

Headteacher Bulletin 25/11/2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As the cold weather has arrived this week, please ensure that your child allows extra time to get to school in the icy conditions and is dressed warmly. During the winter months, students are more likely to catch colds and may be more inclined to miss school. We encourage you to use the NHS website to assess whether your child is well enough to attend school: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) .

Bring it On Brum activities

Bring it on Brum is once again running free holiday clubs in Birmingham throughout the Winter school holidays for young people aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activity packs and food boxes are also available as part of the Bring it on Brum enrichment offer. Holiday clubs will run from Monday, 23rd December to Friday, 3rd January (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays). If you are interested in this, please contact Ms Bhamra on KBhamra@corearena.academy

Year 11 Parents Evening - Thursday 28th November 4:00-7:00pm.

The event will be held in the Sports Hall and Gym, which we hope will help minimise queue times. There will not be an appointment system; instead, parents can choose which staff member to see based on the queue length. Parents and students will receive a copy of the mock examination timetable, a wellbeing pack, and examination papers with mark schemes for students to complete as homework. Following the grades that you will receive during Parents Evening, we will make adjustments to the form groups to ensure that students are optimally placed to receive the support they need.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Students should be revising for a minimum of 2 hours a day in preparation for the mock examinations which start on Monday 13th January 2025. The mock examination timetable can be found here: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy](#)

Attendance – Everyone’s responsibility

At Our Arena we believe that good attendance is crucial to students attaining well, making better progress, both socially and academically and reaching their potential. Students with regular attendance find school routines and school work easier to cope with. The vast majority of parents/carers send their child/children to school regularly, and on time - **Thank you**. However, eight parents have been fined for poor attendance last week. Please do not book holidays during term time as this will also result in a fine.

Year 9 Examinations

These begin next week. Year 9 students need to take these seriously as the outcomes may determine which options they will study in Year 10. It is my intention that English, Mathematics and Science examinations will take place in the Sports Hall to model the experience of actual GCSE examinations. All other examinations will take place in classrooms. Attached is information about the English Baccalaureate qualification for you to consider.

Parent Forum

Every half term, we hold a parent forum at our school, and we extend a warm invitation to all parents to participate in these important forums concerning various school-related topics. Our second parent forum for this academic year is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26th, running

from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. During this session, we will be presenting information about homework and knowledge organisers. This forum also serves as an opportunity for you to voice any concerns you may have and propose topics for future discussions. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated, and we'll be providing refreshments. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

I have received several inquiries regarding when parents will be informed of the Ofsted outcome. As I mentioned last week, I will notify you immediately upon receiving the final report from Ofsted. I anticipate that this will happen before the end of this term.

Kind regards
Mr Mann