

Headteacher Bulletin WC 27th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

What an amazing night we had the 'Stargazing' event on Wednesday 22nd January. Approximately 200 people attended, and I hope that you found it a worthwhile opportunity. Feedback I have received was very positive. It is our intention to run similar events which will be open to the community in the future.

Year 11 Mocks and the next steps

I am delighted with how Year 11 have undertaken the mock examinations over the last two weeks. I hope that their efforts are reflected in the results which will be issued during the last week of the half term.

Attendance during the mock examinations has overall been excellent. However, historically Year 11 attendance dips after the mock examination weeks. The next few months, between now and May, **are crucial** in determining the final outcomes for our Year 11 students. It is essential that they attend every lesson to maximise their chances. The mock examination papers will be analysed to identify the knowledge gaps that need addressing between now and the GCSE examinations. During next week, to reward our students for their conduct and efforts during the examinations, we will have a Year 11 'Well Being Week' in which they can participate in activities chosen by them.

Year 9 Parents Evening - Thursday 30th January

This will be held in the Sports Hall from 4:00 - 7:00pm. In addition to the opportunity to speak to staff, there will also be a Careers Fair. Please take the opportunity to speak to providers about potential career opportunities.

Careers Fair for all students

It is our intention to hold a careers fair in March for all students to attend. It is never too early to start thinking about future careers and what qualifications and experience which may be required. I would like to extend an invitation to any Parent/Carer who would like to be involved and speak to students about your career. Please see the attached poster for further details. If you would like further information or are able to help, please contact Mrs Guest via email on kguest@corearena.academy

Parent Forum - Tuesday 28th January from 4:30 to 5:30pm

The parent forum is open to parents/carers of all students so please do come along.

How to support students' study at home

I am often asked by parents what is the best way to support their child at home. The following webinar is an excellent resource which gives useful guidance as to how best to help your child at home. It includes effective revision strategies which you may find useful. <https://t.co/JThQslUBXP>

Holocaust Memorial Day - Monday 27th January

This year Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex. Next week we will be marking this day throughout the week with the following: an art competition, poetry competition, special assemblies, and 80 student leaders selected to light a candle and write a pledge.

Mobile Phones – See it, Hear it, Lose it

There are some students who are still using their phones in school. From next week, we will be reinforcing our invisible mobile phone policy, so if a phone is seen, or heard, it will be confiscated, given to reception to be put in our safe and a Parent/Carer must come into school to collect it.

Safety in the community

Unfortunately, I have been informed by the police of several incidents that have taken place within the community. Young people are being targeted for their phones and being threatened with violence if they do not hand them over. Please ask your child not to hang around the streets, and whenever possible do not walk home alone. We have several staff on duty outside before school and after school to ensure student safety. Should your child be subjected to any incident, please contact the police immediately and inform the school. We will continue to work with the police and do what we can to ensure students are safe walking to school and walking home from school.

Please let us know if you need any support at any stage of this term. Our contact details are on the website, and it is only with effective communication between parents/carers and school can we hope to help your children fulfil their potential.

Kind regards
Mr Mann