

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

I hope that all students enjoyed the two-week Easter break and are starting the new term refreshed and energised. It is an important term for assessments, not just for Year 11, but for all years as we determine by the end of this term how much academic progress has been made this year by all students. I am looking forward to receiving some excellent results from you all - but it will involve everyone attending school every day, being attentive in lessons and revising thoroughly at home.

19 Days attendance challenge

This half term is very short and only has 19 school days. I would like all students to accept the challenge of attending school every day. If you attend every day and don't break the streak, you will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win one of three Bluetooth speakers! Please see attached poster.

Facebook

We're excited to announce the launch of our official Arena Academy Facebook page. This platform will help us strengthen communication with parents by sharing updates and photos more frequently. As a result, we'll be using X (formerly Twitter) less and focusing more on Facebook for our announcements. You can find the link to our page here: [Arena Academy | Facebook](#)

Unity in Diversity Day – Breaking barriers

Our school community is rich in diversity, and on Thursday we celebrated our many differences. Thank you to all the students who led on this – many pictures are uploaded to our facebook page.

Improvement in the weather

Due to the increase in temperature recently, I would like to remind students of the need to keep hydrated, and wear sunscreen if going outside. We will be monitoring the temperature and inform students when we will allow blazers to be removed and resort to shirt sleeves order as per our uniform policy: [Uniform & Equipment - Arena Academy](#). Can all students remember to bring a refillable water bottle, free water is available at break and lunch in the canteen, and bottles can be re-filled at fountains located around the school.

Year 11 Examinations

Examinations started this week with the French Speaking examinations and the D.I.T written examination. Examinations will commence in the Sports Hall/Gym/Hub1/Hub 2 next week - plus there are a few students who have special circumstances who will be in offices around the school. Can I ask all students to ensure that they are especially quiet in these areas to give our Year 11 students the best possible chance of success.

May I wish all Year 11 students all the best in their examinations - you have worked incredibly hard over the last 5 years to get this point. Good luck.

Goldman Sachs competition

The term has started extremely well for some of our students. We are pleased to announce that a group of our Year 10 Business Studies students took part in a prestigious competition that was held by Goldman Sachs. Each group impressed the panel of judges with their business proposals, which they presented. I'm sure you will all agree it is not an easy task to present in front of a large audience especially when the audience consists of senior staff members from an international

company. One of our teams came 1st place! And it was thoroughly well deserved – the trophy is on display in the new trophy cabinet outside my office. **Congratulations** to all the participants.

A reminder that on Monday 5th May it is a Bank Holiday so school will be closed to staff and students. I look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 6th May at the normal time of 8:25am.

Enjoy your long weekend!

Kind regards
Mr Mann



Be present in school every day from Monday 28th April to Friday 23rd May for a chance to win one of three Bluetooth speakers!

JUST BE IN TO WIN!