

8th October 2021

Dear all,

We were incredibly proud to welcome prospective families to the school on Wednesday for our Open Evening. The stars of the show were so rightly our students, our very best ambassadors, who did a superb job guiding visitors around the school. To ensure safety for our staff and students, we held a modified event, and I know so many more students would have liked to have been involved. My fingers are firmly crossed for next autumn when hopefully we can hold this event as normal once again. Particular praise must go to Isaac L and Clara C from Year 7 and senior students, Raffy L, Erin O and Samayra K for their incredible speeches.

We are thoroughly looking forward to the launch of Enrichment for Lower School next week and the termly programme for Year 10. We have not been able to run our full enrichment curriculum since March 2020 and this feels such a step forward. Students have an incredible programme to choose from, ranging from rock climbing to jazz dance and debating society to football – such opportunities for our students to explore new and existing passions. We know just how important our enriching curriculum is for our young people. Enrichment Guides will be available on the website and SMH on Monday, do please explore them and talk with your child about what they would like to do on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon (a different choice on each afternoon) for this first block. I am not sure I would be able to decide! A reminder school will run until 4.05pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon next week, to enable the Enrichment Fairs. Then, from the Wc 1st November, school will finish at 4.05pm for all year groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Unfortunately, we have experienced a number of violations of our smart phone rules this week and as a result there are large number of Saturday detentions. This has been bitterly disappointing. Smart phones are very clearly banned in our school and this rule must be respected. To ensure clarity around expectations, we will conduct a series of random bag searches across next week, in line with our school policy. Please ensure that your child is best placed to respect the rules of the school and to avoid finding themselves in Saturday detention, by reviewing expectations with them.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *'A free bird and a caged bird. The free bird is happy and able to live in nature as it pleases while the caged bird suffers'. Maya Angelou*

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Term dates for 2021 2022: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2021-2022/>

October

Mon 11th – COVID vaccinations – all year groups

Mon 18th – year 7 Kingswood parents' information evening 5-6pm, lower school

Thurs 21st – Prize Giving, by invitation from 7pm

Fri 22nd – Finchley Foodbank collection, details below

Fri 22nd – school closes for half term at 1.30pm, after lunch

Mon 25th – Fri 29th – half term holiday

November

Mon 1st – school starts, 8.30am

Tues 2nd and Thursday 4th – enrichment begins for all year groups, school finishes at 4.05pm

Weds 3rd – year 11 core subjects evening, 6.30 – 7.30pm

Weds 3rd – Fri 5th – Kingswood residential trip, year 7
Weds 17th – year 10 core subjects evening 6 – 9pm
Thurs 18th – Parents Association AGM 7-8pm, lower school, details below

KEY INFORMATION:

Covid testing: All students should test on Mondays and Fridays to keep our community safe. [Upload your lateral flow result](#) before your child comes to school.

Parentpay

Please ensure your child's ParentPay account has a positive balance and pay for any outstanding items.

Catering

We hope that your children are enjoying the new autumn menus. We have been experiencing some supply problems in the last couple of weeks due to the ongoing fuel shortages and as a result have had to make a few last minute changes to the menus. We apologise for this and are trying to keep these changes to an absolute minimum. If we do have to make a last minute change we will always ensure that there is a vegetarian and meat option available each day.

OPEN EVENING – Miss Harrison



It was wonderful to welcome almost 1200 visitors to the school on Wednesday for Open Evening. Thank you to all the students and staff who helped out at the event. Our students were such powerful advocates of the Archer Way and made me and the staff truly proud. Well done everyone.

HARVEST COLLECTION FOR FINCHLEY FOODBANK – Mrs Csaky



This term we will once again be supporting the Finchley Foodbank. We would like all Archer students to donate something to our collection on **Friday 22nd October**. Please bring your donations to either upper or lower school that morning. The Foodbank have particularly requested the following items:

- Tea bags
- UHT milk
- Pasta
- Coffee 200g jars
- Long life juice
- Washing tablets/capsules

VIRTUAL ENRICHMENT FAIR – Miss Le

EXTENDED CURRICULUM

Try something new this term

Sports • Mad Science • Pokemania
Yoga • Sign Language • Book Club
Art workshops • and more!

ENRICHMENT FAIR TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEK
ENRICHMENT STARTS STRAIGHT AFTER HALF TERM
ASK YOUR FORM TUTOR FOR MORE INFORMATION,
OR TALK TO MISS LE (HEAD OF EXTENDED CURRICULUM)

Next week we launch the Virtual Enrichment Fair! Students will have an opportunity to watch videos on all the enrichments on offer and read through the enrichment booklet, which will also be available online.

