



Headteacher Bulletin

22nd September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

It fills me with so much pride when I see our students excelling. On Thursday, at the Open evening, so many of our students were involved. Whether it was performing live music, offering parents/students food from France and Spain, being involved in the many practical activities that they were invited to take part in, our students showcased the best of Arena Academy. It was a tremendous evening. A special mention must go to our Year 7 students, Phelan Cousins and Yaashvi Warik who spoke to over 500 people in the hall of their experiences as a Year 7 student. Quite an ordeal for students so young, but they were amazing!

Year 7 Settling In Evening - Thursday 26th September

Parents have been invited to arrange an appointment to meet with their child's Form Tutor next week. As mentioned previously, it is an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have. Please make every effort to be punctual so that appointments can run to time. Please see attached poster for more information.

Year 11 – Independent study

It is imperative that students spend at least 2 hours per day engaged in revision at home. This should include using GCSEPod ([GCSEPod - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://www.corearena.academy/gcsepod)) and other online revision platforms, using flashcards to quiz themselves or answering past exam questions that you can find on our website. We have now added an after school and lunch time revision timetable. All Aspire 5 students are required to attend the after-school sessions. The timetable can be found here: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://www.corearena.academy/year11-examinations)

Parent forum Tuesday 24th September 4:30 - 5:30pm

This is an opportunity for parents to have an input into an aspect of school and all parents are welcome to attend. Please see attached poster and please make every effort to attend.

Curriculum 2024/25

Details of what your child will be studying this year can be found on our website using the following link: [Curriculum - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://www.corearena.academy/curriculum). Each subject has a learning journey which students stick in the front of their book. It is sometimes subject to change if a teacher notice gaps in knowledge and chooses to re-teach a topic.

European day of languages - Thursday 26th September

As in previous years, we will be celebrating the many different languages that make up our diverse community with students taking part in different activities. This year we are in a position to be offering both French and Spanish to our students. Several of our students gain a GCSE grade in their home language, and if this is something you wish your child to do, they should speak to their languages teacher.

After school clubs

These will begin from next week with a variety of activities on offer - there is something for everyone. Students will be given a list of clubs during form time and they will be displayed on the screens around the school. All students are encouraged to attend at least one activity during the year. Can students ensure that they inform their parents if they are staying behind after school to attend a club - it prevents anxious parents having to come to school to find out where their child is.

Our students are a credit to our school, and this was reflected in the many positive comments we received from Year 6 parents and students who toured the school last week. Well done everyone!

Kind regards

Mr Mann