

Headteacher Bulletin 24th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Our Arena,

As we end this half term, may I thank you all for your support as we continually strive to provide the best possible education and care at Arena Academy. Despite the cold weather, students have continued to behave well around school/lessons and are a credit to the school. I hope they all enjoyed trading in their CORE points at the start of the week to reward their efforts.

Returning to school after half term - Monday 24th February

Students will return at the normal time of 8:35am. A reminder that breakfast is available from 8:25am for those who wish to partake. As is our normal practice, we will start the day reminding all students of 'Our Arena Way', reinforcing our high standards and expectations during period 1 and 2.

New strategies after half term

After half term we will be launching a new tool for our teaching and learning toolkit called 'Everybody Writes'. This will allow students to think about their answers carefully, write them down before answering verbally. Also, to further improve behaviour in the classroom and ensure a disruption free environment, any student that is given any warning/reflection in a class, will be visited by a member of the pastoral team or SLT to speak and try resolve the issue.

Year 11 - next steps

All Year 11 students should have received a copy of their mock examination results. These are now being analysed by their teachers to identify what needs to be done in the remaining three months before their GCSE examinations. Year 11 students should have brought home revision packs which will help them revise over the half term holiday. Furthermore, we have many revision sessions taking place over the half term holiday which all students should attend. A full timetable can be found here: [Year 11 Examinations - Arena Academy](#)

Important dates next half term

- W.c. 3rd March – Year 7 formal examinations
- 4th March – Careers fayre
- 6th March – World book day
- W.c. 10th March – Year 10 work experience
- W.c. 17th March – Year 11 Mock examinations in core subjects + Year 8 formal examinations
- 25th March – Year 11 pre-examination evening final countdown
- 28th March – Opportunities day
- 4th April – Conduct cup celebrations
- 9th April – Rewards fayre
- 11th April – Last day of term – non-uniform and half day

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term, and I will see all students on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards
Mr Mann