







10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear all,

It has been wonderful to welcome students and staff back to school this week. The exam season continues in full force for our Year 11 cohort and from Monday, Lower School students begin their assessments. Parents of Lower School students are asked to review central communication carefully and the timetable produced for each year group to best support revision and preparation.

This final part of the summer term is always an important but also special time of year. Whilst the coming weeks are very focused on assessments and reports, this then leads into the process of securing academic foundations for the next academic year. A question your child's Head of Year will be asking is 'Are you Year 8/9/10/11 ready?' a good focus at home as well. However, this time of year is also filled with wonderful opportunities for our school community as we look forward to trips, residentials, workshops, performances and year group projects – finally doing these properly after such interruption. There are of course some stand out items ahead of us with our Wonder Week, Showcase at the Arts Depot and Sports Day. I am very much looking forward to our Archer Adventure on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, one of my most favourite days over the school year. Details about each event will be shared over the coming weeks to support preparations.

Our Archer Adventure will be a fundraising opportunity for our Raise the Roof Project led by Upper School students. We have now raised just over £186,000 through a range of mechanisms and are looking forward to next steps – the reality of our new studio is very much in our grasp. As ever if parents have any connections or suggestions in relation to fundraising organisations to approach please do reach out our current total raised has increased because of a number of superb parental recommendations.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish Lower School students the very best of luck with their assessment next week and also to Year 11 who continue to impress us, each and every day, with their approach to their ongoing GCSEs.

With my very best wishes, Miss Harrison Headteacher

**Thought for the week:** *"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."* **Anne Lamott** 

### **KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

Term dates for 2021 2022: <u>https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2021-2022/</u> Term dates for 2022 2023: <u>https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2022-2023/</u>

#### June

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> – Breathwork session, 2pm, Archer Garden, details below w/c 13<sup>th</sup> & w/c 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 – 9 summer exam weeks Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Parents Association Archella planning meeting online, 8-9pm, click <u>here</u> to join Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Parent coffee morning, Healthy Eating and Body Image, 9.15 – 10.15am, book <u>here</u> Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> – GCSE exams finish Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 9 into year 10 parents' evening, 6.30pm, upper school, book <u>here</u> Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> – School closes early for year 11 Leavers' Assembly, students Yr8 to Yr10 dismissed

1.30pm Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 11 Leavers' Ball Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – INSET day, school closed for students w/c 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 summer exam week (Core Subjects only) Weds 29<sup>th</sup> – Cultural Society trip (year 9&10) – To Kill A Mockingbird – fully booked July Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – School closes early for report writing, all students dismissed 1.30pm w/c 4<sup>th</sup> – Wonder Week Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – year 9 residential to Stubbers, year 8 residential to Bushcraft Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – year 7 to Thorpe Park, year 10 to Southend Fri 8<sup>th</sup> – year 10 Woodhouse taster day Weds 13th - Learning Review Day 3 Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 GradFest Sat 16<sup>th</sup> – Archella International Summer Festival, 1-4pm, lower school Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Archer Adventure Weds 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term, students dismissed at 12pm

# **KEY INFORMATION:**

**Parentpay:** Please ensure that your child's account is topped up for this term.

# PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE



Archella Summer Festival is coming soon. Please join our next planning meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 8-9pm online, click <u>here</u> to join. We would like at least one representative per class to attend.

### Get ready for Archella International Festival - Saturday 16th July 1-4pm

1. Sign up to bring an **international food dish** on the day. Please email Anne-Marie Bellis who is coordinating: <u>bellis396@btinternet.com</u> with your name, phone number and your dish. No NUTS please! We also need desserts/cakes for the food stall, so please let Anne-Marie know if you can contribute something sweet.

2. Put your unwanted **uniform** in a bag and bring it into school for our 2nd hand uniform pop up shop. Please mark the bag for the attention of Erini Rodis.

3. **Archer Auction** – can you donate an item to the auction? Last year, we had some amazing lots and all families offered something to the school from French lessons, to a week in a holiday home, gym vouchers, to tickets to sporting events, to a home baked carrot cake. Please think about what you can give to the auction and email: <u>archerauction@gmail.com</u> with your item you're your contact details.

4. **International craft stall** - can you create henna designs, origami, hair braiding or something else? We need some talented parents who could volunteer their skills for the cultural craft stall. Please contact Katie Ruback <u>kruback@thearcheracademy.org.uk</u>

5. **Archer Bake Off** - get creative in the kitchen and enter your cake on the day. Celebrity judge Miss Harrison will announce the winner!

