

## Headteacher Bulletin WC 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

I am sure that all of you who were following the national news on Monday will have heard some inspiring stories from Holocaust Memorial Day. As with other special days, we celebrate the diversity of our community whenever possible. We were approached by BBC Midlands to show how we were marking the event. As always, our students did us proud and represented the school amazingly.

### Year 9 Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 9 Parents Evening - I hope you found it very worthwhile and had the opportunity to speak to our various representatives covering many careers. The next step is to make the final option choices for when they start Year 10 – deadline for option form submission Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. For more information about choosing subjects, please click our guided pathways webpage: [Year 9 Guided Choices - Arena Academy](#)

### E scooters and Robbery

It has been brought to my attention from our community police officer for students to be aware of a rise in the number of thefts involving E-scooters and general street robbery. Students need to be vigilant at all times when travelling to and from school, and when out and about in the community. If a student is the victim of theft, parents should contact the police and also notify the school.

### Rewarding 100% attendance

Over the first few weeks of term, I am delighted that so many students have been rewarded because they have had 100% attendance. I hope that this number increases next week, and more students qualify for the 100% reward. Students should be gaining CORE points for many different reasons, accumulating a nice total for the end of term spend at the Rewards Fayre.

### Safeguarding Review

Last week, an external Safeguarding Review was undertaken to ensure that we comply with all the correct processes. Similar to the Ofsted report, our Safeguarding practices were found to be effective and compliant. As a school we ensure that all procedures are in place to keep our students and staff safe.

### Year 9 Vaccinations

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Year 9 students that have given consent will receive their School Leaver Booster (tetanus, diphtheria and polio, Td/IPV) vaccinations. Students will be collected from lessons in form groups throughout the day. We know that for some students getting vaccinations can be worrying, please be assured that the nurse team are fantastic at talking through the procedure with the students and calming them. If however, you do feel your child may need some extra support on the day, please do contact Mrs Swann [hswann@corearena.academy](mailto:hswann@corearena.academy).

Finally, a reminder that we break up for the Spring half term on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. It will be a normal school day with students in full school uniform finishing at 3:10pm. For a full list of our term dates, please click here: [Term Dates and Inset Days - Arena Academy](#)

Kind regards  
Mr Mann