

1st July 2022

Dear all,

The Art & Photography Exhibition last Saturday, showcasing the final GCSE artwork of our Year 11 students, truly did set the tone for this week. It was simply so impressive to see such high quality work, such creativity and skill in one place. The students, and the Department, have so much to be proud of and I have no doubt the results will once again be superb. The platform this afforded our students demonstrated just what pride they take in their work (and also clearly a lot of enjoyment).

These themes of pride and enjoyment in our learning were once again seen throughout this week, in particular at the Great British Dance Off and St Jude's Prom where Archer students performed with such confidence and skill. Our Year 7 and Year 8 cohort have also shown real maturity and dedication whilst receiving their assessment results and Year 9 have thrown themselves into their Upper School transition programme; appearing to grow a little taller in the past week as they embrace the next stage of their school journey. These are just some of the examples of the many ways in which our students are simply working hard and being nice to one another; feeling the glow of success.

Next week, is all about learning beyond the classroom and there is certainly a fizz of anticipation in the Archer air! Our Wonder Week sees a rich range of Super Curricular activities focused on the Platinum Jubilee and then a series of trips and residential. Alongside this we will be welcoming our 2022 Year 7 cohort for their Induction Week and Year 10 will experience a Taster Day at Woodhouse College. Do please check school correspondence carefully in relation to the activities your child is taking part in next week.

It is simply wonderful to have so much to look forward too.

With my very best wishes,
Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."* Søren Kierkegaard

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/>

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:

Nut/seed free school: Reminder that we are a nut/seed free school. If you are packing food for school trips/packed lunches at school. Please make sure you do not include any products with nuts or seeds. Thank you

Parentpay: Please ensure that your child's Parentpay account is settled for this term.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE



Archella International Festival 2022 Saturday 16th July

Tickets now on sale!

Buy your exclusive festival entry wristbands now via your child's Parentpay account. You will need to buy one wristband per person over the age of 11. Wristbands will be given out to students during the week of 11th July and students will be permitted to wear their Archella wristband in school for the week.

Entry is £1.50 for ages 11+

Archer Auction is live <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/archella2022>

Take a look at the amazing items up for grabs on the Archer Auction website now. From football tickets, to holidays, to cakes, to French lessons, to afternoon tea with Miss Harrison. Bidding closes on Thursday 14th July at midday. Collect your items/vouchers from Archella Festival on Saturday 16th July.

This year we are also adding the option to donate items such as counselling sessions, laptops and equine therapy sessions for Archer students.

Bring in a posh bottle for Tombola w/c 11th July

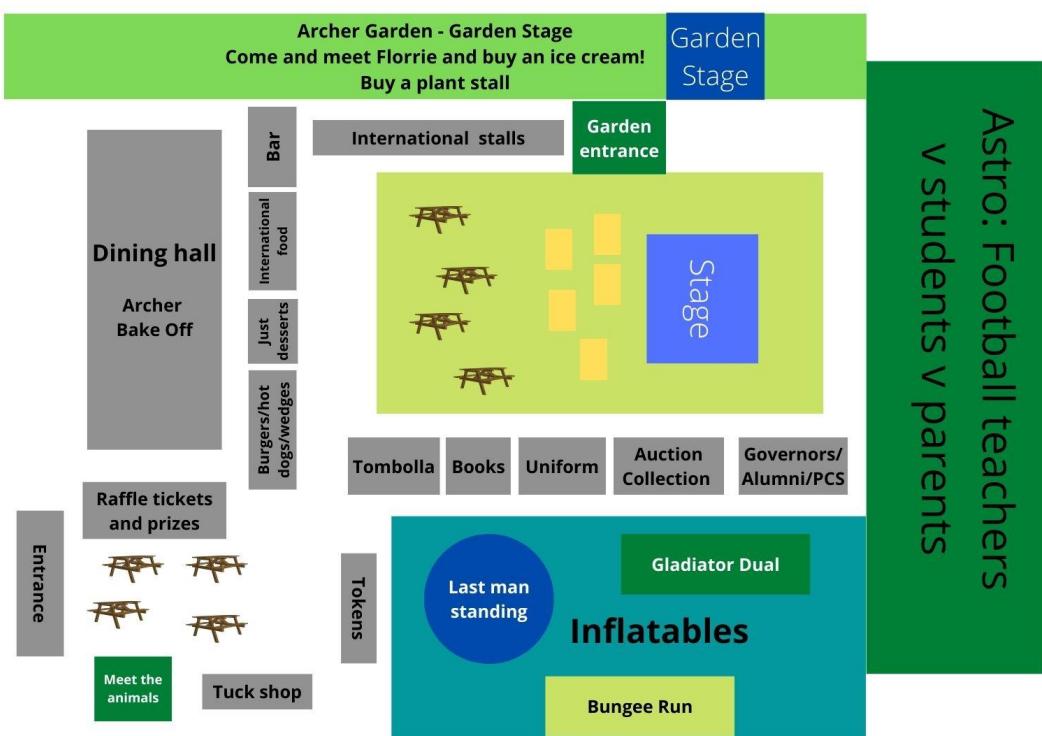
We are asking all Archer families to donate a 'posh' bottle to our tombola. This could be a bottle of: bubble bath, hand wash, wine, spirit, pink lemonade, non-alcoholic drink or other. It should be a bottle you wouldn't usually buy for yourself but would love to receive as a treat. If you are donating an alcoholic bottle please could parents drop these to lower school reception. Students are welcome to bring in any non-alcoholic bottles and drop these to reception at upper or lower school during the week of 11th July.

