



Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As we finish the half term holiday, there are a few things that I would like students to undertake during next week.

Year 9 Options – Guided choices

Can Year 9 students start having conversations with their Parents/Carers regarding their choice of subjects for Year 10. Our guided choices webpage details all the information needed, including detailed presentations for each subject. Consider potential career paths and which subjects are required. Further information will be given during next half term, but it is never too early to start having the first conversations. Please see the guided choices page here: [Year 9 Guided Choices - Arena Academy](#)

Personal Development

In addition to the traditional subjects our students study, they have an hour of Personal Development time every Friday with their Form Tutor. Personal Development is a crucial part of their timetable as it gives our students education on how to develop as well-rounded citizens. Our goal is for students to leave Arena Academy safe, healthy and know how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. For a detailed list of all the topics that are taught in personal development, please click here: [PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT - Arena Academy](#)

Careers

Can all students have conversations with Parents/Carers regarding future ambitions and careers. Part of their Personal Development programme gives our students Careers information and guidance - having conversations with parents is a crucial element of the process. Please visit our careers webpage for more information: [Careers - Arena Academy](#)

Free webinars for Parents

As mentioned previously, whenever I am given information that may be of benefit to our families, I will pass it on to you. Elevate are running free webinars for Parents and students on the following dates and times. [Register your place in our parent support series](#)

- How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory - November 19, 6:00-7:00pm
- How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child - December 3, 6:00-7:00pm
- How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress - December 17, 6:00-7:00pm

Attendance – Everyone's responsibility

Thank you to all Parents and Students who have worked with us to ensure children have attended school every day. We will be sending a text message to all Parents this weekend informing you how many sessions of school your child missed in the half term (if any). Please remember, there are two sessions in a school day, morning and afternoon. We will also be providing all students an attendance letter on Monday 4th November. For more information about attendance, please click here: [Attendance - Arena Academy](#)

Start of the Autumn 2 half term

We return to school on Monday 4th November with the doors opening at the normal time of 8:25am. On Monday, the students will spend the first two lessons going through 'Our Arena Way' which will have a heavy focus on how students can know more and remember more using knowledge organisers. For more information about Knowledge Organisers, please click here: [Knowledge Organisers - Arena Academy](#)

We look forward to seeing all students dressed smartly in the Arena Academy uniform on Monday 4th November.

Kind regards
Mr Mann