

15th October 2021

Dear all,

I have been incredibly impressed by the hard work and effort displayed by students across this week in relation to their assessments. Students have clearly taken the process seriously and we look forward to celebrating their achievements, alongside careful feedback to support their next steps, after half term. It is important to remember that assessments are often as helpful for the teachers as they are for the students, to enable the personalisation of learning and careful structure of teaching that best supports every student in realising their potential.

It was wonderful this week to enjoy a real, in person music concert, with the Year 7 Soloists' Concert. I was struck by the confidence and skill displayed by our students, just six weeks into their Archer journey. A huge well done to all involved, and simply thank you for enabling me to enjoy something so special.

Next week, sees a range of wider opportunities for students to explore Black History Month and this will come together with a special Whole School Assembly on Friday morning. Alongside this, we very much hope that students will support the Finchley Food Bank Harvest Festival by bringing in requested food items next Friday. The effort taken by students, and Archer families, to support our Food Bank appeals has always been deeply touching and I hope that we are able to make another large contribution to this important local charity next week.

Thank you to all parents for their support in revisiting our mobile phone expectations across this week. Bag searches have taken place in all year groups and whilst some smart phones were identified the numbers were small. Unfortunately, students do find themselves in Saturday detention again this week but hopefully we have firmly reset this expectation, one that supports our entire community.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *'Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations.'* Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

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

Term dates for 2022 2023: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2022-2023/>

October

Mon 18th – year 7 Kingswood parents' information evening **online**

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 – 8pm (this will take place in person, please look out for an email next week with full details)

Weds 3rd – Fri 5th – Kingswood residential trip, year 7

Thurs 4th – Parents' Social Evening, 7 – 8.30pm, lower school – save the date!

Weds 17th – year 10 core subjects evening
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.

Term dates 2022 – 2023: We have now published all term dates for the next academic year. These are available both as a list and on our calendar on the website: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2022-2023/>

Stay connected: You can follow all the latest news and photo updates from the school on our social media channels: Facebook (The Archer Academy), Instagram @archeracademy and Twitter @ArcherAcademy.

Parentpay

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

HEADTEACHER EXEMPLARY EFFORT AWARDS – Miss Harrison

September Honour Roll Winners

Each week Heads of Year review the merits and achievements of each student and I then have the pleasure to review this information and celebrate the achievements of our students. Each month, students are awarded the Headteacher Exemplary Effort based on their merits. Significant congratulations go to the winners for September, such an impressive achievement and students deserve to be very proud of themselves. Who might it be in October?

The students awarded for their achievements, and given the coveted Headteacher Exemplary Effort Award, in September are shown below.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Calum Y Musadiq H Moosa C Mahdi A Zara JM	Persephonie W Lucy G Maksut P Amy M Luca DR	Mujtaba C Evie R Jacob B Mathias B William G	Adacan E Parsa S Seren LJ Aron M Lila J	Sam L Erin M Eve F Kurt U Maya D

PARENTS ASSOCIATION – Maryam Bitege



Parents Social Evening – let's get together

Please save the date for **Thursday 4th November** when we will be hosting a Parents Social Evening at lower school from 7 – 8.30pm. More details to follow but it will be a chance to meet some fellow Archer parents and enjoy some drinks and nibbles.

DEPTH ASSESSMENT FORTNIGHT – Mrs Gillham

All students are currently working hard on their depth assessments and have shown an incredibly positive attitude to both revision and completing the assessments. Once all assessments are completed, subject departments will spend time marking the assessments and moderating the work to

ensure that standards are consistent across each class. This process will be completed across the next week and students will have their assessments returned during the w/c 1st November.

Please encourage your child to record their grades and have a clear understanding of what they did well and what needs to be improved. It is important that each student uses feedback effectively to continue to progress in each subject.

