

19th November 2021

Dear all,

A host of wider opportunities this week have enabled us to truly recognise and celebrate the bespoke position year groups are in and the wonder of the journey ahead. For Year 11 students, their A Level Curriculum Choices Afternoon at Woodhouse College provided the space to explore our partner college and meet with subject specialists and alumni students as they prepare to make their final subject choices. For our Year 7 students, our Phantom Tollbooth Celebration Assembly with primary school teachers enabled us to celebrate and mark just what an outstanding start to secondary school students have made. In Year 10, we had the opportunity to welcome parents into school for a Core Subjects Evening, providing the time and space to support this important stage in students educational journey. Whilst in Year 8 students have been flourishing in their Literature Project and Thematic Learning and Year 9 are busily preparing for their upcoming GCSE Choices programme.

Thank you so much to the Parents Association for hosting their Annual General Meeting this week. It is very special to have new parents joining the team and taking on key roles. This is such an essential element of our school community and I very much look forward to our work together.

On Thursday afternoon we did experience a disturbance outside Upper School. All students were incredibly sensible and well supported by school. We have been working closely with the police. However, please may I ask all parents to revisit personal safety at home. Particularly, walking home in groups and sticking to well populated and well-lit areas. As remarked by the police, our students not carrying smart phones is a hugely protective factor.

We look forward to welcoming all families to school on Thursday for Learning Review Day. A reminder that the timetable does not run on Thursday, families should just come into school for their appointment. Next Friday will be our Occasional Day and there will be no newsletter. I look forward to seeing all families on Learning Review Day and then wish you all an enjoyable long weekend.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle."* Plato

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/>

November

Mon 22nd - Year 7 Parent Meeting on Mental Health & Wellbeing with Sophia Davison, 5-6pm

Thurs 25th – Learning Review Day/2nd hand uniform, revision guide and book sale, upper and lower

Fri 26th – School closed for Occasional Day

Mon 29th – Year 11 mock exams start

December

Weds 1st – Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening, virtual event, 4.30pm – 8pm, look out for email

Thurs 9th – Year 10 trip to Planetarium

Fri 10th - Year 11 mock exams finish

Fri 10th – An Archer Christmas Carol

Thurs 16th – Last day of term, midday finish for students

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.

HEADTEACHER EXEMPLARY EFFORT AWARD OCTOBER – Miss Harrison

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

Headteacher lunches will take place next week to mark and celebrate the accomplishments of these students.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Isaac M James L Hugo P Alex R Rose C	Sophia F Yashi T Evie OG Yotam SC Cassidy C	Pola M Luca M Jack F Maryam A Ali C	Olive HD Megan M Zuzanna C Nkumbu C Ameenah J	Reiss RM Kye P Mariam S Tia F Jack FS

PRIDE IN OUR WORK WEEK – Mrs Gillham

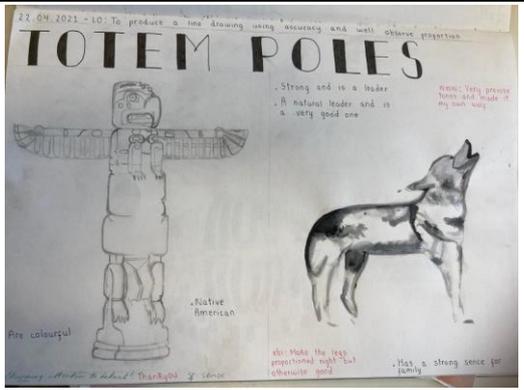
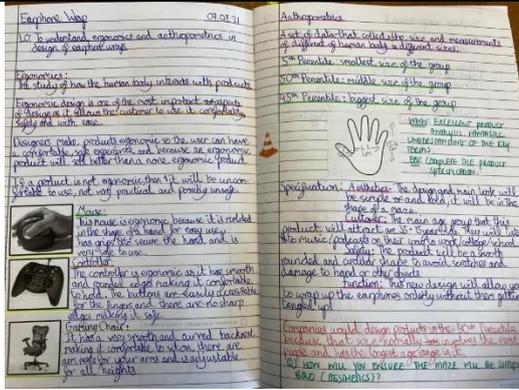
***“Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence.”
Ted Key***

At Archer Academy, we encourage all students to always strive to do their very best and to take pride in the work that they do, enabling them to feel a deep sense of satisfaction and pleasure from their own personal efforts and achievements.

