

17th June 2022

Dear all,

We have enjoyed a busy but still very assessment focused week. Yet, wrapped around this has been some incredible wider opportunities for students across Geography and Thematic Learning, where learning beyond the classroom has been thoroughly enjoyed.

However, I do feel my most favourite moment of this week has to be watching the commitment and determination of Year 10 students, as they pitched for nominations from Lower School students for their applications for student senior leadership roles. The level of persuasion would afford some seasoned politicians some pointers! I so look forward to receiving the applications and completing what I feel will be a very competitive interview process in the coming weeks. Well done Year 10, your desire to take on responsibility at school has been a credit to you and clearly inspired younger students.

We continue to monitor the current hot weather carefully, for example providing students with the flexibility to wear PE kit to ensure their comfort. Students should wear full school uniform unless you are informed otherwise but please know we will always be sensible here. Please may I ask you to support your child in ensuring that they have a water bottle with them.

Next week will see some challenges in relation to travel. As part of the national train strike, the London Underground will strike on Tuesday 21st June, as part of a separate mandate. Parents are asked to support their child in ensuring alternative travel routes, setting aside plenty of time.

We look forward to performing at the East Finchley Festival on Sunday afternoon. Do please come along to the Community Stage to see our wonderful choir in all its splendour.

Please note that students in Years 7 to 9 will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Thursday 23rd June and Year 10 students at 12.30pm to enable our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly to take place. Friday is an INSET Day. There will be no newsletter next week.

Well done to all Lower School students who completed their final assessments today. You have worked incredibly hard and we look forward to sharing the results and important feedback in the coming weeks.

With my very best wishes,
Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *'It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.'* Eleanor Roosevelt

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/>

June

w/c 20th – Year 7 – 9 summer exam weeks

Weds 22nd Year 9 into year 10 parents' evening, 6.30pm, upper school, book [here](#)

Thurs 23rd – GCSE exams finish

Thurs 23rd – School closes early for year 11 Leavers' Assembly, students Yr7 to Yr9 dismissed 1.30pm.

Students in Year 10 dismissed at 12.30pm.

Thurs 23rd – Year 11 Leavers' Ball
Fri 24th – INSET day, school closed for students
w/c 27th – Year 10 summer exam week (Core Subjects only)
Weds 29th – Cultural Society trip (year 9&10) – To Kill A Mockingbird – fully booked

July

Fri 1st – School closes early for report writing, all students dismissed 1.30pm
w/c 4th – Wonder Week
Weds 6th – Fri 9th – year 9 residential to Stubbers, year 8 residential to Bushcraft
Thurs 7th – year 7 to Thorpe Park, year 10 to Southend
Fri 8th – year 10 Woodhouse taster day
Weds 13th - Learning Review Day 3
Thurs 14th – Year 9 GradFest, tickets available on Parentpay
Sat 16th – Archella International Summer Festival, 1-4pm, lower school
Mon 18th – Sports Day
Tues 19th – Archer Adventure
Weds 20th – Last day of term, students dismissed at 12pm

KEY INFORMATION:

Catering: If you have a child in year 7, 8, 9 or 10 please encourage them to fill in the latest catering survey which is available on Show My Homework. It will only take a few minutes and will help us to shape our catering provision for September. Following the last survey carried out in the Autumn term we made a number of improvements to our offering. In upper school we moved away from Grab and Go and returned to a full plated service using the same menus as lower school. As a result we have been able to stop using disposables which the students are very happy about. We also introduced additional vegan and vegetarian options across the campus and now ensure that we have at least 2 vegan options on the menus each week.

Parentpay: There are lots of end of term items for payment on Parentpay. Please ensure that your child's account is settled for this term.

REQUESTS:

Can you help with either of these connections?

Are there any parents in our community who:

1. Have a connection to a local grant-making trust called **The CSDS Foundation**?
2. Know anyone who owns a **horse box** (a vehicle for transporting horses) that we may be able to borrow for our amazing equine therapy programme?

If you can help, please contact Katie Ruback on KRuback@Thearcheracademy.org.uk

Jubilee decorations: Please bring in your jubilee decorations to either school reception and mark for Miss Jouhal's attention.

