

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

Communication with Parents/Carers and Students is an integral part of our school procedures, as only by working collaboratively will we do our best for all students. Below are examples of how we keep parents informed at various points of the year. A reminder that our website is a crucial source of information and should be the first point of reference for all stakeholders: [Arena Academy](#).

### **Parent/Carers Pamphlets webpage**

To signpost you to a source of information on our website, the Parents/Carers Pamphlets webpage offers advice and guidance for parents on a range of topics including supporting learning and revision at home, emotional wellbeing, online bullying and much more: [Parent Pamphlets - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](#)

### **SEND weekly newsletter**

To further improve communication with Parents/Carers of students with SEND, we produce a weekly newsletter written by Mr Ahmed - SENDCo. If you are a Parent/Carer of a child with SEND and you have not been receiving these newsletters, please email Mr Ahmed who will add you to the mailing list – [AbAhmed@corearena.academy](mailto:AbAhmed@corearena.academy). A copy of all newsletters are uploaded here: [SEND - Arena Academy](#)

### **Year 7 Settling-In Evening**

Year 7 Parents had the opportunity last Thursday night to discuss how well their child has settled into life at Arena Academy with Form Tutors. The one-to-one conversations between parents/carers and staff is the most effective communication. There was a tremendous turnout, and many invaluable conversations took place. Thank you to all the Parents who attended, I hope you found the evening useful.

### **Parent Forum**

Thank you to parents who attended on Tuesday, and for your invaluable input into our School Development plan. You can find a copy of our 2025 – 2026 School Development Plan here: [Ofsted & Performance Data - Arena Academy](#). Using the same link, you can also view our fantastic set of GCSE results last year.

### **Fire drill practice**

To ensure that students receive regular reminders of how to evacuate in the event of a fire, we held a fire evacuation practice last week. It went very well, and students

conducted themselves in an orderly manner. It is our intention to carry out a lockdown practice in the near future.

### **Year 11 Revision**

Year 11 students should be deep into their revision for their forthcoming mock examinations: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy](#). If they need any support whatsoever, they should speak to their subject teachers or form tutor. I wish them all the best in their examinations. Next week we have the following mock examinations taking place:

- Monday 6th October – Food Technology practical examination
- 8th and 9th October – Art and Photography examination
- 10th October – Performing Arts, Music and Drama examination

### **Toast and Jam!**

As you are already aware, we offer all our students free toast to be consumed in form rooms every day. The data shows more than 550 students are having breakfast at school however we are keen to increase this number. From Monday 6th October, in addition to toast with butter, we will also be offering toast with strawberry jam!

Speaking to the Year 7 students since they came back from their residential, it was clear they had a wonderful time. I hope parents were not too anxious while they were away from home. These opportunities are amazing experiences for our students, and it is my intention for students to have as many out of classroom opportunities as possible in the future.

Kind Regards

Mr Mann