This week marks our first Pride in our Work Week for this academic year to raise the profile and recognise the importance of this value. We asked all students and staff to spend time collectively reflecting on the following questions:

- Why is it important to take pride in your work?
- What does pride mean to you?
- Why is it important?
- What do we need to do to show pride in our work?

Across the week, students have showcased their very best presentation, organisation, behaviour for learning and reflection in lessons. This has been recognised by class teachers who have awarded Pride in our Work Week nominations to those students who have demonstrated the greatest effort and commitment.



Some examples of the students who have been celebrated so far this week include:

Year 8:

- Erin H - thoughtful and diligent efforts in class. She will always complete a task to its fullest.
- Sephie W - consistent dedication to her craft, excellent engagement, and overall, a delight in the classroom.
- Lucy G - superb work on percentages today, showing full working out in books and beautifully presented.
- Parker H - engaged throughout the lesson, showing resilience when tackling problem solving questions.

Year 10:

- Ella R - for exemplary effort in all that she does.
- Lyla W - meticulously planning and considering her movement work and directing peers.
- Lucy H - exceptional commitment to redrafting throughout her book.
- Zaleha A - continued excellent presentation resulting in a comprehensive set of notes on Appearance.

All students who have been nominated have received congratulatory emails home and have been entered into our prize draw. Our overall winners will be selected from those students nominated and the winners will be announced on Monday. Good Luck!

'Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment' Oprah Winfrey

LEARNING REVIEW DAY – Mrs Mahoney



We are very much looking forward to seeing you at LRD on 25th November, please make sure you have booked your appointment. LRD provides an important opportunity for you to reflect on your child's academic progress as well as the wider opportunities such as enrichment and student leadership that your child is involved in.

Please be reminded that we will be hosting Archer Cafes on both sites where support staff, senior staff and governors would very much like to meet you over a cup of coffee. Our student services officers will be available to help with any medical questions or

concerns and families whose children have Individual Health Care Plans have been invited to meet with them if you think this would be helpful.

Our librarians will also be available to introduce the Archer Bookcase and talk to you about the pastoral reading projects and use of the school libraries.

In the cafes you will also be able to purchase refreshments, pastoral reading books, second hand uniform and have the opportunities to look through lost property.

Year 11 Study Sessions on LRD

There will be additional study sessions running on LRD for year 11 students. Please sign up in advance via reception:

English - Macbeth with Mr Powney

Biology – human nervous system and hormonal control for triple and core science with Mr Morrison

Citizenship with Miss Harrison

MEET OUR STUDENT LEADERS – Ms Gunn



This has been a very productive week for our student leadership team. Our Year 9 prefects met on Tuesday and are now well on their way to putting some of their wonderful ideas in place, which we will share with you very soon. Our upper school team met to put an in-depth development plan in place for the coming year. We can't wait to share our progress with you throughout the coming months.

Well done Team!

Please see some lovely messages from our student leaders below.

I am Kanya and I am one of the head students at the Archer Academy. As my role of Head Student I will expand communication links between our upper and lower school, bring more awareness to uncomfortable subjects so that they become comfortable conversations we can have in classes and also create a buddying system. To elaborate, this would primarily benefit our students in our lower years but in addition, aid our upper school students in building meaningful connections. Mental, social and physical wellbeing is at the forefront of the Archer Academy, I will bring more platforms in which these can be explored and create spaces where students are free to talk about any concerns, stress or other matter. **Kanya H - Head Student**

Hi I am Selin and I am in year 11 and I am thrilled to be your new Chair of Prefects. In this role, one of the many ideas that I am eager to work on is a smooth transition between year 9 and year 10. In Year 11 we are currently studying for our mock exams; we have also been having interviews with career advisers in order to enable us to have a greater understanding of what we want our futures to look like. Next year, in sixth form, I hope to study Biology, Chemistry and Maths, partially because I have a passion for these subjects as well as supporting my future endeavour to study medicine. **Selin K - Chair of Prefects**