HEADTEACHER EXEMPLARY EFFORT AWARDS – Miss Harrison

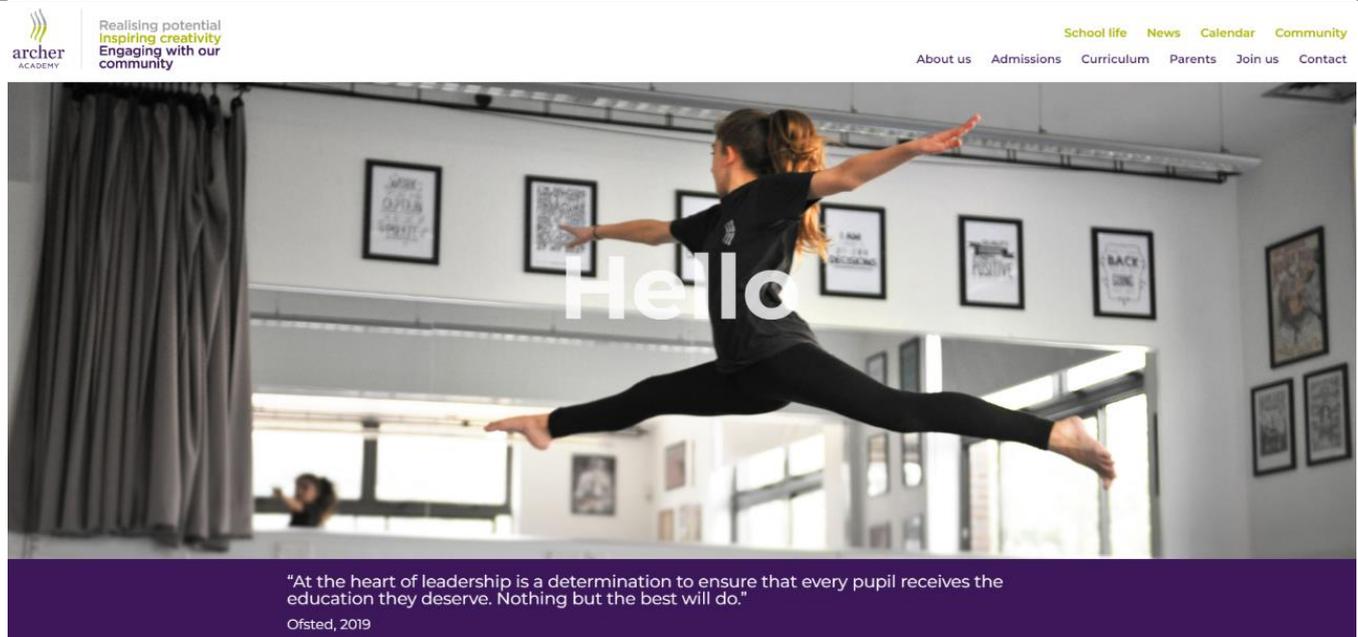
Each week Heads of Year review the merits and achievements of each student and I then have the pleasure of celebrating this hard work. Each month, students are awarded the Headteacher Exemplary Effort based on their merits. Significant congratulations go to the winners for May, such an impressive achievement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

I am looking forward to these students joining me for Headteacher lunch to mark and celebrate their accomplishments. Well done.

May Honour Roll Winners 2022 winners:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Leonardo D Nuria R Luca K James HS Liam BS	Charlotte B Sophie C Thaman F Marnie E Zaynab-Maria H	Tina T Cherie Anne M Lauren B Matilda S Jude D	Sebastian C Grace L Nimrod V Bon W Daniel C

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE – Mrs Csaky



If you've been on the Archer website this week, you'll have noticed that it has been given a complete makeover. If you haven't, please take a look: www.thearcheracademy.org.uk

It's now much more modern in style, works better on mobile phones and iPads, incorporates our social media feed and is easier to navigate all round.

This project has involved a huge amount of work across the last year and special thanks goes to alumni parents: Cathy Halstead, Andy Francis and Peter Copley for leading, developing and producing the fantastic new website.

