



Headteacher Bulletin

8th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

We are delighted to report that the new academic year has been a positive start. Thank you for ensuring that the students are looking good in their uniform - it certainly sets the tone of the school.

We have made the decision to make the Headteacher bulletins more succinct and concise for speed of reading, so we will trial this new format this half term.

Attendance – Everyone’s Responsibility

As mentioned previously, good attendance is a key ingredient for academic success. Whilst we were expecting ALL students to attend on Wednesday, there were some still absent. **It is a legal requirement for all students to attend school every day and fines will be issued when there has been 5 days of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period** (please see attached poster). Please click here for more information about attendance: [Attendance - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy)

Year 7 Settling In Evening – Thursday 26th September

Year 7 have settled in very well and have adapted to our structures and routines. These students have been supported by their Form Tutors and Pastoral Team to help them adjust to secondary school. A date for parents of Year 7 - 'Year 7 Settling in Evening' will be on Thursday 26th September. This event will give year 7 Parents an opportunity to speak to the year 7 form tutors, head of year and year group coordinator. More details about the event will be sent shortly.

Year 6 Open Week/Evening

This will be held the week beginning 16th September, with the Open Evening on Thursday 19th September (please see attached poster). Information is available on our website here: [Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy). Any parents/carers of Year 6 students are welcome to attend.

Year 11 'Going for Gold' online session

A session will be held on Tuesday 17th September for all parents/carers of Year 11 to outline the plans this year for achieving success in next year's external examinations. The purpose will be to outline how best parents can support their child in the run up to their GCSE's. The next set of mock examinations will be held the week beginning Monday 7th October.

Standards and Expectations within school

Having spent the first three days of term reinforcing the standards and expectations that we expect from our students, all students are now fully aware of our routines and systems. The atmosphere around school has been very calm and respectful. This now needs to be maintained throughout the year.

It was good to see our students return last week and get the academic year 2024/25 off to a good start. Well done everyone!

Kind regards
Mr Mann