

## Headteacher Bulletin 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

Thank you to all the students who supported on Induction Day on Wednesday. It was a very enjoyable day for Year 6 who were superbly looked after by our Student Ambassadors. Despite the fact that the induction evening with the parents clashed with the England game, the hall was full. Many parents took up our invitation to watch the first half in school and there was a tremendous atmosphere in the hall.

### England v Mexico football Match on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

School will be open as normal on Monday, and we expect all students to attend. We will be showing the highlights of the England game during form time on Monday with breakfast being served to form rooms as normal. We feel there is real value in students being together at school on a day like this. Whatever the result, sharing the excitement, the nerves, or even the disappointment with friends and staff is part of what makes our school community feel like a community. We would much rather see pupils celebrating a win, or commiserating a loss, together in school than missing out on that shared experience at home.

### Heatwave part 2

As you may be aware, there is a second heatwave predicted for next week. Students will be allowed to attend school in PE kit from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This will be reviewed on a daily basis, and you will be informed of any changes via class charts and a text message.

### Year 7 and 8 GL assessments

This week, from Monday to Thursday, Year 7 and 8 students will be undertaking an online GL assessment in English and Mathematics. The tests are age appropriate and will cover various topics across the National Curriculum. This will provide valuable data on your child's progress including a national standardised score and early predictor of a GCSE grade in each subject. These scores will be reported to parents. The timetable is as follows:

|                                                               | Monday 6th July                                                       | Tuesday 7th July                                                    | Wednesday 8th July                                                    | Thursday 9th July                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Period 1 - Period 2<br>Students to leave<br>form at 8:50am    | <b>Year 7 - English</b><br>7ASA (Rm 1)<br>7CME (Rm 2)<br>7DZS (Rm 29) | <b>Year 7 - Maths</b><br>7ASA (Rm 1)<br>7CME (Rm 2)<br>7DZS (Rm 29) | <b>Year 8 - English</b><br>8AIV (Rm 1)<br>8JKT (Rm 2)<br>8ASP (Rm 29) | <b>Year 8 - Maths</b><br>8AIV (Rm 1)<br>8JKT (Rm 2)<br>8ASP (Rm 29) |
| Period 3 - Period 4<br>Students to go to<br>test from line-up | <b>Year 7 - English</b><br>7AHZ (Rm 1)<br>7GSK (Rm 2)<br>7SDA (Rm 29) | <b>Year 7 - Maths</b><br>7AHZ (Rm 1)<br>7GSK (Rm 2)<br>7SDA (Rm 29) | <b>Year 8 - English</b><br>8JKL (Rm 1)<br>8TCH (Rm 2)<br>8LAM (Rm 29) | <b>Year 8 - Maths</b><br>8JKL (Rm 1)<br>8TCH (Rm 2)<br>8LAM (Rm 29) |

**Year 7 Parents Evening - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

We are delighted to invite you to our Year 7 Parents' Evening, taking place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 4:00pm–7:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with your child's teachers, reflect on their achievements throughout their first year at Arena Academy, discuss the progress they have made, and work together to set goals for a successful start to Year 8. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend, as these conversations play an important role in supporting your child's continued success and ensuring they are well prepared for the next stage of their educational journey. If you have any questions regarding the evening, please contact [DCrawford@corearena.academy](mailto:DCrawford@corearena.academy) or [CKing@corearena.academy](mailto:CKing@corearena.academy).

**Culture Day - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

A reminder that Culture Day is taking place next Friday. Students are encouraged to wear a costume or colours which reflect their culture. Food will be available to purchase through Parent Pay. There will be lots of activities taking place during the day which celebrates all our diverse heritages.

**End of term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

School will continue as normal until the end of term on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – there will be no ‘fun’ lessons or watching movies. It will be a non-uniform day for students and staff. Students will be dismissed during period 5 and are encouraged to go straight home. It is a day you don’t want to miss as we will have an ice cream van onsite and be providing FREE ice creams to all students! We will also be having a live DJ in the playground!

Two more weeks until the end of term, and just like the England team, we are going to keep going to the very end!

Kind regards  
Mr Mann