

Dear Parent/Carer and Students of Our Arena,

On Thursday 10th October it was World Mental Health Day. There is no doubt that the number of cases regarding mental health are rising especially amongst young children. This is something as a school we are aware of and are taking steps to support our students. For example, we have additional trained mental health counsellors in school and many more staff are trained in first aid mental health. If at any time you have concerns about your child, please contact their Head of Year or Year Coordinator in the first instance. We also have many contact details for mental health organisations available on our website here: [Welfare and Support - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](http://corearena.academy)

‘No touch’ policy

We want Our Arena to be a completely ‘Bully Free Zone’ and we also want it to be a place where students can play happily together and not get hurt. As a result, we work hard to ensure that children understand that there is a ‘No Touch Rule’ in school — that doesn’t mean that they can’t hug or shake hands, but it does mean that no negative forms of touch are allowed including:

- Play fighting
- Hitting
- Poking
- Dragging
- Lashing out
- Scratching
- Throwing things
- Kicking
- Invading somebody’s space

Key Stage 3 Assessment Grids

Information regarding these can be found on our website using the following link: [\[corearena.academy\]](http://corearena.academy)Assessments - Arena Academy. All students in Years 7, 8, and 9 should familiarise themselves with these grids to understand their current stage of excellence and, more importantly, what they need to achieve to progress to the next stage.

Celebrating Success – Rewards Fayre and Recognition Boards

A reminder of two ways in which we are celebrating success.

1. Our first **Rewards Fayre** of the academic year will be taking place on Monday 14th October at lunchtime in Arena Central. Here, students can redeem their CORE Points for prizes or collect any prizes they have previously bought from the CORE Point Shop.
2. **Recognition boards** have been installed in each classroom. Any student who goes above and beyond in their lesson will have their name written on the board and be given 3 CORE points.

Please see attached poster for more information about our rewards fayre.

Halloween Disco - Thursday 24th October

This event is fast approaching so start getting your scary costumes ready. It is a fun night, and everyone can attend - the event is open to all year groups. More information will be given out in form time next week.

Parent School Tours

Thank you to all the parents/carers who visited the school last week - I hope you found the visit very worthwhile. It is my intention to hold similar tours each half term so Parents can see the school in action.

Prevention Student Searches

Every half term, we undertake searches of student bags to ensure that no one is bringing any prohibited items into school. I am delighted to report that our students co-operated with the search carried out last week magnificently. Nothing was found other than deodorant sprays and glass perfume/after shave bottles. Glass items are not allowed in school as they may shatter, and deodorant sprays set off the fire alarms. If students wish to bring in deodorant, they should bring in the roll-on variety.

Arena Academy Youth Club

We are very excited to launch our Arena Youth Club in partnership with Sporting Elite, starting this Friday! Join us every Friday from 3:15 to 5:15pm for a fantastic range of fun activities designed to engage and inspire our students. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, develop skills, and enjoy some quality time after school. We encourage all students to take advantage of the youth club. If you're interested, please sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOvHcFBtxjxGYeTtQ47vqs_mcCwzTf0sl-uxo0cM0wDA2Dwg/viewform?usp=sf_link or speak to Mrs Guest for more information.

As the evenings get darker in the coming weeks, can parents remind their child to go straight home after school and not hang around the streets or park.

Kind regards
Mr Mann