Hello, I'm Scarlett and I'm the Deputy Chair of Prefects of year 11. I'm looking forward to working with Selin, the Chair of Prefects, to help the prefects succeed in their roles. So far, the prefects have been working towards labelling food and making the packaging more eco-friendly. This week, students have been going to open evenings for different sixth forms or colleges and sessions at Woodhouse with our chosen subjects. Next year, I would like to study Politics, History and Psychology at Woodhouse College. **Scarlett W - Deputy Chair of Prefects**

Hello, My name is Esmé, and I am the Senior Diversity and Inclusion Prefect at Lower School. This year. I am super excited to hopefully make arrangements for LGBTQ+ History Month and Pride Month, and generally make the school a more diverse place. **Esme S- Year 9 Senior Prefect for Diversity and Inclusion**

HOME LANGUAGE GCSE – Mr Murray

If you wish your child to be entered for GCSE in any of the below languages, please email Mr Murray before the end of term. Archer Academy will enter your child but the actual exams will be via Hendon School. There will be a fee involved and we will not be able to accept requests after term ends. This additional GCSE opportunity is open to students in years 9, 10 and 11

Mark Murray, Exams Officer: mamurray@thearcheracademy.org.uk

Pearson
Arabic
Chinese
Japanese
Modern Greek
Russian
Italian
French - n/a
German - n/a
Gujarati
Persian (Farsi)
Portuguese
Turkish
Spanish
AQA
Modern Hebrew
Polish
French
German
Spanish
Cambridge International
IGCSE (Italian/Mandarin)

SPORTS AND SOCIETY – GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED – Ms Gunn

Our year 8 cohort are currently studying the sport and society topic in their thematic learning classes. On Monday 13th December we will be hosting guest speakers from various sectors within the sports industry and would love to include members of our school community. This event aims to broaden our students' knowledge of the wide variety of roles available within the sports industry, as well as allowing them to consolidate their learning.

Do you or have you worked in the sports industry? Are you available to speak to our wonderful year 8 students on the morning of Monday 13th December? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please contact mssgunn@thearcheracademy.org.uk for more information.

YEAR 7 THEMATIC LEARNING – Ms Vandervelde



The year 7s completed their unit on the local community with an inspiring talk from our founder Avis Johns.

Avis charted the journey replete with the highs and lows of such an endeavour and the students left very proud of belonging to such a unique school. They were able to draw from the journey of The Archer how they too can make a difference if they put their minds to it.

Over the past few weeks they have been looking at the challenges facing East Finchley in terms of traffic, pollution, house prices, transport, litter.....(the list is very long) and how the community can work

together to address these and make the area better for all.

As the school moves into our 10th year, we will be drawing more from the story of our school and it was fantastic to see the youngest students so engaged and inspired.

SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE – Mr Ruffles



Thirty year 10 students took part in the Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge on Wednesday, a public speaking workshop designed to help young people express themselves and develop their articulatory.

The whole group was fantastic, with students displaying maturity and respect for each other throughout. The session ended with all students delivering a short speech, on a

topic of their choice, to the rest of the group and a staff judging panel. The level of delivery, content and structure was very high but the three standout speeches from the day (and therefore those going through to the next round in the "Speak Out" Challenge) were: Thomas T, Iliya M and Ediz V C.

POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION – Ms Bailey

There has been quite a buzz around poetry in our school recently. Following Mr Menzies' spellbinding poetry recital in our whole school assembly just two weeks ago, there has been a fabulous array of poetic performances. Many of these took place in English lessons as part of our Year 7 & 8 poetry recitation competition. With a wide range of poems to choose from, the English department were treated to many beautiful, powerful, funny, emotive and impassioned performances, from which 14 students were selected for the final recitation on Wednesday 10th November.

This recitation was a roaring success, and Miss Harrison, Mr Carter and Ms Bailey enjoyed a magical hour listening to the carefully prepared performances of these 14 finalists. These students really put their hearts into their delivery, and the effort that had gone into each and every recitation was clear to

see. To celebrate the achievement of each of these students, they were invited to a Headteacher's elevenes this morning.

Following last week's performance, Miss Harrison, Mr Carter and Ms Bailey were faced with the less enviable job of selecting winners; cliché as it may be, it was a truly difficult job. However, after much deliberation, they were eventually able to select winners from each year group.