Archer Bake Off open to adults and students - get creative in the kitchen and enter your cake on the day at Archella Festival. Celebrity judge Miss Harrison will announce the winner!

Volunteers: We need at least 20 more parent volunteers to help out on the day. Please email Justine Csaky to sign up justinec@thearcheracademy.org.uk Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered you will be assigned a stall next week.

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.

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**



**Archella
International
Festival
2022**

**Archella
Map**



WONDER WEEK – Ms Jouhal



On Monday we begin our super-curricular themed Wonder Week. The theme this year is 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All students across the school will be off timetable for the week, exploring all that has been achieved by the Queen in the last 70 years. There will be sessions led by internal and external staff members, with creative workshops and interactive sessions throughout the week. All students will also take part in a trip. Years 8 and 9 will be going on their three-day residential, and year 7 and 10 will have a day trip on Thursday. Year 10 will also have 'Aspirations Day' on Friday which includes a visit to Woodhouse.

Wonder Week is free to enable all students to take part. Students can wear non-school uniform for the week but should ensure they are wearing sports clothing including trainers and a water bottle. If you have any questions, please contact your child's form tutor.

HEADTEACHER'S LUNCH – Miss Harrison

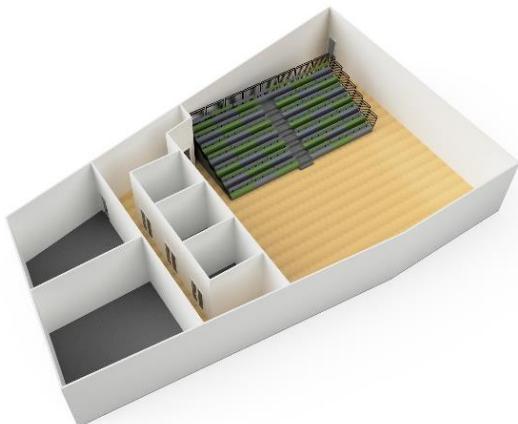


Well done to all students who were nominated by their Heads of Year to join me for Headteacher's lunch this week. It was a pleasure to spend some time with all of you.

ARCHER ADVENTURE – Dr Morrison

Every year, to mark the end of the school calendar, the entire school community goes on an adventure, walking with their year groups (accompanied by Archer staff) across a variety of beautiful routes though north London's open spaces. This year, the Archer Adventure will take place on **Tuesday 19th July**. Students will start and finish at school. They should wear their own clothes and bring a packed lunch.

We have always run Archer Adventure as a sponsored event. This year's adventure will be raising money to Raise the Roof!