The Virtual Enrichment Fair will take place on the following days during tutor time:

- Y7 - Thursday
- Y8 - Tuesday
- Y9 - Tuesday
- Y10 - Thursday

Please note, students will have until Monday 18th to submit their enrichment choices. The choices form will be set on SMH by Miss Le. If you have any questions, please ask your child to speak to their form tutor.

PARENTING SUPPORT – Ms Wallace

Parenting a teenager is a difficult job at any time but comes with additional concerns at the moment around all the recent news coverage. You may feel isolated and that you are the only parent with such concerns but, you are not alone, we are all on the same journey. At the Archer Academy we realise how difficult and, at times overwhelming, this can become so would like to offer parents some support. Diane Wallace, our parent advisor and trained facilitator, is available on Mondays for support by telephone or face to face appointment for any parent who would like to talk through what they might be experiencing at present.

If you would like to access this support please email Ms Wallace at mrswallace@thearcheracademy.org.uk to make an appointment.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM – Maryam Bitege

Parents Association AGM – Thursday 18th November, 7-8pm, lower school

We hope that you will come along to our AGM, which we will begin with an informal opportunity to get to know some fellow Archer parents. Please put the date in your diaries, Thursday 18th November 7-8pm at lower school.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. To give us an idea of numbers for catering purposes, please let us know by email if you plan to be there:

parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk Please can we have a rep from each class there as well.

Thank you

Jess, Maryam, Natacha and Chloe

PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP – Ms Clarke



A group of year 10 and 11 GCSE photography students took a trip into town on Tuesday. We narrowly missed the rain! It was a two centred look at buildings in Granary Square and the Barbican Centre. Some imaginative shots were taken. It felt very good to be out and about, appreciating our fascinating city.

ARCHER GARDENERS – Mrs Mahoney



This week our Year 9 gardeners had a great time in the outdoor classroom building one of the pathways. The students are really enjoying their sessions with the Green Arrow parent volunteers and staff.

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower School

Hiya Cats, and welcome to Library Corner. This week we celebrated **National Poetry Day**.

In conjunction with **Black History Month**, we're celebrating in the Lower School Library with a display of favourite works by Black poets. Come check them out!

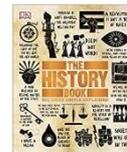


In honour of the day, Kwame Alexander, author of the very popular free verse **Booked** and **Rebound**, will be giving a free online reading on Saturday the 9th of October, at 7 pm. See [here](#) for more details.

Open Evening in the Library was a huge success, with loads of Archer student helpers ably conducting visitors around the library. Thanks especially to the Year 7s who put their newfound knowledge of library processes to good use. We also spotted a lot of eager readers amongst the prospective students.

Book Reviews:

Nathan H on **The History Book**: *"I liked it because it shines a light on the neglected areas of history"*



Marcel K on **Toro Toro**: *"One day Antonio saw a black bull be born, and it looked strong. He named it Paco..."*



Did you know that Dennis the Menace is **70** this year? A new comic celebrating his birthday will also reveal where his iconic red and black jumper came from! See [here](#) for the full story.

New in the library:



Faceless
Alyssa Sheinmel

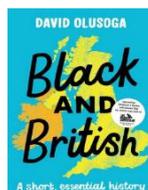
Maisie was a runner, a girlfriend, a good student ... a normal girl. Now, after a single freak accident, all that has changed.

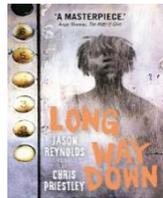
This book is on the recommended reading list for the Y8 Thematics Diseases Unit.

Have a great weekend, everyone, and *keep reading!*

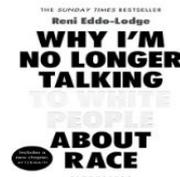
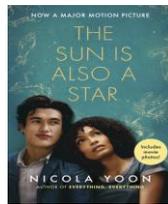
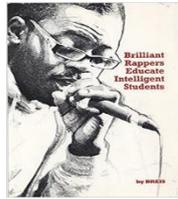
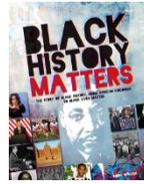
Upper School

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
What does diversity and inclusion mean to you?





No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. NELSON MANDELA



Looking forward to seeing you and do let me know what you are reading!

Mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk

FOOTBALL UPDATE – Mr Raghuveer and Mr Wick



The Archer boys year 8 football teams had their first match on Thursday - watching them was SUCH A TREAT, as they worked as a team to fend off their Friern Barnet opponents by winning 6-3!!! After being down 3-1 at half time, their comeback was just incredible.