Congratulations go to our winners: Shachar A-K (year 7) and Maisie W (year 8). Their performances of Imtiaz Dharker's 'Blessing' and Carol Ann Duffy's 'A Child's Sleep' respectively, demonstrated a thorough understanding of the poems and communicated their messages beautifully.

Well done to all finalists on their performances: Zeb F, Nuria R, James L, Arvin T, Omar G, Oscar H, Alvaro O-G, Lucy G, Mikaaail K, Lukash Z, Romily T, Liam B-S.

SIGN LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT – Ms Le



Year 7 and 8 are thoroughly enjoying their sign language enrichment. Here is what they had to say about it:

"We've been learning the alphabet and some words" Camelia 7JBA

"We've learnt how to sign words like zoom, bread, and even Corona!" Jemima 7JHA

"We've also learnt how to say 'my name is'" Ketevan 7JRA

"I have really enjoyed this sign language enrichment!" Mariam 7REV

ARCHER CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS – Rachael Harvey

Help support the Archer Garden and order one of our beautifully handmade, Archer foraged and compostable seasonal wreaths. Each wreath is unique, examples below and made with love by the Green Arrow team. The wreaths are a limited edition, so first come first served on Parentpay, select either large or small on your child's account.

We have also teamed up with Finchley Nurseries and will be selling sustainable potted Christmas trees. Decorate, enjoy and return to us in the garden. We will replant for next year or compost them for you. That's a very sustainable Christmas tree!

How to Order

Order your wreath, Christmas tree or festive Bay tree on Parentpay now. If you would like to order a larger sized Christmas tree than we are offering at school, visit Finchley Nurseries in Mill Hill, mention Archer Academy and they will give us a small donation towards our garden.

Trees



Christmas Tree options:

Norway Spruce The Traditional Tree (drops needles)
80-100cm high £38

Nordmann Fir (keeps its needles)

Small 80-100cm high £45

Medium 100cm high £50

Festive Bay Tree Gift:

Medium - £50

Large - £75

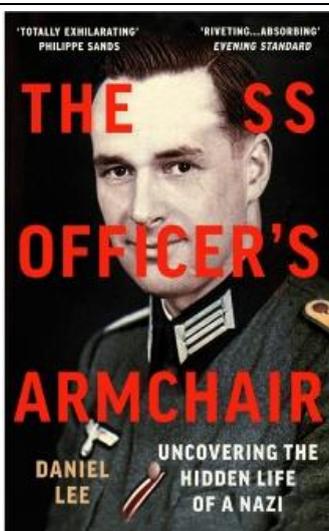
Wreaths – large £10, small £5 (examples below, all wreaths handmade and unique)



How to Collect

Collection from the Archer Garden 10.30am – 2.30pm weekends 4th /5th December & 11th /12th December

BOOK TICKETS FOR YEAR 11 AUTHOR VISIT – Mrs Horwitz



A FANTASTIC Opportunity for Year 11 History Students THE SS OFFICER'S ARMCHAIR

'It began with an armchair. It began with the surprise discovery of a stash of personal documents covered in swastikas sewn into its cushion.'

This is a gripping investigation into the life of a single SS Officer during WWII encapsulating the tragic experience of a generation of Europeans. David Lee is the author and will be delivering a short talk about this unputdownable book which is directly linked to paper 2 Germany 1925-55.

He will visit Upper School Library on Tuesday 14 December 2021. Sign up with Mrs Horwitz by Friday 19 November 2021. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower School

Y7 Library Lessons:

The year 7s are continuing to visit the Lower School Library during selected English lessons. They've borrowed a record number of books and are churning out some really excellent reviews!

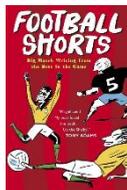
Anti-Bullying Week:

This week we've focussed on how to prevent and react to bullying – here are a few resources for you to explore the topic:



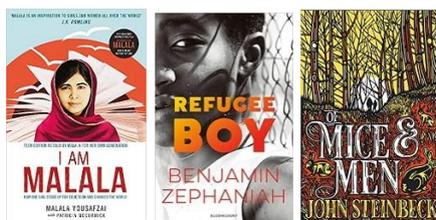
All available in the Lower School Library!