The performing arts are a huge part of Archer Academy life, but we don't have a proper space for our talented young people to rehearse or perform. The Raise the Roof campaign seeks to build a bespoke dance, drama and music studio and performance space.

Donations should be paid in to the school via Parentpay.

We are asking each Archer family to raise a minimum of £10. Prizes to be won for the form which raises the most money and the top individual fundraiser.

Full details and the sponsorship form will be sent home in a separate email.

FAREWELL YEAR 11 – Mr McSherry



We said a fond farewell to our year 11s last week with Leavers' Assembly and Leavers' Ball. Have a wonderful summer and see you all for results day!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD – Mr McSherry



This academic year has seen the successful completion of the Duke of Edinburgh expedition section for both the bronze and silver awards.

Some 65 students across Years 9 and 10 have successfully completed expeditions this year, preparing in teams, planning, and preparing routes and then walking in the beautiful countryside across 1 and 2 nights. They have been assessed in skills around camp craft, pitching tents, navigation, cooking, amongst other things.

All that remains is for the students to complete their physical, skill and volunteering sections independently and they will be well placed to gain the full award be it bronze or silver.

YEAR 9 HISTORY TRIP TO THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM – Ms Devi



Some of our year 9 historians took part in a trip to the Imperial War Museum and a day of exploration of the fantastic exhibitions. The exhibitions supported student curiosity and understanding of the major wars and conflicts which have impacted the lives of millions of people around the world as well as grasp the legacies of these wars. Students explored how conflict has impacted ordinary people and students answered and asked thought-provoking questions whilst showing maturity and sensitivity.

Well done to all students who took part and staff who made this trip possible.

BACK IN TIME AT BLETCHLEY PARK – Mr Oakley



Our computer science students took a step back in time at Bletchley Park this week. They had the opportunity to code on a BBC micro computer. I wonder if this might jog the memory of any Archer parents?

PE UPDATE – Mr Clark



On Monday 27th June, four year 7 students were selected by Barnet to compete in the Middlesex Athletics Championships. This is a competition for athletes to represent their borough against other boroughs in Middlesex. The students selected were;

Elizabeth: 800m and Relay

Easy: Discus

Leo: 1500m

Tess: Discus and Javelin

All students did really well and should be proud to represent their borough, they fought off lots of competition from Barnet schools to even be selected. Well done!

DANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Miss Randall



Well done to our dance squad who competed in the nationals at the Great British Dance Off. Students were also fortunate to take part in an amazing dance workshop with the English National Ballet at school this week.

PROMS AT ST JUDE'S – Ms Humphrey



Well done to our year 7 choir who sang beautifully this week, taking part in the Proms at St Jude's.

CULTURAL SOCIETY TRIP – Mrs Csaky



Miss Harrison was delighted to take year 9 and 10 students to see To Kill A Mockingbird at the Gielgud Theatre this week.

Look out for more Cultural Society trips next year.

PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING – Mrs Scott



Parents have asked us to share the presentation from nutritionist, Marcelle Rose. Please find it attached with the newsletter.

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

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

THE PHANTOM TOLLOBOOTH JOURNEY – Oscar G, year 10

One of the most crucial and fundamental parts of the Archer Academy is its steadfast focus on ensuring learning is curiosity-led, which means that its students are impassioned with what they study and have the capability to further explore the interests and talents they have. I feel that this is established in Year 7 with the Phantom Tollbooth, which helps bridge a lofty transition and clearly lays out ideas surrounding fascination with learning, motivation and interest in the world around the main character: Milo.

With this stable base at the beginning of the school, students can thrive and are inspired to experience many new opportunities that they would never have dreamed of. Before Archer I had never been involved in creative and performing arts, but over the years I have been given multiple chances to perform at different theatres and in competitions, and this combination of good work ethic, interesting lessons, and creative exploration induces happier and motivated students.

This year, beginning Year 10 courses has been a highlight of my time at this school, and the depth of content, as well as options to take extra GCSEs like Further Maths and Citizenship, have all built on the basic qualities like curiosity, fostered by the first book on our Archer bookcase, The Phantom Tollbooth.

