

Headteacher Bulletin 8th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer and Students of our Arena,

I hope you are having an enjoyable weekend with your loved ones.

Another busy week has passed at the academy.

Attendance: (Everybody's responsibility) As you are aware, attendance to school is a key focus at Our Arena. Students who have high attendance are far more likely to achieve good grades. Attendance for the week ending 5th December highlighted that on average 900 students out of our total students on roll achieved the expected attendance across the week.

I am conscious that we have a high proportion of our students absent from the academy. I will need you to work closely with us to ensure that unless your child is incredibly unwell, they attend the academy every day. We need to work together to ensure that students are building the routine to attend the academy across the week. Students are expected to arrive on time to school every single day. Our academy doors open at 8.25am and finish at 8.35am. We have noticed that a handful of students are arriving after 9.05am. If there is a continuous pattern of U codes, parent/carers will receive a letter of concern. I look forward to seeing all the children back and well from Monday. It is crucial that we are able to absorb our young people with the maximum learning opportunities.

Year 11 Strategy :

Thank you to all parent/carers for your ongoing support with Year 11. Academic forms have now started and are running Monday to Thursday each week. Students have now been invited to the after-school invitation only sessions which will begin from Monday 1st December. Your child has been informed which sessions they are required to attend. We have now also sent a text message to you to confirm. I look forward to a 100% of invited students in attendance to the after-school sessions.

Year 10 Road to Success Event-Tuesday 9th December 2025 (5pm to 5.45pm)

We are excited to invite all Year 10 parents to the academy on Tuesday. This will be an opportunity for you to collect your child's report and then engage in a session led by myself on the road ahead for Year 10. We will be discussing in detail how we will be supporting your child in year 10 in achieving the very best outcomes in Year 11. The event will take place in the main hall. Refreshments will be provided. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Parent Workshop: Thursday 11th December 2025 (4pm to 5pm)

We are hosting our first Parent Workshop this year in collaboration with COMPASS Birmingham. All parents are welcome to join to us for a session on how we can support student wellbeing children's mental health. Food, drinks and refreshments will be provided for all guests.'

Year 8 PC1 Results-Friday 12th December 2025

On Friday, Year 8 will be receiving their PC1 assessment results in the main hall. This has now become a common feature in the academy where our students receive their

results in a sealed envelope. We aim to reprise the same experience as students receiving their GCSE results in the summer. Year 8 will then go through their results with a senior member of staff and class teachers in the main hall.

We look forward to another positive week ahead in the academy. I will be updating you on the activities across the last week in the academy and the arrangements for the final day in my final bulletin for the term next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's head of year or year group coordinator, if you require any support.

Many thanks,

Mr Malik

Head of School-Arena Academy