Whilst we have made every effort to minimise disruption as we move across to the new website, there may be one or two initial migration issues, these are being addressed.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE



Archella Summer Festival is rapidly approaching on Saturday 16th July from 1 - 4pm. We need at least 40 more parent

volunteers to help out on the day. Please email Justine Csaky to sign up justinec@thearcheracademy.org.uk Thank you

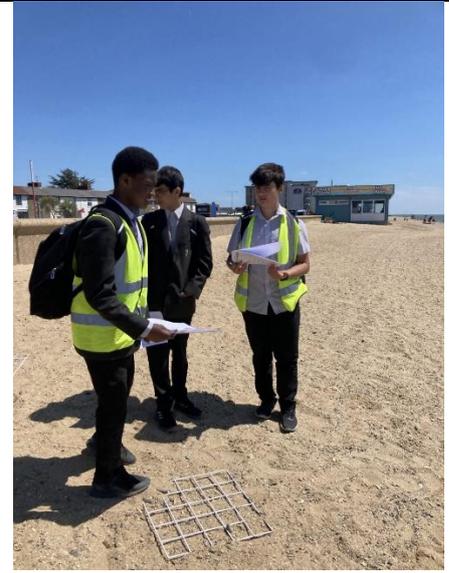
Get ready for Archella International Festival

1. Sign up to bring an **international food dish** on the day. Please email Anne-Marie Bellis who is coordinating: bellis396@btinternet.com 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 washed, 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: archerauction@gmail.com 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 kruback@thearcheracademy.org.uk
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. Can you join the team to help **clear up** after the festival from 4-5pm? Please contact Sarah Glennon sarahglennon7@gmail.com to sign up.

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO SOUTHEND ON SEA – Ms Thornley

On Tuesday 14th of June lots of learning and enjoyment was had by the year 10 geography students. They went to Southend to investigate the impacts of the sea defences on coastal erosion and local communities. The incredible weather was also a great plus to enable them to collect all their data.

Please also note: Due to potential tube strike, the Stratford East London trip has now been rescheduled from **Tuesday 21st June** to **Monday 27th June**. All other details and schedules will be staying the same.



PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING – Mrs Scott



Thank you to all parents who joined for the coffee morning today with nutritionist Marcelle Rose. We had an informative talk and discussion about how we can support our children to develop a happy relationship with food and their body.

Marcelle has created a download to help. It debunks dieting and weight loss myths and misconceptions surrounding food, diets and weight.

<https://www.subscribepage.com/weightlossmythsexposed>

YEAR 7 TRIP TO KENWOOD HOUSE – Ms Vandervelde



Year 7 are currently working on a Thematic Learning unit on our local stately home, Kenwood House. On Wednesday 7JRA, 7NAS and 7SRA spent a morning in the house and gardens. Drawing on their lessons on the art, architecture and history of Kenwood the students revelled in the opportunity to see their learning in situ. As well as visiting the house the students went on a treasure hunt in the grounds and sketched the fabulous views of London.

Next week 7REV, 7SMU, 7JHA will be going, so fingers crossed for more glorious sunshine.

We were made incredibly welcome by the house volunteers and it might be nice to follow up the visit with the family - it's local, it's free and it's on our doorstep!

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenwood/>

YEAR 10 PSYCHOLOGY TALK – Mr Ruffles



On Thursday 9th, the Year 10 psychology class had a talk from Suzanne O'Sullivan, a consultant neurologist and best-selling author of books, such as *It's All In Your Head*, about psychosomatic conditions. To prepare for this, the class independently read a chapter of Suzanne's book and I was really impressed by both the quality of questions that they asked her during the Q&A and their engagement in a complicated, high level talk.

ARCHER ALUMNI ARTISTS AT WOODHOUSE – Ms Clarke



A group of our year 10 art students took the time to visit the Woodhouse College Year 13 final show on Thursday. It was inspiring to see how our Archer Alumni artists have progressed over the last three years.

POETIC INSPIRATION IN THE WOODS – Ms Clarke



On Monday, fifteen year 9 students took time out of their day to come to Cherry Tree Wood with me to take pictures.

They will be using the photos as source material for poetry writing.

PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH COMMUNITY LITERACY PROJECT – Ms Clarke



The Archer art department visited Martin School on Tuesday. We worked with the whole of year 6 on a 3D Phantom Tollbooth map. Three of our year 7 students, all of whom attended Martin School, came along to assist. There was a lot of mess made, but we all enjoyed the process!

FREEZE FRIDAYS WITH FLORRIE AND THE ICE POPS – Green Arrows



Florrie the ice cream tricycle proved extremely popular today on the hottest day of the year so far! She will be in lower school playground every Friday from now until the end of term. All profits will go toward the Archer garden.

Ice pops on sale are subject to availability and priced at £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)

ARCHER PARENTS' ART COMPETITION – Ms Clarke



Grown-ups are creative, too.

An Art Competition for Archer Parents...

Calling all creative **parents and carers!**

The **Archer Art Department** invite you to draw or make a piece of Artwork that, in some way, represents the Queen's Jubilee.

