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Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of term approaches, I would like to thank you for all the support that you have given during this term. There are many examples around school of the outstanding work that students produced during remote learning, and I am grateful for the encouragement that you gave your child. When the students returned to school they did so in a mature and responsible manner, and quickly settled back into the daily routines. Their attendance has been 96% which is well above the national average. Following the success of the in-school testing, can I ask that you continue to test your child twice a week until further notice in our on-going effort to identify any asymptomatic cases and reduce the spread of the infection. Guidance recommends that home testing is completed at the same time each week, getting into a routine i.e. Tuesday and Sunday, testing on the Sunday before we return will ensure your child is safe to return at the start of the summer term. Your child will be issued test kits by their Form Tutor Thursday morning during registration. Please continue to record your results on both the school and government websites following your child's test. For more information about testing, please click this link: <https://www.arena-birmingham.academy/home-covid-testing/>

Students will end this Spring Term on **Thursday 1st April**, at their normal time – **Years 7 & 8 at 14:45** and **9, 10 and 11 at 15:15** – there will be no early finish.

School will commence for the Summer Term on **Monday 19th April**, at their normal time – **Years 7 & 8 at 08:30** and **Years 9, 10 and 11 at 09:00**.

When school re-commences for the Summer term all pupils in Years 7 – 10 will be issued with a new school blazer. As mentioned in previous correspondence to you, the cost will be met by us. We take pride in our uniform and ask that you maintain the high standards that Arena Academy achieves and can be proud of.

The Summer term will be an important, final term for Year 11. Their assessments, which will be one aspect of the evidence that teachers are collating will be from **Monday 26th April – 7th May**. A copy of the timetable and the topics that are being assessed have been given to Year 11 students and are available on the website.

For years 7 – 10 there are many events planned throughout the term which I will communicate further with you as the term progresses. These include:

End of Year examinations: for all students in Years 7 – 10, Monday 14th June – Friday 25th June.

Parents Evenings: Year 7 – 8th July, Year 8 – 17th June, Year 9 – 22nd April and Year 10 – 27th May.

School Photographs – Friday 23rd April.

May I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and I hope that you are able to spend quality time with family and friends after the months of lockdown.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Mann
Headteacher