Neglected Book Corner:



This gem celebrates the exploits of the imagined Shelby Town Football Club with short stories, poems, and letters by some of the greatest names in sport writing (and playing), including Mal Peet, Nick Hornby, Hilary Freeman, and Tom Palmer.

Remember, you'll earn 20 merits for reading and reviewing this book!



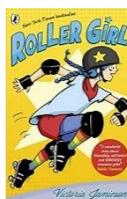
Y7

Y8

Y9

The Pastoral Reading Programme has fully launched in the Lower School, with Y7s receiving their book, *I Am Malala*, today. Remember, each student is expected to bring their book to form time to read with their class. If there's any difficulty obtaining the book, please [email](#) Ms Appelquist.

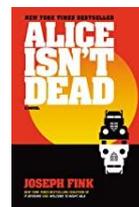
Book Reviews:



Patrisia N on *Roller Girl*: *My favourite part is when she dyes her hair blue!*

Sami U on *Floodland*: *It's very intense and lots of suspense!*

Tilly S on *Alice Isn't Dead*: *Beautifully written, a real page-turner, great representation in terms of LGBTQIA+, and ends both with a warning and a celebration of life and recovery.*



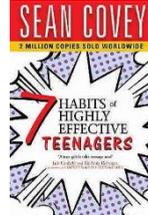
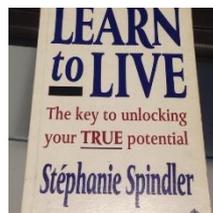
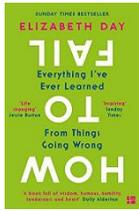
Daniel H on *The 13-Storey Treehouse*: *Quite funny. Yes, I recommend it.*

Remember, each review earns 10 merits!

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

Upper School

In line with Pride in Our Work Week, dip into one of these to encourage working hard, achieving goals, improving your self-image and realising your full potential.



How to Fail: Everything I've Ever Learned from Things Going Wrong by Elizabeth Day
You're Crushing It: Positivity for Living Your Real Life by Lex Croucher
Learn to live the key to unlocking true potential by Stephanie Spindler
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers by Sean Covey

PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Mr Clark



Year 7, 8 & 9 Girls Football vs Bishop Douglas – Miss Le

Last week our year 7 girls worked hard to secure a 2-0 lead, with Elizabeth getting on the scoresheet once again. The girls chased every ball but started to leave gaps, which led to Bishop Douglas's first and second goal, both scored in quick succession. The girls regrouped and focused on keeping the ball on the ground. The game ended 2-2 but the girls should be proud of what they have achieved. One win and one draw = unbeaten streak continues.



Our year 8 & 9 left their last game against St Michael's disappointed to only take a point away with a draw, in game they felt they should have won. They went away and worked hard in training for their game against Bishop Douglas where they thrashed the opposition 9-0. They played with style, energy, and desire to win. Elena E bagged 4 goals (unfortunately she couldn't keep the match ball), Rose B netted 2 and Lola, Marnie E and Zaynab scored a goal each. This was a game they dominated from start to finish and they never let their standards drop. A huge well done on securing your first Archer win.

All in all, a great week for girls' football as both teams continue to be unbeaten in their league.

Year 11 Boys Football – Mr McSherry

The Year 11 boys football team lost 5-0 to a well organised St James' team on Monday afternoon. Believe it or not, a sound defensive performance where the back four shone as individuals but were found lacking as a unit. Our shape in general was pleasing, ultimately, they possessed something we didn't, and it wasn't effort and desire. It was quality in front of goal. We had opportunities; we were simply unable to take them. We had further opportunities in the second half but their additional quality showed as the game progressed. Henry, Matthew, Nathan Roberts and Firas were excellent. Monty and Roman impressed in midfield, but none more so than Aiden. Aiden was full of intent and really took the game to the opposition. So much so that they changed their left back three times during the course of the game in an attempt to halt his impact.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr McSherry

The year group's afternoon at Woodhouse College was productive and insightful, and that was just for the staff. I do hope your child found it useful, as I explained to them on the day, spending an afternoon in a KS5 setting, whether it be a college or sixth form, would no doubt have done them some good.

It might have afforded them the opportunity to think about what they would like to do when they leave the Archer Academy, what they wish to study and at what type of educational setting.

This week saw the final league match of the term for the year 11 football team. Disappointing result, although the boys have made great progress and equipped themselves well, heading into the play-off matches in January and February.