ARCHER GARDEN – Green Arrows



Come and meet Florrie the ice cream tricycle at Archella Festival or every Friday after school 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)

Breathwork Session – Sunday 3rd July

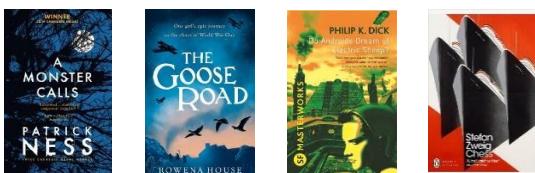
In the Archer Garden this Sunday, we have Marj Broers, doing a Breathwork session which is aimed at supporting better sleep. Whether you have trouble falling asleep or struggle to stay asleep, in this workshop Marj will focus on calming the body to help us unwind and enjoy a better sleep.

Participants will walk away relaxed, and with more knowledge and practical breathing techniques that they can try at home. As a little extra, Marj will send you away with a breath awareness meditation to really help you relax.

The session is Sunday 3 July at 2pm in the Archer Garden and will run till about 4pm. If people want to book, they can just email info@marjoleinbroers.com or call Marj on 07442186621

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower school:



Building the Archer Bookcase Summer Reading Programme Years 7-10:

Reminder: This weekend is the last chance to purchase your Summer Reading Book through ParentPay—it closes on Monday!

Year 7 I Am Malala House Quiz:



Congratulations to Seacole's Year 7 team, who earned 100 House points for their knowledge of *I am Malala*, the Year 7 pastoral reading book. The contest was so close (it came to a tiebreaker!) that Ignatius and Lovelace were each awarded 25 House points.

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 [Ms Appelquist](#). All proceeds will go towards purchasing more books.

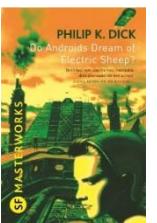
Have a great weekend everyone, and *keep reading!*

Upper school:



Year 10 going into year 11 Essential Summer Reading and Pastoral Reading Book

As you are aware by now, all Archer students going into Year 11 will be reading *Chess* by Stefan Zweig these holidays and *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller as soon as they return to school in September. This is a friendly reminder to please order your copies on ParentPay as the deadline is 1 July 2022, **latest Monday 4 July @ noon!** - see the email sent home for more details!



Year 9 going into year 10 Essential Summer Reading

All the Archer students going into Year 10 will be reading *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick these holidays. This is a friendly reminder to please order your copy on ParentPay as the deadline is 1 July 2022, **latest Monday 4 July @ noon!** - see the email sent home for more details!

New in the Archer Academy libraries...

Working together with the Science Department during the Archer Science Week 2022, has led to a Compilation of some awesome, imaginative Science Fiction Short Stories voluntarily submitted by Students at both campuses. There is a copy available in both the Upper and Lower Libraries. Feel free to visit!

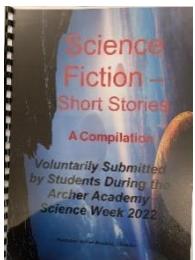


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Barnet Educational Psychology Team Parent/Carer Support Offer

Parent/carer telephone consultation with an educational psychologist July 2022

We now have slots available for July for this popular offer from our team. This is a 50 minute stand-alone slot for a parent/carer to discuss an area of concern with an educational psychologist. We are using an online booking system to allow parent/carers to book on

themselves. If parent/carers require support to book through the online booking system can we please ask that schools kindly support to ensure access for all who might benefit. We are committed to ensuring equal access to this resource; please do let us know if you are supporting a parent/carer to book on, if there are barriers to accessing the telephone consultation that we can address e.g. if an interpreter is required.

July slots are now available for booking through this link:

<https://calendly.com/barneteducationalpsychologyconsultation/parent-carer-consultation>

Barnet Autism Course

A comprehensive training and support program for parents/ carers of children aged 6-19, with a diagnosis of autism. This course is available free of charge to families living in Barnet.

Cygnets is a 6-week training course covering topics including:

- An overview of autism
- Communication
- Sensory needs
- Understanding behaviour

This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to meet to meet each other and share their experiences.

