

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

Our website contains a vast amount of information covering all aspects of school life. Should you require any information, this is the first point of reference you should consider. The website is frequently updated, and I will bring these changes to your attention as they occur.

Website Updates

- Clubs and activities: [Clubs and Activities - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy/Clubs-and-Activities)
- Assessments: [Assessments - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy/Assessments)
- Subject pages: [Curriculum - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy/Curriculum)
- Attendance: [Attendance - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy/Attendance)

Parent Tours

As mentioned last week, I am keen to develop and continue to strengthen our parent partnerships. I am aware that there may be parents who have never seen the school in operation, so I am inviting any parents who wish to tour the school to visit us next week on either Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th October from 9:15am - 10:00am. This will give our Parents an opportunity to see the school in action by visiting lessons and speaking to students/staff. Please use the following link to book a tour: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ors2DDw07kKfFk8X_zexuwlDsjHBKVLjv4MD0Ko1ctUM0E1TUpYR1ZRVkwyTDhZSzJMMkRZVkJkZPWi4u

Visitors to Our Arena

As part of our Respect culture, we encourage all students to be polite and respectful at all times. When visitors come into school they should be welcomed, questions answered respectfully, and all students should represent the school with pride. Please see attached slide which gives more information about welcoming visitors to Our Arena.

Keeping Children Safe in School

Recent Student surveys indicate that the overwhelming majority of students feel safe in school. However, we are aware that there are incidences of knife crime in the local area. As part of our commitment to the welfare of our students, we have been working closely with students during form time and PSHE lessons to provide them with the knowledge and resources they need to stay safe in school and within the local community. Events in Birmingham City Centre and the local community have highlighted the need for increased vigilance and precautionary measures to ensure the safety of all our students. Similar to last year, we will be carrying out regular student searches to ensure that prohibited items are not brought onto our school premises. Students will be requested to empty the contents of their pockets and bags onto a table for senior and middle leaders of staff to inspect. These searches will be conducted discreetly and with the utmost respect for the privacy and dignity of each student.

Student searches are conducted in line with our academy's behaviour policy ([Statutory Information - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://corearena.academy/Statutory-Information)) and the Department for Education's searching, screening and confiscation information ([Searching, screening and confiscation at school - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612222/Searching_screening_and_confiscation_at_school_-_GOV.UK.pdf)).

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Campbell-Williams Dcampbell-Williams@corearena.academy.

Music Development Plan

At Our Arena we value the place of the Arts within our curriculum and extracurricular activities. Attached is our Music Development Plan which outlines opportunities that are available to our

students. I would encourage any student who wants to develop their musical talent to participate in these activities.

Supporting students with SEND

This year, we are introducing a new half-termly webinar for parents of children with SEND. These webinars, led by the SEND team, will provide support and guidance. The first session will take place this half term, and Mr Ahmed will be sharing the details with parents shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out directly to our SENDCo, Mr Ahmed, at AbAhmed@corearena.academy, or our Deputy SENDCo, Mrs Swann, at hswann@corearena.academy. You may also find useful information on our SEND webpage, which you can access here: [SEND - Arena Academy](#).

Rewards Fayre

I know many of you are busy collecting CORE points this half term. The opportunity to exchange these for rewards is at the Rewards Fayre which will be taking place very soon. In the meantime, keep on collecting! Year 7 students will be given more information as to how this works closer to the date.

Please let us know if you need any support. Our contact details for all staff members are available in our Family handbook here: [Parents and Carers - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](#), and it is only with effective communication between parents/carers and school can we hope to help your children fulfil their potential.

Kind regards
Mr Mann