



Headteacher Bulletin

20th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As we enter the final week of this half term and reflect on all that has been achieved, it has been a promising start to this academic year. Attendance is up compared to the same period last year, behaviour is pleasing - the students are conducting themselves very well, and their attitude to learning has been favourably commented upon in the two external reviews that have been undertaken this half term.

Attendance – Everyone’s Responsibility

As mentioned, this is continuing to improve, and is above national average, which is extremely pleasing. Unfortunately, four families have been issued with penalty notices last week due to poor attendance and unauthorised absences. Please continue to send your child into school. For more information about attendance, please click here: [Attendance - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy)

Next Friday, the last day of this half term, is a normal school day, in full school uniform, so we expect all our students to be in school and not start the holidays a day early. As an incentive it is ‘Feel Good Friday’ with double CORE points and we will also be playing music on the playground at lunchtime. Make your song requests here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YLWfgVs97Wday>. It’s day students don't want to miss.

Environmental Health

The school had a visit from Environmental Health, and I am delighted to report that we received a 5 star rating for health and hygiene. A fantastic achievement by Mellors, our catering team.

Year 7 Knowledge Organisers

As mentioned previously, Year 7 students should be using their knowledge organisers. More information is available here: [Knowledge Organisers - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy). This will be rolled out to other Year groups during the year. A reminder that information as to what your child is learning (for students in all years) can be found on our website using the following link: [Curriculum - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy)

Year 11 Revision sessions - during half term week

Year 11 students will be given a revision timetable next week outlining the sessions which will be available to them over the half term. There will be two 2-hour sessions each day, 10-12, and 12:30 - 2:30. Please encourage your child to attend.

Additional facilities at break and lunch times

To add to the list of opportunities at break and lunch, we will be installing 5 all-weather outside table tennis tables on the playground in the near future. The equipment will be supervised by our student leaders who will oversee the giving out/return of bats and balls. If you are a keen table tennis player, this is something to look forward to. For a list of all the clubs available at Our Arena, please click here: [Clubs and Activities - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy)

Halloween Disco

A reminder that this is taking place on Thursday 24th October. It is always a fun evening so please book your place via Parent Pay.

Free Webinar: Supporting Fussy Eaters

We are aware of many students at school who are reluctant to eat certain foods. Maximus, Birmingham's Family Weight Management provider, is offering a free online webinar on Supporting Fussy Eaters. The webinar will be taking place on Monday 21st October from 6:00 to 7:00pm. The topics that will be covered are:

Webinar Topics:

- Understanding what fussy eating is
- Exploring the causes of fussy eating
- Identifying the types of fussy eaters
- Providing practical solutions to manage and improve fussy eating

Please follow this link to sign up: [Supporting Fussy Eaters](#)

Collaboration Coffee Morning - Tuesday 22nd October 9:00 – 10:00am

This is open to all parents to drop into school to discuss any issues or get help with supporting your child. If you wish to attend, or require more details, please email Mr Ahmed at abahmed@corearena.academy

Lockdown procedures

The lockdown drill that was undertaken on Thursday 17th October was done extremely well. The students adopted a very mature and sensible approach to it. All Parents/Carers should have received a text message/classcharts announcement from us informing you of the start and finish of the lockdown drill. If you did not get this message on Friday, can you please contact us on LCureton@corearena.academy.

Staff Training Day – Monday 11th November

Advance reminder that it is a staff training day on Monday 11th November. Students are not required to attend school. A list of all term dates is available here: [Term Dates and Inset Days - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](#)

Finally, please remember all students can report any concerns using whisper. Please click here to find out more about our whisper system: [Whisper - Report a Concern - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](#)

Kind regards
Mr Mann