Please send an image of your entry to Ms. Clarke at: mssclarke@thearcheracademy.org.uk

By the 1st July.

Winning entries will be rewarded with having their work exhibited in our newsletter and on other social media platforms.

If you are stuck for ideas, ask a child for help.

We look forward to seeing what our parent community may produce. We already know how amazing you are!



LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower school:



Some of the Shadowing Team

This term, the Archer Carnegie Shadowing Team has been meeting weekly to read and discuss ***Tsunami Girl***, one of the books shortlisted for the prestigious Carnegie Award. On Monday, they had the opportunity to go to the Barnet Shadders' Event, where they participated in book discussion, gave an amazing presentation, and listened to a talk by Julian Sedgewick, ***Tsunami Girl's*** award-winning author. Well done, Archer Shadders!



Building the Archer Bookcase Summer Reading Programme Years 7-11:

Please note that letters have gone out to parents and carers to remind you of our Summer Reads. Each year group has been assigned a book to read over the summer, fostering a culture of reading and providing a shared reading experience. There will be a quiz on Show My Homework to be completed when the autumn term begins. You can purchase the books on ParentPay at a discounted price, or independently of the school. See your email for details.

Year 8 Refugee Boy House Quiz:



This week Year 8s in Ignatius earned 100 House points for a magnificent performance and in-depth knowledge of their pastoral reading book, *Refugee Boy*, by Benjamin Zephaniah. Well done, Ignatius! See next week for the results of the Year 7 quiz.

Book Reviews:

Hugo on *Chocky*: *This book is very strange, especially as it's about a child but the protagonist is the parent, David...Or is he? Especially for horror readers who don't like violence.*

Iris on *The Pathfinders Society*: *I recommend if you like mysteries.*

Nóelie on *Othello*: *I think that Emilia deserved a better ending.*

Lou-Ann on *Sauveur et fils*: *Good puns and use of black magic!*

Ash on *The Falling in Love Montage*: *AMAZING!! Easy read, with mostly positive vibes with a few real topics. Heartwarming and sweet.*

Remember, you earn ten merits for each book review!

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

Upper school:

New in the library

The periodical **New Scientist** is now available for staff and students. It has been barcoded and accessioned and will be housed in the periodical section on one of the reference shelves.

If there is an article of interest, photocopies can be made. Below our first two copies at Upper.



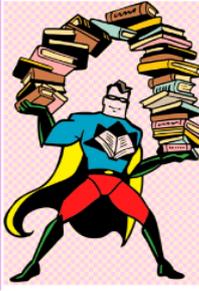
Final reminder:

Overdue Library Books: Do the Right thing and PLEASE return them as soon as possible! You can hand them in to the library at upper or lower school.

STILL want to make a difference...then this opportunity is for you – Places are filling up fast so if you are in Year 10 going into Year 11 visit the library or get in touch via email Mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk



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SUPER LIBRARY
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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

SIGN UP SHEET AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY





**SATURDAY 18 JUNE
OPEN TRIALS DAY**
Frith Manor Primary School,
Lullington Garth, N12 7BN



Girls U8, U9 & U10
Current school years 2, 3 & 4
9.30-10am: Registration
10-11am: Session



Girls U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & U16
Current school years 5-11
11-11.30am: Registration
11.30am-12.30pm: Session

To register, email:
play@barnetnightingalesfc.co.uk

GROW
FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Free School Meal or SEND children in Barnet

8th -12th August: 6-9 years
15th - 19th August: 10-13 years
9:30am-3pm daily

- Food growing
- Chicken care
- Whittling and crafts
- Fire-making




Email lucy@wearegrow.org to sign up
GROW Farm, The Totteridge Academy, Barnet Lane, N20 8AZ

Grow - free summer holiday club
Grow is taking signups for a free summer holiday club for Free School Meal and SEND children in Barnet. **SIGN UP HERE**

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

It has been a busy week for Year 10, with a number of students taking part in the geography trip to Southend. I have been blown away by the number of students interested in applying to one of the upper school leadership roles. Students have been working hard to complete their personal statements and to gather staff references. The final deadline for all applications is Friday 24th June at 4pm. Applications must be submitted to Miss Alcock via email misskalcock@thearcheracademy.org.uk. As we look to move towards the end of term, there are some key dates to be aware of:

w/c - 20th June - students will be taking part in their first Wellbeing Week, a letter has gone home to parents with details. The week will give students the opportunity to take part in sessions on the topics: keeping calm during exams, consent, social media, healthy relationships and emotional wellbeing.

