Headteacher Bulletin 7th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As we enter the final week, of what has been a busy Spring term, I would like to inform you of the arrangements for the end of this term, and the beginning of the Summer term. This week is a normal week, and we expect all students in school for the five days and not start their holidays early.

Year 11 - Revision

Whilst the Easter holidays is two weeks of fun for most students, it will be a time of intense revision for Year 11. Can brothers and sisters of Year 11 students be understanding and support where they can. Ask them if they need anything, a drink, a snack, or do they need you to ask them questions to test knowledge and understanding. Or maybe just keep out of the way and keep the noise down and let them focus. Year 11 students will be bringing home revision materials for each subject to aid their revision, including past papers and mark schemes. There is a comprehensive Easter revision programme in place during the holidays, more information about this will be sent next week.

Year 11 pre-examination evening - Tuesday 8th April

We are hosting a Pre-examination evening for the Parents of all Year 11 students on Tuesday 8th April from 4:30 to 5:30pm. The event is the final opportunity for us to focus on key preparation for the upcoming GCSE examinations. The session will focus upon subject leads providing key advice on how to prepare and execute in the summer exams, key revision tips and an opportunity to ask questions you have before the start of the examination period. Doors will open at 4:15pm and refreshments will be made available.

Year 10 Mock examinations

These are planned to take place after the completion of the Year 11 GCSE examinations in June. Year 10 students should be starting their revision now as the time will quickly go and the examinations soon upon them.

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

The immunisation team will be in school on the 2nd June to conduct HPV vaccinations for year 8 students. Rather than the normal physical consent form, we are trialling the online system. Please complete the online consent form at your earliest

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Year 7, 8 and 11 examination results

Following the completion of their assessments this half term, students in Years 7, 8 and 11 will be given their results on the following days.

- Year 7: Friday 4th April during form time in form rooms. (Parents should have received these on Friday)
- Year 11: Thursday 10th April during period 5 in the hall.
- Year 8: Friday 11th April during period 4 in the hall.

Celebration Assemblies

These will take place for each year group throughout the week. There is much to celebrate this term with students continuing to have good attendance and many assessments taking place.

End of term - Friday 11th April

As is our tradition from previous end of terms, this will be a non-uniform day for all students. If anyone wishes to make a donation they can do so via Parent Pay in the usual way. All donations will go towards charities. Students will attend lessons until period 4 when they will return to their form room. From 1:00pm, students will start to be dismissed - Year 8 to the Hall to collect their results.

Students who are entitled to a Free School meal will be able to collect a 'grab and go' lunch bag from Arena Central, or they can purchase food at breaktime in the usual way. Once dismissed students should make their way home and not hang around the park or streets. We also have a live DJ playing music in the playground at break time.

Return to school for start of Summer Term - Monday 28th April

All students should return to school on Monday 28th April. Please note this is a normal school day for everyone and NOT a training day for staff. We expect all students to arrive at the usual time of 8:25am in full school uniform. We will start the day with 'Our Arena Way', reinforcing our behaviour standards and expectations.

Due to the Easter holiday falling later this year, the first half of the Summer Term is very short, consisting of only 19 school days. It is therefore a reasonable expectation that most students should have 100% attendance during the first half term. During this time, the GCSE examinations will commence, making the holidays, as mentioned above, a critical time for Year 11 students to revise.

Enjoy the final week of this term and then look forward to a relaxing two-week holiday.

Kind regards Mr Mann