school. Also, we will be announcing the winners of the 19 day attendance challenge today during lunch line up – if you are free, please visit the playground to congratulate the winners.

### **Return to school - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

As is our normal practice, we will start the half term with 'Our Arena Way' to reinforce our standards and expectations - if you have any suggestions for any changes, please speak to SMA.

Have an enjoyable half term, it has been a very short half term of just 19 days. Next half term is seven weeks long and there is much to do to in closing this academic year and preparing for September 2025/26. Important, therefore, that you all take time to relax and enjoy the half term break and come back refreshed and energised for the final half term of this academic year.

Thank you for all that you have done this half term - it is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

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