One week now until the year 11 mock exams. I hope your child is preparing as best they can at home. It is worth knowing we are allowing them revision opportunities in form time, as well as during their SPPEC lessons.

In this week's **bulletin** I will be including information about the additional sessions running during LRD next week, as well as information on the MFL speaking exams.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stars of the Week

Aiden G - for an outstanding performance in this week's football match against St James, helping to drive the team forward.

Chiara H-L - for showing great enthusiasm for girls' football during PE this week, and impressing Miss Le.

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

This week we welcomed year 10 parents to school. The aim of the evening was to give parents a chance to meet heads of core subjects and hear information that will support students through year 10 core subjects.

I was pleased to hear from the MFL department how impressed they've been with the year group in their language lessons this week.

This week a group of students took part in a Speaker's Trust workshop organised by Mr Ruffles. The students were brilliant and were engaged throughout the day. The students were required to present as a group at the end, well done to Thomas T, Illiya and Ediz for winning.

Looking ahead to December, Mrs Williams is organising Woodhouse mentoring for year 10, so far 86 students have signed up, if anyone else is interested please speak with Mrs Williams.

Learning Review Day appointments are now available, please make sure you login and book your appointment for next week.

Stars of the Week

India for her resilience in PE
Yaseen - for always being polite and helpful

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

In Lifelong Learning this week students learnt about the law surrounding youth produced sexual imagery and honour based violence. The students are exploring some difficult content in their lessons. Please do reach out if you have concerns or need support broaching the conversations at home.

A reminder that LRD takes place next Thursday, please book your appointments with your child's form tutor as soon as possible. Friday is also an occasional day so there will be no school.

Looking further ahead, year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening will take place on Weds 1st December and will run virtually, please book your appointments with your child's teachers when you receive the email. We are running Parents Evenings online and LRDs in person in response to the positive feedback we had about online appointments alongside the need to keep contact between families and staff to a minimum for Covid safety reasons.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Rayan M - always positive and enthusiastic - especially on the basketball court
Rosemary B - hardworking, kind and engaged - a model Archer student

Year 8 – Mr Wick

A fantastic week for the year 8s this week. With so many nominations for Pride In Our Work Week, it is evident that our students are engaging with their lessons in such a mature and diligent way. Their exceptional behaviour and work ethic in class stands them in good stead to succeed in their school careers and hearing the positive comments from their teachers makes me feel very proud. I hope you are too.

In form time students have been able to enjoy time with their tutors and getting to know each other – as well as having the opportunity to see a Dickens Museum online during their English lessons.

Some reminders for the upcoming week:

Please ensure you have booked your Learning Review Day appointments, this takes place in real life, on Thursday. There is no school on Friday for the occasional day, I hope your children enjoy this well-deserved break.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Lea H for her exceptional effort this week in lessons
Nikola S who always produces outstanding work in school

Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

This week marked the launch of Pride in our Work Week and as always, Year 7 have met it with enthusiasm and vigour. Well done to all students who were nominated – the competition has been fierce!

On Monday, we enjoyed hosting primary schools during our celebration event. Our Festival of Knowledge marks your child's graduation from transition and it was wonderful to celebrate the success of year 7 alongside primary colleagues; all of whom were impressed by the confidence and maturity students demonstrated. Well done to all students involved, however, a shout out must go to our comperes and performers: Tino, Iris, Neave, Leonardo, Kaya, Merveil, Scarlet, Rowan, Ineza, Rony, Zara JM, James L, Louis and Nuria.

Next week we look forward to hosting two key events. Year 7 parents are warmly welcomed to a talk with child psychotherapist, Sophia Davison. Here we will explore your child's digital diet and the impact this can have on mental health and wellbeing. I hope parents feel the timing of this event is purposeful and I look forward to meeting with you then.

We are also looking forward to hosting our first Learning Review Day. This enables us to talk about the most important reason for our school - your child and their progress – LRD marks a special day in our calendar. We hope all parents will attend, however, if there is any reason you cannot make it, please do email your child's tutor so that we can offer an alternative slot.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Toby S in 7REV and Patrisia in 7JHA for embodying our central school rule in all you do - work hard and be kind. Well done. Keep up the outstanding effort.