WELL DONE ALL!!

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr McSherry

Didn't they do well? I was very proud to experience first-hand the wonderful job that the year 11 students did at Open Evening. They showcased the school in the very best light and fielded some tricky questions from perspective parents, always doing so with a smile!

Next week's assembly will be delivered by Barnet & Southgate College. This will be a great opportunity to discover what courses they offer, what the entry requirements are and lots more. Please do encourage your child to make use of that important time.

Please also keep an eye out for the year 11 bulletin. As I have said previously this will very much be the hub of all key information for year 11, including open days, key revision strategies and dates for your diary.

Have a lovely weekend.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Lottie C and Selin K - For impressing at Open Evening and giving a wonderful account of themselves, and the school

Rohat C - For showing great commitment to his education, well done Rohat

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

It has been a busy week for Year 10, the students have been going through revision with their subject teachers in preparation for the assessment fortnight next week. The assessment timetable has been shared on show my homework. Please do encourage your child to print it off and use it to plan a revision timetable.

Please could I ask parents to make sure that their child is able to log in to their emails and show my homework. If there are any login issues, please reach out to your child's form tutor.

I was very impressed by the students selected to support at Open Evening, all those who represented the School, did so excellently.

Next week in assembly, we will have the work experience coordinator from the Borough joining us. Where they will go through the plans and process for the year group. The students will also be going through their Thursday Enrichment options.

It was lovely to see the year 10 football team attend their first fixture, well done to all the boys who were selected for the team.



Sam R and Milo for their excellent work ethic in Science.

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

A short but extremely eventful week. Open Evening was excellent, we had year 9s supporting in CPA, PE and ADT throughout the evening. I am still unsure how they managed to dance for the entire 3 hours almost non stop, they certainly earned their day off. In assembly this week we launched our extended curriculum program - the students will be making their enrichment choices next week in form time, do be sure to support and discuss their choices with them after the enrichment fair next Tuesday. The students also had an assembly from Mr Oakley launching their GCSE target grades - you should be receiving them in letter format this week, do get in touch with your child's form tutor or myself with any questions.

The students demonstrated their dedication to the Archer community with their support of the year 8 football match. We had students leading the warmup, being linesmen and supporting the team throughout. It is so nice to see that sense of community return and to see our students embracing the extra curricular opportunities the school offers.



Lorenzo A - for impressing many of his teachers this week both in class and at football club
Sofia D - for her thoughtful contributions in SPPEC

Year 8 – Mr Wick

I am just so proud of all the Year 8 students who attended as subject helpers at Open Evening. Seeing students in their element helping families around the school was an absolute treat.

This week In history the Y8s have been preparing for their comparisons between Edward VI and Henry VIII - it has been difficult but students have been speaking highly about how their efforts have helped them feel confident in their assessments.

Speaking of assessments, next week brings the two weeks of depth assessments, please see below for the timetable:

Year 8 depth Assessment Timetable

		Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5	Lesson 6
11th	Monday					8x1 ADT assessment	
12th	Tuesday	Spanish Assessment 8Y Band		8Y3 ADT assessment Science (X side)			
13th	Wednesday			8Y1 ADT assessment. 8Y2 ADT assessment.		Science (Y band) 8x1 History assessment	
14th	Thursday			8X2 ADT assessment. 8X3 ADT assessment.	8Y History 45minutes		
15th	Friday	French Assessment 8X Band					
18th	Monday			Year 8 Maths assessment 1 hour		8Y Geography 45 minutes	
19th	Tuesday						
20th	Wednesday			8X Geography 45 minutes		8X History 45 minutes	
21st	Thursday	English Gothic writing 1 hour					
22nd	Friday						

Well done to every helper on Open Day and every team member of the Archer year 8 Boys Football Team. You are all brilliant!!

Stars of the Week

William S and Cassidy C for topping the merit board

Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

During Open Evening, something that really shone through was the way in which students spoke about their school. It was wonderful to see so many take prospective parents around our lower school campus and, quite simply, beam with the pride as they shared key information about our community. Well done to all involved. You did your teachers so proud and I hope you all feel proud of yourselves.

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through our first half term. Next week, we turn our attention towards preparing for Kingswood. The tutor team and I are very excited about our upcoming residential. A parent meeting will go ahead on October 18, however, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Stars of the Week

Clara in 7SMU and Isaac L in 7JRA for going above and beyond; modelling the Archer War and being excellent ambassadors of our school. Well done.