



Headteacher Bulletin

29th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

Parental engagement with school is a crucial partnership between school and home. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 7 Settling In Evening, I hope you found the evening useful and informative. Thank you also to the parents who attended the Parent Forum on Tuesday. Your input into our attendance strategy and the School Development Plan was invaluable.

School Development Plan

At the start of each academic year the school sets out the plan for further development of the school - a copy of which is attached. Once again, thank you for the input - many of your suggestions have been integrated into the plan. If you wish to add any further suggestions, please email Lcureton@corearena.academy.

Attendance to school

Too many students are taking time off school for minor illnesses, such as a runny nose, headache, or sore throat. This needs to stop, as missing school can have a significant negative impact on academic success. To check whether your child is too unwell for school, please use the NHS website: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) Additionally, we have noticed that many students are regularly absent on Fridays, which is a concern. Please remember, we are happy to support you and your child if there are any barriers to attending school every day, please contact the relevant pastoral team if you require any support:

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Year 11 Revision

As general guidance, students should be revising for 2 hours each evening. This could be part in school and partially at home. The interventions offered at school are available here: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy)

Black History Month

Throughout the year we celebrate the many cultures which make up Our Arena. During October, students will be involved in many activities celebrating Black History Month. The theme for this year's Black History Month is Reclaiming Narratives. Activities will take place during assemblies, form time and lessons, with examples of best practice highlighted on X (formerly twitter) and on the screens around school. If any student would like to get involved, please speak to Ms Guest.

Extra-Curricular Activities and peripatetic music lessons

Students this week have been informed of the many clubs/activities which are available for them to attend. Please get involved to widen your experiences and enjoyment. A full list of clubs are available here: [Clubs and Activities - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy). We also have many peripatetic music lessons being offered to students including playing the guitar, drumming, keyboards and even DJ'ing! Please speak to Ms Mckenzie if you are interested in taking up peripatetic music lessons.

Year 9 Options

Year 9 is an extremely important year for students as it is when they make their Guided Choices. They are deciding which subjects they would like to carry on studying at GCSE. For more information about guided choices, please click here: [Year 9 Guided Choices - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy). We are also asking all Year 9 students and Parents to complete a short survey to let us know what you are thinking of doing.

Year 9 Student Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/8b3kD76VA8>

Year 9 Parent Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HQbJx9uAsN>

School policies and Parent Pamphlets

We have ensured all our school policies are presented in a way that is easy for Parents to understand, they can be found here: [Statutory Information - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy). The large majority of our processes and procedures can be found in our family handbook which is available here: [Parents and Carers - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy). Also, please refer to our Parent Pamphlets webpage, which offers advice and guidance for parents on a range of topics including supporting learning and revision at home, emotional wellbeing, online bullying and much more: [Parent Pamphlets - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy)

Many thanks for you continued support.

Kind regards

Mr Mann