



Dear Year 6 Student

The English Department at the Archer Academy cannot wait to start working with you; helping you to develop your skills and really enjoy your literacy work. We would like to know a bit about you before you arrive and see just how good your English skills are. It would be helpful to us if you could handwrite your letter so that we can have a good look at your handwriting!

We would like you to write a letter to your year 11 self to think about all the exciting things that you will do and achieve with us in years 7 to 11 at Archer. I'm sure you are used to writing letters, and that you will have had lots of practice, but I have included a few tips and ideas here to help you should you need them. You will find some success criteria on the other side of the sheet to help you to check you have thought of everything.

We look forward to hearing from you. Remember, just do your best.

The English Department

The Archer Academy

Things to include in your letter:

- Start with *Dear my future year 11 self*
- In the first paragraph, talk about how you feel coming into year 7. It will be nice to reflect and look back on this when you reach year 11!
- In the second paragraph, write about all of the things that you would like to achieve in your time at Archer. What will you have improved in? What will you have learnt?
- Third paragraph: What will you have enjoyed the most? What trips will you have been on? What experiences will you have had?
- In the fourth paragraph, it would be great to hear what your hopes are for the future. What are your hopes and fears? What are you hoping to do when you are older?
- Conclude your letter and sign off.

Thank you for writing to us! In November you will be able to have an opportunity to write again, but then it will be to your Year 6 teacher, to say "Hello" and tell them all you've been up to at the Archer Academy. Good luck with your final term as Year 6.

Success Criteria – Have I done a good job?

Skill	Yes/No?
Have I started and ended my letter in the right way?	
Have I used clear paragraphs?	
Are my paragraphs developed with interesting detail?	
Do my paragraphs link?	
Have I used a good variety of language to explain and describe?	
Have I got my tone right?	
Have I checked my spelling carefully?	
Have I used a good variety of sentences, including simple ones for clarity and effect and complex ones to add more detail? Have I thought carefully about my word order?	
Have I used punctuation marks in the right places, and have I used a good range for effect? Have I used commas, apostrophes, question marks ect?	
Have I used the right tense?	
Am I pleased with my piece of writing all the way through?	