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY – Mrs Gillham

Prize Giving ceremony Thursday 21st October

Our annual prize giving event will be taking place on Thursday 21st October. Invites have been distributed to all students who are involved in this process and we look forward to celebrating the fantastic achievements of so many students across the course of the evening. The nomination process is always conducted thoroughly, staff from each subject put forward names of students who have really performed or tried exceptionally hard across the previous academic year 2020 - 2021. Although we cannot award prizes to all, we recognise the hard work and effort of all of our students and each year try to award a wide and diverse range of students from our school community. If your child has not been chosen this time, we do hope that they continue to strive to achieve their very best and as a result may be recognised in future events. I would very much like to congratulate all those students who have been awarded prizes this year and do hope they feel incredibly proud of their achievements.

Details of the event:

All students involved in this event should arrive at school in perfect uniform at 6.15pm so that they can be briefed on expectations and seated correctly. The event will begin at 7pm and will finish at approximately 9pm. All students involved in the event are invited to ask up to 2 family members and letter reply slips must be returned to either lower or upper school reception by Monday 18th October at the latest so that we can effectively plan for the evening.

In order to ensure a smooth process during the evening, there will be a prize giving rehearsal on Thursday 21st October during lessons 3 and 4. All students, both upper and lower, will be required to come to the Sports Hall at Lower School, after break for the start of lesson 3. Students should line up for their lesson as usual and then go straight into the sports hall on their way into the building.

Upper school students will be required to go to line up as normal, where they will be collected by a member of staff to commute to lower school. They will commute back to Beaumont Close once this rehearsal has finished.

CURRICULUM PLANS – Mrs Gillham

Curriculum plans for years 7-11 will be available for all year groups on the SMH noticeboard from Monday 18th October. These provide a brief overview of the topics, knowledge and skills that will be taught in each subject across the academic year 2021 - 2022. They also provide suggested supporting materials to further enhance subject knowledge. All students should spend some time taking a look at the plans of the relevant curriculum overviews so that they are familiar with the programmes of study to support their learning.

10 DAY £10 CHALLENGE – Claire Straus, governor

Will you help us unlock £1000 of extra funds by signing up to our Parent Contribution Scheme?

One of our amazing parents has pledged to give £10 to the school for every family who sets up a new regular donation in the next 10 days. The money will go towards extra resources and equipment for all our students, from iMacs and trips to art supplies and table tennis tables. And the more people who sign up, the more extra funds we'll get, up to a maximum of £1000.

Donations typically range from £10 to £150 a month but any amount is welcome; please [sign up here](#)

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

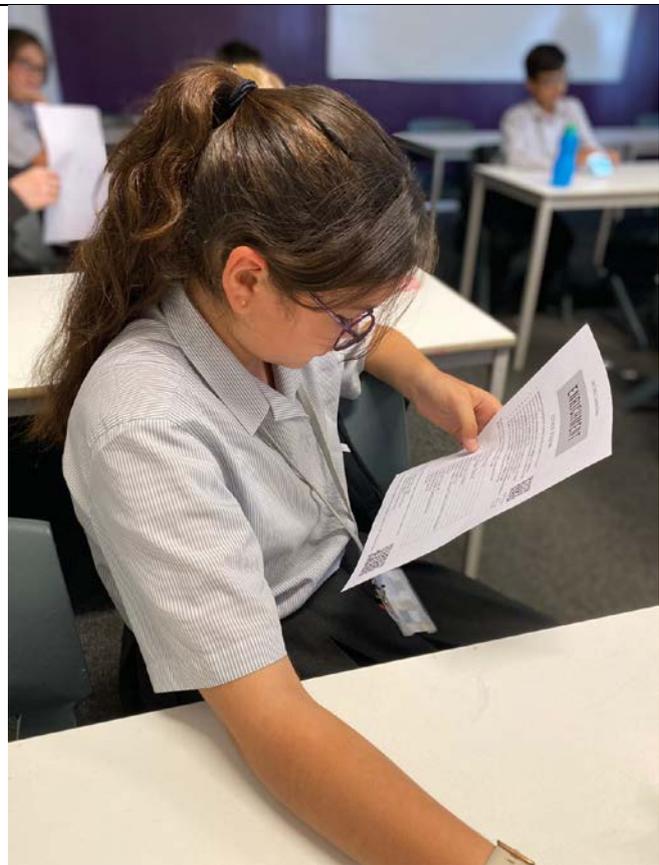
ENRICHMENT CHOICES – Miss Le

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)



Decisions decisions, it's time to choose enrichment options at school. Here are just some of the amazing clubs on offer. Please see Show My Homework for full details and choices form. Forms need to be returned by Monday 18th October.

