

19 July 2021

RE: End of Term Arrangements

Dear parents/carers

As we end this extraordinary school year, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support through everything coronavirus has thrown at us. The students, and staff, have shown great resilience in the face of the challenges, and we feel incredibly proud to lead such a strong community.

Despite the pandemic, we have ended the year on a high. Over the past few weeks students have enjoyed taking part in Sports Days, virtual reality workshops, Tennis Coaching and during the final week will have taken part in Presentation Assemblies which have showcased all the achievements of each year group over the last year.

End of Term Arrangements

On Wednesday 21st July, students will start to be dismissed from 12:00 onwards.

Packed lunches will be available to any free school meals students to collect prior to their departure.

GCSE Results Day

Students in year 11 and their parents/carers are welcome to come into school, through the Arena Academy doors, to **collect their GCSE results on Thursday 12th August**. Staff and senior leaders will be on hand to give students advice and support as they take their next step. If you are unable to come into school, please contact reception and we will arrange for the results to be posted to you. If any Year 11 student has any school laptops or books at home, can they be returned to school on results day.

Summer Schools

We have built a strong partnership with Nike, UKactive and Aspire to be able to provide a summer school of sports, education, enrichment and fun opportunities. A summary of the three weeks of summer school are detailed below:

- 26/07/2021 to 30/07/2021 – Aspire Summer School for 100 Year 6 into 7 students. Registration has now closed, and all places have been allocated.
- 16/08/2021 to 19/08/2021 – Nike Open Doors for 60 current Year 8 and 10 students. Registration is still open: <https://www.arena-birmingham.academy/open-doors-summer-school/>
- 23/08/2021 to 26/08/2021 – Nike Open Doors for 60 current Year 8 and 10 students. Registration is still open: <https://www.arena-birmingham.academy/open-doors-summer-school/>

COVID safety measures

The Government's recent announcements mean we look ahead to September with optimism for a less disrupted year. Later this summer, requirements to isolate when identified as a 'contact' of a positive case will end for under-18 year olds, along with the current bubble structure and social distancing in schools. Students are still encouraged to test themselves for COVID-19 and to record the results in the usual way. Our priority remains the welfare of



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all students and staff; we will continue to keep a close eye on the guidance over the summer and communicate any changes to our plans, should they be necessary.

September 2021 Parent/Pupil Information Pack

At the end of term, we will be emailing all Parents a Parent/Pupil Information Pack which will inform you of all the arrangements for returning to school in September, and the arrangements for Covid testing prior to this. **Students will return to the academy on Monday 6th September.**

All that remains is to wish you and your family an enjoyable summer break; we look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards

R Mann

Headteacher