

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As we get ready to start the second half term of Autumn, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all students for how they have conducted themselves last half term - there were many positives to celebrate.

Attendance – Everyone's Responsibility

Thank you for your continuous support with ensuring your child attends school every day. Towards the end of last week, all Parents should have been sent a text message highlighting how many sessions of school your child missed last half term (if any). Please use this text message to speak to your child about the importance of attending school every day. If we can support in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Year Group Coordinator.

Our Arena Way

After each holiday period, we always remind all students about our expectations and standards at Our Arena. On Monday 3rd November students will remain in forms until the end of period 1 and have a refresher on our high standards. All students will also get an attendance letter highlighting their attendance last half term. Please use this letter to set some goals on how you can ensure you attend school every day.

Mobile Phone Pouches

The Mobile phone pouches will be launched on Monday 10th November. Next week we will be training all students on how to use the pouches and answer any questions. Thank you for supporting us with this initiative and ensuring teaching and learning always takes priority.

Online safety

We are constantly educating our students about how to keep themselves safe online at Our Arena, however we have noticed a recent spike in incidents with students using the Whatsapp app. Please find attached a useful poster on how Parents can monitor Whatsapp. Parents may also find the 'Parent Pamphlets' webpage useful: [Parent Pamphlets - Arena Academy](#)

School Training Day

A reminder, it is a school training day on Friday 7th November, therefore students are not required to attend school.

Important dates this half term

- Monday 3rd November - Our Arena Way
- Friday 7th November – Staff training day – school closed for all students
- Monday 10th November – Launch of Mobile Phone Pouches
- W.c. Monday 10th November – Anti Bullying Week
- W.c. Monday 10th November – Year 8 and 10 PC1 examinations
- Tuesday 11th November – Year 9 Virtual options evening
- Thursday 13th November – Year 11 Parents Evening + mock results give to students/Parents
- Friday 14th November – Year 7 PC1 Results given to students
- Friday 21st November – Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 1st December – Winter Showcase
- Tuesday 2nd December – Parent Forum
- W.c. Monday 8th December – Year 9 PC1 Examinations
- Thursday 11th December – Parent Workshop

- Friday 12th December – Year 8 and 10 PC1 results given to students
- W.c. 15th December – Rewards trips and celebration assemblies
- Thursday 18th December – Rewards Fair

It will be another busy half term however I am confident it will be another successful one. May I thank parents for their invaluable support, together we will ensure that our students receive the best possible education. I look forward to seeing all students dressed smartly in their school uniform on Monday 3rd November.

Kind regards
Mr Mann