6. Sign up to **help on the day** and you will be allocated a stall. Please email: <u>parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk</u>

7. Can you join the team to help **clear up** after the festival from 4-5pm? Please contact Sarah Glennon <u>sarahglennon7@gmail.com</u> to sign up.

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to have a Haven estate agent board outside their home. We now have enough volunteers.

### PARENT GOVERNOR OPPORTUNITY – Mrs Scott

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join the Governing Board of the school. This position is open to all Archer parents and carers, full training is available.

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of the school and we are very keen for the constitution of our Governing Board to be representative of our school community.

Being a governor at our school requires a long-term commitment; the normal term is 4 years. Each governor attends at least 15 meetings a year, some in person and some remote. If you have any questions at all, about the role, the commitment, or any other aspect, please email jscott@thearcheracademy.org.uk and we can arrange for you to speak to one of our existing governors.

### **BOOK FOR PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING – Mrs Scott**



Healthy Eating and Body Image for Teenagers – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 9.15 – 10.15am, Lower School

Miss Harrison would like to invite all Archer parents to join her for our next coffee morning. It will be led by alumni parent and nutritionist, Marcelle Rose and will focus on healthy eating and body image for teenagers.

Please book your free ticket <u>here</u> and for more information about Marcelle Rose visit <u>http://marcellerosenutrition.co.uk/</u>

### **ARCHER ARROW ENRICHMENT AWARDS – Miss Le**



#### Archer arrow celebration assembly

What a great first week it's been for the winners of block 2 of enrichment. These Archer Arrow winners are off to a flying start with their new golden arrow badge, certificate and sweet treats. They have demonstrated progress within at least 2 of the Archer outcomes throughout the programme and it has been incredible to see them flourish in their enrichments.

I want to take this opportunity to say a big well done to all the Archer Arrow winners and a huge thank you, to all the Archer ambassadors who supported the set-up and running of enrichment. You have simply been incredible so thank you.

#### Acher Arrow winners:

Princess 10ATH, Thomas 10ATH, Amelie 10ATH, Millen 10ATH, Nimrod 10DPE, Asher 10DPE, Ella 10MBI, Alara 10MBI, Pok 10MBI, Adriana 10MBI, Ava 10NAL, Daniel 10NAL, Dea 11CRU, Jack 11CRU, Nathan 11SBR, Rohat 11SBR, Moosa 7JHA, Ruth 7JHA, Jemima 7JHA, Tess 7JRA, Kai 7NAS, Thea 7REV, Rowan 7SMU, Valentino 7SMU, Lyn 7SRA, Maksut 8CBA, Amy 8CBA, Tina 8CBA, Luca 8CBA, Evie 8KCL, Priya 8KCL, Iris 8KCL, Alessia 8MKE, Samal 8MKE, Ayan 8CSU, Melania 8CSU, Lukash 8SGU, Juliette 9JVA, Layan 9JVA, Matilda 9JVA, Theophil 9JVA, Dylan 9JVA, Alex 9JVA, Gaby 9KSA, Alfie 9KSA, Zana 9RAH, Arina 9SCL, James 9SCL, Alex 9SCL, Ronnie 9SLE, Anastjaza 9SLE.

We have had a great variety of enrichments on offer, rock climbing, hockey, science crest, powerleague, everything ball, aboriginal arts, zombie apolocaplyse, pokemania and squash to name a few. I can't wait for the start of the next enrichment block next year, and seeing what new and exciting enrichments will be on offer.

### YEAR 10 DRAMA DEVISED PERFORMANCES – Miss Randall



Well done to our fabulous year 10 drama GCSE students on a set of superb devised pieces this week. The devised work is worth 30% of their final GCSE drama grade. They put such a tremendous amount of work into their performances and created them independently. We would like to congratulate all of the students who performed exceptionally. The hard work certainly paid off!

# DONATE UNWANTED UNIFORM – Ms Rodis



Please donate outgrown uniform. At Archer Academy we're working on ways to make it easier for families to buy preloved uniform.

Please help by bringing in any item that's been outgrown. Our amazing volunteers can re-sell it. The next opportunity will be at Archella International Festival on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

In some cases we are also able to offer items to families who might be going through hard times.

Donating your uniform helps you declutter, raises money for the school, saves us all some money and improves our carbon footprint through re-use, so everybody wins!

We are also beginning to work on making second hand uniform available to purchase online, so watch this space for developments.

Please bring in items to either upper or lower school reception marked for the attention of Erini Rodis.