- Squash
- Lino Printing
- Archer Media
- Climate Change: The Edit
- Origami
- Basketball
- History Re-enacted
- Foreign Cinema
- Laugh Your Brass Off

- Science in Action: Survival Training (Zombie Apocalypse Edition)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP/PEER MENTORING – Ms Gunn

I would like to introduce myself as Student Leadership and Peer Mentoring Coordinator.

Students have made an incredible start to the year so far. Our Year 8 Student Receptionists have been supporting teaching and support staff for the past 3 weeks and have made us proud with their enthusiasm and growing confidence.

Our introductory student council meeting in September was a great opportunity for us to welcome our Y9 prefects and our House Ambassadors to their new roles and discuss important issues including the students' suggestion on how we can recognise and prevent peer-on-peer abuse.

Our meeting today saw us discuss the outcomes of our student voice survey on breaktime equipment and we will be announcing the outcomes of this discussion to students shortly.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions at mssgunn@thearcheracademy.org.uk

MUSIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Ms Humphrey



The musical performance calendar has officially launched, thanks to the roaring success of our Year 7 Soloists' Concert on Tuesday evening. Parents, staff and friends of the performers formed an enthusiastic audience for the newly joined musical talent in Year 7 - and what an eclectic programme they enjoyed! Guitarists, drummers, singers, violinists and even a double bassist took to the stage, to wow us with their performances. Year 7 Form Tutor Mr Raghuveer, shared his audience review of the evening:

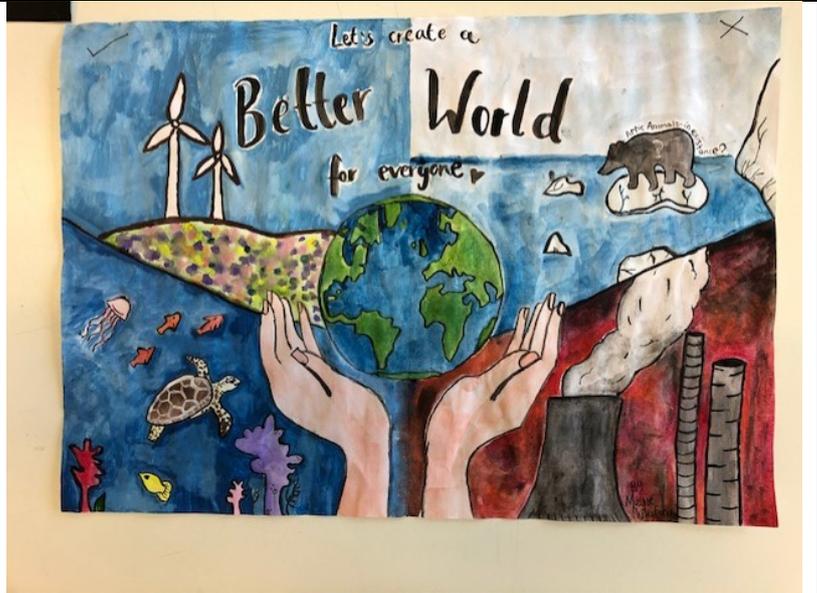
'It was a pleasure to be a part of the audience for our first Year 7 soloists' concert, sorely missed during the covid years. The dining hall set up was professional and the students were incredible. Whatever nerves there may have been there were handled expertly, resulting in a wonderful show. There was so much talent on display that I now have even loftier expectations for their next performance!'

Our weekly extra-curricular groups are well into rehearsals now; for the Music Department - festive seasons are fast approaching. December the 8th can go into the diary for our winter concert. Our Orchestra, the Jazz Band and the Lower School Choir are

sounding superb - and still welcoming enthusiastic new members, should anyone be wondering. See Ms Gunn or Ms Humphrey for more information.