Where : Online

When: Wednesday mornings 10.00-11.30am

September 7th, September 14th, September 21st, September 28th, October 5th, and October 12th

The course is free, but it is essential that parents/carers register. Please use this link:

[CYGNETS registration form Autumn 1 \(Sept/Oct\) mornings 2022](#)

For any enquiries please email : autism.team@barnet.gov.uk with 'Cygnets' mentioned in the subject line.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

Where to start? What an incredible time I have had being head of year 10. It has been challenging at points but I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the year group better. To have seen the year group mature and develop over the last year and a half has been an absolute pleasure. The year group have really taken on every opportunity given to them this year. I could not be prouder of the senior students they are growing into. I look forward to hearing updates from Mr Gillo and Mr McSherry and wish the whole year group the very best of luck for next year and beyond.

I hope they all have a brilliant final 3 weeks of year 10 and enjoy all the activities, workshops and events they have in store.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Leah - for her improvement in GCSE PE

Charlie VDB - for his superb approach to everything that he does

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

This week saw the start of the students transitioning to upper school. Despite a few challenges along the way this was a successful first step into their GCSE years. It was brilliant to watch them explore their new environment, reminding me (and many of them) of their first day in year 7, and tackle the increased challenge in the content of their lessons throughout the week. There is bound to be some apprehension, perhaps some questions they raise at home. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's form tutor with any questions or queries that may be raised.

Next week sees the beginning of Wonder Week - an exciting chance for students to enjoy various activities as a reward for their dedication and hard work throughout year 9. This culminates in their residential to Stubbers on Wednesday. The students will need to arrive for normal time at school on Wednesday and will be returning at around 5pm on Friday evening. Please ensure they come prepared with a pillow and a sleeping bag. They are provided with beds but not bedding! A reminder that those students not attending Stubbers are expected to be in school as usual next week.

With only three weeks left until the end of term I am hoping that the students embrace every opportunity afforded to them for the remainder of year 9.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Nataliya T - for a positive attitude and hard work, always

Zaynab F - for a quiet consistency and demonstrating maturity in all she does

Year 8 – Mr Wick

This week has been lovely for year 8. Presentations in thematic, history, and some forms have done some assemblies! Well done Ilan, Tomas, and Luca, 3 incredible students in KCL who gave an assembly for year 7 about 'life as a year 8 student'.

This newsletter is going to focus on prefect opportunities. As we approach year 9, year 8s now have the opportunity to complete a prefect application to become a prefect via Show My Homework.

There are 2 prefect positions of each of the below:

Lead Prefect

Deputy Lead Prefect

Literacy Prefect

Numeracy Prefect

History Prefect

Transition Prefect

CPA Prefect

Science Prefect

Communications Prefect

Sports/ Activities Prefect

Events Prefect

Diversity & Inclusion Prefect

Wellbeing Prefect

And more to come!

This is a very exciting leadership opportunity, and we are looking forward to the applications. This role is important in running the school and students will be expected to attend meetings and lead on school initiatives. Please either print off or collect a form from the reception office. Applications are to be handed in on the 11th July either in person, or via email.

HOW TO APPLY:

Students need a teacher recommendation, followed by a choice:

- A - a video recording application
- B - a written essay application

If you have any questions please do email mrjwick@thearcheracademy.org.uk

Stars of the Week

Luka DR and Jessica G for their incredible contributions in history relating to the slave trade

Year 7 – Miss Le

This week has been fantastic. It has been lovely meeting students 1:1 and in small groups to reflect on this academic year and to spend time together, as their new Head of Year. Thank you to all the students I have met so far, it has simply been a pleasure and you have carried yourself so well in your interviews. A great start and I very much look forward to the interviews still to come.

Year 7 have so much to look forward to with Wonder Week coming up next week. Students will engage in several different activities across the week and head off to Thorpe Park to tackle some of the most thrilling rides in the UK. I know how excited year 7 are and hope they have the best time.

Stars of the Week

Matteo 7JRA and Louis 7JRA – for being so articulate and thoughtful with their interview answers. Well done!