# THEMATIC LEARNING YEAR 7 TRIP – Ms Appelquist





A group of year 7 thematic learning students paid a visit to Akiva Primary this week, to teach a lesson in philosophy. They explained the Trolley Problem and posed the question: Can a robot pass the Turing test? Very well done, year 7 philosophers!

### **GCSE ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW – Ms Clarke**



# **BRING IN YOUR JUBILEE DECORATIONS – Ms Jouhal**



The street parties may be over but the school would love to recycle your decorations.

Please bring in your used/leftover decorations to support our Wonder Week, which is coming up at the beginning of July.

Please bring in any donations to reception at upper or lower school and mark them for Ms Jouhal's attention.

Many thanks.

FREEZE FRIDAYS WITH FLORRIE AND THE ICE POPS – Green Arrows



New to the Archer family is 'Florrie' the tricycle and her freezer full of ice pops. She will appear in the lower school playground every Friday afternoon after school until the end of the summer term.

Ice pops on sale are subject to availability and priced at  $\pounds 1$ 

Rowntrees Fruit Pastilles, Pop-Ups (orange or blackcurrant) and Fabs or Nobbly bobbly.

(Please make sure these are suited to your child's dietary requirements before allowing them to purchase from 'Florrie and the Ice Pops'. We cannot take responsibility for the suitability of listed products for your child)

Breathwork Session – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm, Archer Garden

We also have your next Breathwork session in the garden this weekend on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please book your place by emailing <u>info@marjoleinbroers.com</u>



power. It literally keeps us alive, but it can also enhance our lives when we know how to use it with purpose. It can calm, balance or energise us to help reach a more optimal state of well-being, anywhere and anytime.

Interested to know more? Join us in a free introductory breathwork session.

Where: Archer garden, Eagans Cl, N2 8GA When: Sunday 12 June at 2pm

Places are limited (12 only) so book quickly by emailing Marjolein at info@marjoleinbroers.com

his community initiative is supported by the Archer Academy Green Arrows

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

### Lower school:

I hope you've all had a lovely half-term holiday—it's been exciting to hear what everyone's been reading!

#### New in Library:



Can Jaya get revenge on her family's bitter enemy—by making him fall in love with her? A playful boarding-school retelling of Beauty and the Beast, this light romance is perfect for taking your mind off exam stress!

Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer in this gripping adventure set in communist Romania. Will he betray everything he loves, or can he use his inside information to bring down the regime?





Convicted of a crime he didn't commit, Amal must find a way to make his innocence known before he loses his humanity. A powerful novel told in verse.

**Book Reviews:** 

Hugo on Wolf Brother: This book is a wonderful example of two different genres put together in an interesting but well-realised way.

Ayan on *This Book is Not Rubbish:* educational and interesting! Nina on *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End:* It features exactly the true ups and downs of a family holiday!

#### Events:

*Harry Potter* fans won't want to miss the 25<sup>th</sup> <u>anniversary celebration</u> at Waterstone's Piccadilly on June 26<sup>th</sup>, featuring Jonny Duddle and Thomas Taylor, two of Harry Potter's award-winning illustrators.

Waterstone's Picadilly is also hosting its first YA book club on June 29<sup>th</sup>—this month they're celebrating Pride with the author of *Gay Club!*, Simon James Green. See <u>here</u> for details.



#### **Book Sale Reminder:**

The Archer Libraries will be holding a **Used Book Sale** at **Archella** (Saturday, July 16) this year. We welcome *small donations of books in good condition*! If you are interested in volunteering on the day, please contact <u>Ms Appelquist</u>. All proceeds will go towards purchasing more books.

Have a great weekend, everyone, and keep reading!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR

SUPER LIBRARY

MONITORS...

## Upper school:

A Wonderful Leadership Opportunity for students in Year 10 transitioning to Year 11

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO ASSIST IN THE LIBRARY? ARE YOU: Confident, Responsible, Dedicated, Friendly, Punctual and LOVE Reading or Aspiring to Want to Read – THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!

COMMIT TO ONE BREAK PER WEEK MINIMUM SERVICE IS FOR 1 YEAR WORK IN PAIRS EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS (Can include in College Application USE FOR YOUR DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERING SECTION FULL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED



**Overdue Library Books**: We are trying to recover a **HUGE** number of library books to be returned as soon as possible! **PLEASE** check under the bed, in your bookshelves at home, and in your schoolbags and do the right thing – **RETURN THEM**!

Visit the library or get in touch via email <u>Mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk</u>

### ATHLETICS UPDATE – Mr Clark



Before half term, the Archer athletics teams competed against Barnet schools at the StoneX Stadium.