Finally - an appeal for any brass instruments looking for a new home. Our latest enrichment offer "Laughing Your Brass Off" will allow students to try out a brass instrument - trumpets, trombones, tenor horns etc. We have managed to source a few of each, but would certainly welcome any short or long term loans. Feel free to hand into lower school reception, to the attention of the Music Department.

ART COMPETITION – Ms Clarke



The Art Department were incredibly excited to receive so many well-crafted and inspiring pieces of work for our September 'Make a Better World' art competition. It was very difficult to choose, as there could have been many winners, however, the top entries for each year group were:

- Year 7: Naama H
- Year 8: Maisie W
- Year 9: Donya K
- Year 10: Susana R
- Year 11: Enja M

All of the students who entered received a postcard. The work was displayed in the sports hall on Open Evening. Congratulations to all of our artists!

YOUNG GLOBAL AMBASSADORS – Ms Clarke



A large new group of year 7 YGAs visited the new garden with me at lunchtime on Wednesday. Rachael Harvey was kind enough to show us all of the beautiful plantings and ideas.

We made decisions about our living wall and will be ordering plants for it with the proceeds from Green Day.

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower School
Hiya Cats, and welcome to Library Corner!

Did you know that Sunday, the 10th of October, was World Mental Health Day? Just as you make sure you're getting your five-a-day, it's important to make sure you're feeding your brain the right things. One of those right things is **books!** Research shows that the benefits of reading for pleasure include reducing stress, providing an escape, improving mental health issues, improving cognitive function, and

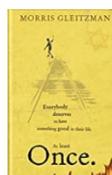
developing empathy, just to name a few! The Reading Agency has a comprehensive [list](#) of books about young people's mental health, and you can find the below books and more in the Lower School Library:



Book Reviews:



Nina H on Coraline: "...it's *HORROR!*"



Thea B on Once: "*It's full of adventure and excitement.*"

Nina H on Grandpa's Great Escape: "*It's funny, sad, and happy, so YES!!!*"

Bella A on Twilight: New Moon: "*I would recommend because it has many mood changes and different settings.*"

Remember, you can earn 10 merits for each book review!

Neglected Book Corner:



A time traveller must change the course of history in this beautiful graphic novel.
Twenty merits for a book review on this one!



New in the Lower School Library:

A high-tech AI thriller featuring witty neurodivergent heroes.

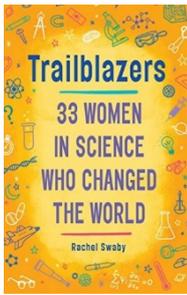
Upper School

Celebrating Ada Lovelace Day @Upper Campus Library

Our Library Monitors have been very busy setting up a display to celebrate the life of Ada Lovelace, who has become a symbol for women in Science and Technology.

The second Tuesday of October annually has been dedicated to celebrating the achievements of women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and we made this display to raise awareness and to further inspire, empower and support not only women already working in STEM, but also girls who are seeking STEM-related careers. Therefore, through celebrating the past and the present, we will be able to progress further into a world of rapidly advancing technology, helping us to gain a better understanding of the world around us.... And of course, one of our Archer Academy Houses, LOVELACE has been named after her!

(Kaelyn S, Library Monitor - Y11)



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

Mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk

PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Mr Clark

Fixtures are back up and running! After a year and a half on the side-lines, the students couldn't wait to get back out there and start competing again. First up have been football and cross country fixtures, with basketball coming up in the next few weeks. Here's how the first week has been...

Football news

Year 7 had their first fixture of the Archer careers against Friern Barnet, coached by Mr Raghuveer.

"We began the game nervously and a poor defending from a corner made it 1-0 to Friern Barnet early on. After we settled, we began to dictate play in the first half, playing some good football, eventually going in level at the break after a fantastic finish from Merveil from a seemingly impossible angle. Miscommunication at the back, and an outrageous volley from the opposition sandwiched Isaac's piledriver from 30 yards out to make it 3-2 to Friern Barnet. Indecisiveness in the attacking third cost us in the end with a couple of excellent opportunities squandered and as we pushed forward - Friern Barnet caught us on the break to end the game 4-2 winners. The boys trained hard, played with professionalism, and displayed that Archer team spirit. The signs look good for the future. Special mentions go to Mohammed for a commanding and vocal performance at the back, flanked ably by Isaac L, and Merveil for leading the line superbly throughout." - Mr Raghuveer.



