

Week Commencing 18th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer and Students of Our Arena,

As you were informed last Monday, we underwent a Section 5 Ofsted inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. While the inspection has been completed, I am unable to share the specific outcomes or judgements until the final report is officially released.

However, I was proud of how the students conducted themselves, they are a credit to the school and their families. They were very polite to the inspection team, who commented on how well they had been received by the students. As soon as I receive notification of the final report, I will of course send it you. Thank you to everyone for your support and good wishes during the inspection.

Anti-bullying assemblies

These have taken place this week, reminding our students that bullying will not be tolerated at Arena Academy. They were also reminded how to report any cases of bullying, either reporting it to any member of staff or using the online Whisper system [Whisper - Report a Concern - Arena Academy](#). On Friday students were encouraged to wear an item to mark 'being different is acceptable'. For more information about anti-bullying, please click here: [Anti Bullying - Arena Academy](#)

Mathematics Week

Attached is a presentation outlining mathematics puzzles that students (and maybe parents) would like to try. The aim is to help students improve their maths skills as part of National Maths Week 2024.

Year 9 Options form

At Key Stage 4, all students will undertake GCSE English Language, GCSE English Literature, GCSE Maths and 2 GCSEs for Combined Science, unless they select to study Triple Science. Students will also have 1 hour of core PE and 1 hour of Personal Development. Students have been provided with on-going information on the Options process during Form Time, Assemblies, weekly Personal Development lessons, a Y9 Virtual Parents Evening and Subject Presentations. Further information can be found on the Academy website: <https://www.corearena.academy/year-9-guided-choices/>

Year 9 students, please use the form below to select your options. There are 3 Option Blocks, where you will select your 1st choice subject and a back-up subject in case we are unable to provide you with your 1st choice subject due to insufficient student numbers. <https://forms.office.com/e/nhQQb1py1t>

We are back to a normal five-day week this week, I hope you enjoyed the long weekend last week. As the weather is predicted to get colder, please ensure that all students are wearing a coat (preferably with a name in so that we can return lost property). If any family needs assistance in purchasing a coat, please contact your child's Year Coordinator in the first instance as we may be able to assist.

Kind regards
Mr Mann