

## Headteacher Bulletin 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

Over the next few weeks, we will be trialling a few initiatives that we will be implementing across the school from September and would welcome feedback from parents and students as to their views.

### **Equipment Mats**

At Our Arena, we want to ensure that our learners are always ready, respectful and safe. As part of our Teaching and Learning toolkit, we expect students to arrive at school ready to participate in learning within the classroom.

Within their toolkit, we expect students to have the following equipment:

- Pencil case
- Black or Blue writing pen
- Red pen
- Mini Whiteboard Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener

Form Tutors will be checking student equipment every morning as part of Our Arena Norms to be sure that they are ready for the day. To do this, each student will place their toolkit equipment on the learning mat on their desk during morning Form Time. The Form tutor will check everything is correct and will record on Class charts if there is missing equipment. From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, students will receive a 30-minute reflection if they are missing a piece of equipment. Students are able to purchase the equipment from any local shop or retailer or can use CORE Points within school to purchase a single item or a filled pencil case.

### **Free Breakfast for all**

There is much research outlining that students who eat breakfast are more prepared for their learning for the day. We have trialled providing breakfast for all Year 7 students in their form room during this week. Feedback from students and staff was very positive. Other year groups are able to obtain their free breakfast from the canteen as normal. We plan to roll out all students having breakfast during form time from September.

### **Mobile phones – See it, Hear it, Lose it**

A reminder that all students should not be using a mobile phone during the school day. They should be switched off when arriving at school, placed in their bag and not switched on again until they leave. Parents can support this by not phoning their child during the school day. If any parent needs to contact their child, they should use the main school phone number, and we will get a message to them.

### **Year 7 Parents Evening - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

A reminder to Parents of Year 7 students that the Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 4:00 – 7:00pm. There are no appointments, parents are invited to attend at any time. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers of your child to discuss their progress and ask any questions you may have.

### **Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations**

We would like to remind you that Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations will begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The full examination timetable can be found here [Year 10 Examinations - Arena Academy](#). These exams are a key part of preparing our students for their final GCSEs, helping them build confidence, understand the exam process, and identify areas for improvement. To support your child in making the most of this opportunity, we kindly ask that you read through the attached examination rules and regulations with them.

### **Support for Parents**

There is no doubt that some of our students are influenced by social media and parents can often feel unsure as to how to deal with it. An opportunity has arisen which parents may wish to consider is attached.

### **Hairspray**

Tickets for our school production of Hairspray at the Crescent Theatre on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 5:15pm are now available on ParentPay and have nearly sold out! Our students have worked incredibly hard and would love for parents and carers to join us in celebrating their amazing efforts on a professional stage. If you would like to offer additional support, there is also a donations option available on ParentPay. Any contributions will go directly towards the costs of the production. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### **Year 11 Leavers hoodies**

To order your Leavers Hoodie, please follow the instructions below:

1. Click this link: <https://phantomcandy.com/store/82F2b3s->
2. Click register and enter the Students Forename, Surname, E-mail, Mobile\* (\*if you want to) and create your own password
3. Select the hoodie style, size & colour you want
4. Enter a nickname if you want one, this is an optional extra £4.50
5. Click 'add to basket'
6. Scroll to the top of the page and click on the basket icon (or menu button if ordering from a tablet or phone). Enter the discount code (if you are eligible for a discount (free school meals, students with SEN for example), please check with Mrs Badhan via email, [pbadhan@corearena.academy](mailto:pbadhan@corearena.academy)) and click add discount code, this will deduct £3.00 off the total order
7. - Check you order is correct, click on 'Checkout', Enter the e-mail address you created the Phantom Candy Account with then select the 'Card' option, then enter your card payment details and the postcode your card is registered to (do not enter the school postcode)

*If you need help ordering, please e-mail us [support@phantomcandy.com](mailto:support@phantomcandy.com) and we will contact you. Or you can call us on 0121-798-1083*

I hope that all families who celebrated Eid on Friday had an enjoyable time.

Kind regards  
Mr Mann