The year 8 team started their campaign with a 6-3 victory over Friern Barnet. It was as simple as 1, 2, 3 for the boys: 1 own goal, 2 from Joe K and 3 from Zalaand sealing an empathic victory. Well done! Year 10's started with a 6-0 loss against Friern Barnet away at their ground. We had to play the game with only 10 men due to players not being available, but the boys showed true grit and resilience being a player down for the whole game. Also, no subs meant they worked twice as hard. Well done year 10, we would have seen a different result with a full squad.

"The Year 11 Football played their first game of the new season on Friday 1st October, losing to an accomplished Mill Hill County team, just 2-1. The boys gave an excellent account of themselves and did have opportunities to win the game. However, the next goal just wouldn't come. Good start Y11". - Mr McSherry.



Cross Country news

Finally, there was the first cross country competition of the year at StoneX on Tuesday afternoon, all students ran brilliantly. A great sign of things to come for future races.

A special mention to Elizabeth O who came first in the year 7 race! Year 7s ran 1500m and years 8 and 9 ran 2250m. Well done all!

COMMUNITY NEWS

EXTEND CHERRY TREE WOODS PETITION

The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood have put forward a plan to Barnet Council to extend Cherry Tree Wood at the Station Road gate to the High Road taking in the current tarmacked area of Brompton Grove adjacent to Park House, currently occupied by Monkey Puzzle nursery. Barnet Council propose, in the long run, that Park House should be developed for community use and housing retaining the trees and open space at the front. Sign the petition here:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=156&RPID=25717663&HPID=25717663>

Extending the Wood to the High Road will give Cherry Tree Wood a new landmark entrance – which currently is recessed - opposite the Grade II listed East Finchley Underground station and would be a marked improvement on the High Road. It would remove a large section of tarmac which is currently only adding to the Heat island effect and replace it with natural open space which should be designed to complement the ancient woodland, provide shade and seek to improve pollinator activity to support the B line which runs through this site. (Cherry Tree Wood lies in the middle of a designated B - line through London which are a series of 'insect pathways' running through our countryside and towns, along which a series of wildflower-rich habitats are being created and restored.) We are doing our small bit towards this in Cherry Tree Wood by creating a meadow around the orchard area next to the tennis courts see more at: <https://www.buglife.org.uk/our-work/b-lines/>

More information about the work of the friends can be found on our website <https://friendsofcherrytreewood.home.blog/>

This ePetition runs from 05/09/2021 to 30/11/2021.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr McSherry

We are at the halfway point. We are halfway through the depth assessment fortnight in Year 11. Students have been very focused in classroom and are certainly making best use of their learning and revision opportunities.

This week's assembly was delivered by Barnet & Southgate College (of course you would know that as you have read the bulletin!). I am going to share these resources with you, to enable you to review the information again with your child and ask any questions that you might have - contact details included.

The Year 11 Bulletin will also be landing in your inboxes today, if it hasn't already! Please do explore this thoroughly with your child, as I will be talking through the contents in next week's assembly - The final assembly before half-term. Hasn't that gone quickly!

Bulletin. Bulletin. Bulletin.

Have a lovely weekend.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Selma H - for supporting our new student and showing great empathy
Hiva T - for being a hero and agreeing to be in goal for the Year 11 Football team

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

It has been great to see the year group applying themselves in their assessments this week. Students have got their final assessments next week, please do encourage students to spend time over the weekend preparing for the assessments.

Work Experience:

When: 7th -11th March 2022

Application deadline:19th November

How: Students will be required to sign up on the connect app

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/connected-careers-manager/id1438096196>

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.chent&hl=en_GB&gl=US

Further details will be available on SMHK next week.