We then move into core subject exam week, the timetable is below:

- Triple science - Tuesday 28th June (Session 1&2)
- English – Wednesday 29th June (Session 5&6)
- Science - Wednesday 29th June (Session 1) for 10X side
- Wednesday 29th June (Session 3) for 10Y side
- Maths – Friday 1st July (Session 1&2)

To support student with revision for their core subjects, students are able to drop into any of the following sessions:

Science - Monday 3.40-4.30 in UF15 & Friday 3-4 USO3

English – Wednesday 3.45 to 4.30 in UF06

Maths - Thursday 3 till 4 (room TBC)

A reminder to parents that the end of year trip to Southend is on Parentpay, the deadline for payment is Wednesday 22nd June.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Zaelnoon - for his mature approach to his learning

Illiya - for his dedication to psychology and always seeking ways to improve his grade

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

The year 9 into 10 transition programme kicks off in earnest next week with our welcome evening for parents, students are not required to attend. Please do book in via the Eventbrite [here](#). This is an excellent opportunity for you to have a tour of upper school, led by some of our current year 10 students, ask questions and view work that has been produced this year at upper school.

You should have received two emails from me this week. One including a kit list for the Stubbers trip and the other asking you to purchase a ticket for this year's Gradfest. Gradfest is such a special moment in the year 9 calendar, celebrating all their successes this year and marking the moment of students graduation to our GCSE campus at upper school.

Students have been reminded this week about the importance of nailing the basics. Attendance, punctuality and uniform. GCSE course content is a big step up from lower school, both in difficulty but also in volume. I want to take this opportunity, with your support, to ensure our students are ready to hit the ground running. If a student misses just 15 minutes of a lesson in the morning they will be missing 1/4 of the content that is delivered, this will become the difference between a grade 3 and a grade 4 - or a grade 8 and a grade 9. Please can I ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home in preparation for next year.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Tilly S - for earning a huge 24 positive points this week through a mixture of merits and postcards

Jude D - for a persistent positive attitude and hard work

Year 8 – Mr Wick

What a lovely (and warm!) week for year 8. The main focus of the week has been assessments. Students have been working hard on revising and preparing for their end of year exams. There are understandable high levels of cortisol, as students are taking these assessments very seriously. I do very much appreciate how mature year 8 have been in facing and tackling exams this week.

In tutor time, students were afforded a super-fan quiz to mark the end of their widely enjoyed book, Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah. Two students from each form group came up to the library where they took Ms Appelquist's quiz to see who was the most knowledgeable about the book. With a close finish, Ignatius (JBA & MKE) came up front with the winning points! Well done to Shreya, Yotam, Rayna and Felix, pictured in the library corner. Thank you to all who participated: Evie, Poppy, Dylan, Rhianna, Nittai, Angelina, Jahkeil and Parker.

On Thursday, students learned about the impact of cigarette smoking in Lifelong Learning. We discussed the impacts, the drivers, the pulls, and the wider chemicals in cigarette smoke.

Finally, on Friday students had an assembly from Mr Clark about the upcoming Sports Day on the 18th July, I am very much looking forward to year 8 experiencing their first Archer Sports Day! I hope they are excited to represent their forms and their houses at this prestigious event.

As well as this 8MKE, presented an assembly to the rest of the year group with a fun end of week game to round off this exams week. Well done!

Stars of the Week

Lola D for her incredible start to this final term in Spanish

Jack E for his brilliant contributions on thematic learning

Year 7 – Miss Le

What an incredible week it has been for year 7. The thematic learning trip for half of year 7 was a clear highlight as they enjoyed a leisurely walk in the sunshine to learn lots of information about Kenwood House, a historic building built in the 17th century. I very much look forward to catching up with the other half of the year next Wednesday once they come back from their thematic learning trip.

This week in Tutor Time, students have been thinking carefully about the 'value of money'. Students have been deliberating and debating the importance of money. A very interesting topic for year 7 and one which certainly had our students reflecting carefully on their own use of money.

Stars of the Week

Tess P: demonstrating excellent battings skills in the rounders house competition in PE. You struck the ball with a great deal of power and scored countless rounders for your tutor group.

Aidan B: for wowing the staff at Kenwood House with excellent knowledge on William Shakespeare's play, The Tempest. Well done.