

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

With just three weeks to go before the end of term, there are many events taking place. Please find below edition 13 of the Headteacher Parent/Carer bulletin.

SEND Website information

As part of our commitment to improving communication with parents, I would like you to visit the SEND section of our website. It now includes a referral form to complete if you think your child may have a special educational need. [SEND - Arena Academy](#)

Year 11

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 Parents Evening. The feedback received was very positive and very much in favour of the new arrangements in the Sports Hall and the Gym. Please make good use of the examination papers you were given in the bags, they are an essential aid for your revision. If you did not collect your purple bag, please see Ms Taj or Ms Badhan. The mock examinations start on January 13th, 2025, so there are only a few weeks left - do not leave your revision to the last minute, students should be revising a minimum of 2 hours a day. We have interventions after school, Monday is English, Tuesday is Maths, and Thursday is Science. All students should be attending these sessions. If your child cannot attend, please email Ms Badhan to opt out. More information about Year 11 mocks is available here: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy](#)

Year 10 Parents Evening – 12th December

An advance reminder, that the Year 10 Parents evening is taking place on Thursday 12th December. For more details about our Parents Evenings, please click here: [Assessments - Arena Academy](#)

Pupil Progress App

You will have previously received some information regarding the 'Pupil Progress App', which is a smartphone App we are using to make it easier and quicker than ever before to provide you with detailed information about your child's attainment and progress. The reports on the app will allow you to provide targeted support for your child. The attached document will help to answer the most common questions we have received. Please check your spam/junk folder and follow the link you will have received using your mobile phone so you can download the app. Data will gradually appear on the App for each year group over the coming weeks and then subsequently after each assessment window. For more information about the Pupil Progress App or our Assessments, see our Academy website for further details: [Assessments - Arena Academy](#)

Mathletes – Amazon vouchers and much more up for grabs as prizes

I am delighted to let you know that the 2024 Christmas Mathletes competition is now open! Please direct students to access the competition via this link. <https://forms.gle/wkygFynbHHKnLQdQ8>.

The competition will close on the 6th December at 2:00pm. Winners will get £20 vouchers.

Entry to classrooms following break and lunch line up

From Monday, all Year 7 – 10 students will be required to walk in silence from lineup. This is so that Year 11 lessons are not disturbed and Year 7 – 10 students are walking to lessons in a calm and orderly fashion.

Boxing classes

We are offering boxing classes and boxercise every Monday and Wednesday from 3:20 to 5:00pm. The session is delivered by a professional boxing coach. If you are interested in taking part in this amazing opportunity, please see Ms Campbell-Williams. In addition to the boxing classes, please see below for other fun clubs:

- Sporting Elite will be running a **Youth Club** at Arena Academy every Friday (3:15pm - 5:15pm) To sign up, please use this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOvHcFBtxjxGYeTtQ47vqs_mcCwzTf0sl-uxo0cM0wDA2Dwg/viewform?usp=sf_link
- Sporting Elite will also be running a **5-a-side Football League** for Years 7, 8 and 9 every Thursday after school (3:20pm – 4:40pm) To sign up, please use this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/1b9DzS_b7lg46hSV-PcVasFHYhGPBR6C9BOOEhe-O5IM/viewform?edit_requested=true
- **Athletics Club** taking place every Thursday (3:30pm – 4:30pm) for Years 7, 8 and 9. This club is ran by qualified Athletics coaches, with opportunities to progress outside of school.

Events this week

- **W.c. Monday 2nd December** – Week 2 of Year 9 formal examinations in classrooms. English and Maths examinations will be conducted in the sports hall on Wednesday 4th December.
- **Tuesday 3rd December 6:00 – 7:30pm** – Winter showcase. If you have not already bought your tickets, there are some still available through Parent Pay. Each year the event gets even more amazing as our students showcase their incredible talents. It would be great to see as many people as possible attend, I know the performers would welcome your support.
- **Wednesday 4th December** – 146 Year 10 and 11 students on a trip to the rep theatre to watch a Christmas Carol.
- **Thursday 5th December** – Opportunity day, many trips and fun activities taking place.

ATA - Active Travel Ambassadors

As part of the ATA project, our student ambassadors would like to bring to your attention the opportunity for free bus travel after 7:00pm during the week 9th - 13th December. For those parents who maybe cannot remember the last time they got on a bus, (and I count myself in that number), maybe this is the time to try? Further details are contained in the attached document.

Thank you for your continued support. It is only by working together that we will continue to further improve so that each child receives the best possible education.

Kind regards
Mr Mann