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 **Stars of the Week** 

Ella and Pepper for becoming Sibelius experts in composition

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

In Lifelong Learning this week the students have continued to look at the UK government, learning about the different political parties and starting to think about what key ideas they would include if they were to create their own political parties. This week has also seen us mark Black History Month. The students contributed to some excellent discussions in form time and marked this occasion so well.

This week the students took part in their first enrichment fair since year 7. It is very exciting that we are able to relaunch enrichment after half term, please do have some conversations at home to ensure the students make the most of this valuable opportunity.

You also should have received a letter containing your child's target grades this week. Please do get in contact with your child's form tutor if you have any questions or concerns.

Please do support our Finchley Foodbank appeal on Friday 22nd October by sending your child in with a contribution of one or more of the following items: tea bags, UHT milk, pasta, coffee 200g jars, long life juice, washing tablets/capsules. Thank you

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 **Stars of the Week** 

Theo R - for being a consistently wonderful student, demonstrating the Archer way
both in and out of his lessons

Molly L - for being so polite, kind and helpful and always having a positive attitude

Year 8 – Mr Wick

I can't believe how quickly this term has gone! With the end of this week marking the end of depth assessments, year 8 students can rest knowing they've put their best efforts in. Results should be shared by teachers after half term.

Our assembly this week was led by Mr Bimrose talking about his experience as a music venue manager – this was the first of our career led talks introducing year 8 to the many facets of work. Would you like to come to Archer and share your career with year 8 in an assembly? Please email me at mrjwick@thearcheracademy.org.uk. The talks are around 10 minutes long with a presentation, followed by questions. We want to show students that there is more out there in the world of work than simply teachers, doctors, lawyers, and accountants!

This week's form time focussed on Black History Month, its importance, and its relevance to today. We also focussed on media reliability, and how certain platforms may spread misinformation which can confuse. Please do speak with your child about the importance of this month as well as the importance of questioning the information we receive online.

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Please congratulate your children on the brilliant week they have had and I hope all of Year 8 and their families have a wonderful weekend.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Jessica G for her incredible bravery and excellence through a difficult challenge
Alex G for his incredible progression at school and support of other teachers.

Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

Be it trips in our local community, selecting our enrichment choices, hosting Yr6 taster lessons or assessment fortnight, Yr7 have truly seized every opportunity.

In Thematic Learning, students were visited by local dignitaries such as Cllr Allison Moore and Cllr Arjun Mitra to name a few. Here, students were given the opportunity to ask pertinent questions; all of which were relevant to them and our local community. Likewise, students also took their first trip where they met with local residents, again, to ask similar questions.



In addition to this, a select group of Yr7s helped host Yr6 taster lessons. As you will know, supporting Yr6s throughout their transition is something we value and, not so long ago, it was your child making the same journey. Quite simply, students were excellent, and it was wonderful seeing them take on an important responsibility. A special mention must go to the following: Zab B, Rose C, Henry A, Sophia J, Matilda B, Mikaaail, Oliver, Miriam, Nathan, Iris, Nuria, Ruby H, Neave, Gabriel K, Valentino, Amber, Khiana and Timur. Lots to be proud of - well done!

Next Monday, we will host our Kingswood Parent Meeting. During this, Ms Martin and I will explore the Kingswood philosophy and the activities your child will be taking part in through the course of the trip. There will also be an opportunity to ask as well as a suggested kit list. A letter was sent earlier this week, [but this is the link to sign up](#).

The last day of term also marks our Harvest collection for the Finchley Foodbank. Do you have anything in your cupboards you could donate? Please support if you can. The following items would be warmly received: tea bags, pasta, coffee, washing tablets. How wonderful would it be if each child could make one contribution? Remember, all items should be non-perishable.

And finally, we have a one-off opportunity to raise an extra £1000 for our school! One of our parents has pledged to give £10 to the school for every family who sets up a new monthly donation to our Parent Contribution Scheme. If you don't already contribute, and feel able to do so, please help us unlock these extra funds by signing up within the next 10 days. Any amount is welcome; you can [sign up here](#). Thank you!

 **Stars of the Week** 

Isaac M in 7SRA and Aniela in 7NAS for demonstrating consistent excellence so far this term. Well done on modelling the Archer Way. Keep up the superb effort!