The last year group to compete in these competitions were the current year 10s when they were in year 7! It was great to be back with students thoroughly enjoying the atmosphere at the stadium. They all performed extremely well and were very supportive of each other.

The Barnet Championships are taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. A highly anticipated day with only a select few being chosen to compete. Good luck!



#### HGS Summer Fair – Sunday 12th June

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association is holding a Summer Fair this Sunday, 12th June from 2pm to 5pm at Central Square NW11 7AH. There will be a dog show, live music, Punch & Judy, entertainment for younger children and refreshments available. It's free to come along.

Please see details at https://hgsra.uk/docs/summerfair2022.jpg

# HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

#### Year 10 - Miss Alcock

It has been lovely to welcome year 10 back to their final half term of this academic year. This week students have received their OYTG exam results back, myself and all the Upper School staff have been very impressed by the way in which students conducted themselves when collecting their results and their reflections and conversations during their PCE meetings on Wednesday afternoon. Please be aware that for the remainder of the academic year, the year group have moved onto the year 11 school day timings:

- · Line up at 8:30am (so arrive in school from 8:20)
- Break time 10:30 to 10:50
- Lunchtime 12:50 to 1:30

This week I have also discussed with the year group several expectations relating to punctuality, uniform and homework. I have asked all students to make sure they are secure in the above 3 areas to support their final half term as a year 10 student and in preparation for year 11. To support students with homework they will be able to complete homework in the US study hall from next week.

It has been a busy couple of weeks for a number of students with a large group taking part in their first Duke of Edinburgh expedition and the drama cohort taking part in their drama exam on Tuesday evening. Well done to all students who took part, the feedback from Mr McSherry and Miss Randall has been superb!

I am pleased to inform parents of the number of leadership opportunities available to the year group. All students have received information on the year 11 Student Leadership roles (on SMH), all students are encouraged to have a look at the applications and consider applying. The deadline for all applications is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm. Students have also got the opportunity to support in the upper school library by volunteering to be a media monitor, students can find out more information from Ms Horwitz.



Jonah - for being excellent on DofE Ruby - for being very supportive to her peers on results day

#### Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

Unbelievably his has been the last full week of regular lessons, with students focussing on revision for their end of year assessments which start next week. A reminder that the exam timetable has been posted on Show My Homework for all students along with revision resources for each subject.

Tickets for Gradfest, our end of year celebration and graduation to upper school, will be put on Parentpay early next week (if not already on there). This is such a special moment in the students' transition programme, so please do purchase a ticket to ensure they are not missing out!

Please can I also remind you to book your place at the year 9 into year 10 parents' evening on Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 6.30pm, upper school, book <u>here.</u>

With so much to look forward to this term and transition to upper school so close can I please ask for your support in this final push. Please do continue to ensure your child leaves the house in the correct uniform, no trainers/ sports branded jackets and with all the necessary equipment to end the year strongly.



Shlok, Mossy and Lucas - for their brilliant revision and exceptional work ethic in geography this week

#### Year 8 – Mr Wick

What a lovely week to be back at school! With such a short week, we've managed to pack in some brilliant lessons and great revision in preparation for next week's assessments. Please see Show My Homework for the exam timetable.

On Tuesday students were able to spend some catch-up time with their tutors, talking about some of the brilliant half term activities members of the year 8 collective enjoyed. I've heard of students going to festivals, travelling abroad to Paris, and of course sitting together to watch the latest season of Stranger Things.

On Thursday, students in Life Long Learning had the opportunity to discuss alcohol and its impacts; as well as some of the drivers towards it at a young age including peer pressure and self pressure.

Finally on Friday students had an assembly focused on social media and ways to stay safe. It is of course a brilliant space of connectivity to others, however, can also have a negative impact on wellbeing.

Finally, please enjoy a picture of the wonderful Sezen U (And Kris D!) learning about static electricity in science.





Priya T and Miah S who have come back to school with a huge push and being appreciated by teachers all over, especially in science, maths and history

Year 7 – Miss Le

This week year 7 have had a lovely return to school. I have been thoroughly impressed with how each student has settled back into school routines. With assessments beginning next week, it has been heartening to hear so many year 7s have started their revision in earnest.

In tutor time, year 7 have been focusing on friendship boundaries. They are beginning to identify examples of friendship boundaries, describing how we can set friendship boundaries with others and finally, explaining why boundaries are important and what we should do if someone crosses them.

Please do reach out to me at <u>MissSLe@thearcheracademy.org.uk</u> if you have any concerns about the forthcoming core subject assessments.



Amelia F & Max P (7JHA) - for being enthusiastic and showing great determination in all their lessons