

22nd September 2023

Dear all,

A huge well done to Year 7 who have completed their Baseline Tests this week. We know that they are very much looking forward to getting back to their timetabled lessons next week.

This week has seen Year 11 take part in 1-1 interviews with senior staff to support them at this crucial stage in their educational journey. It has been a great pleasure for me to have the opportunity to spend such quality time with my students, exploring their ambitions, their priorities and agreeing focus points to support them in realising their potential. A particular nod must go to Sonny and Jude for simply being so positive and complimentary about school life – you may have made my week! I am regularly reminded of just how incredible and special our students are but to have such powerful and focused discussions with so many of them really brought this home. My favourite question, asked to each student was ‘what are your dreams?’ The range of ideas and ambitions was humbling but then followed by that very important question ‘*so how shall we make that happen?*’ I have no doubt that students’ ambitions will be realised, with hard work and their hand firmly held at all times.

Next week sees our annual Open Evening and this provides such a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their school to visitors. A reminder that school will close at midday on Wednesday to students. Any student who is supporting Open Evening should return to school at 5pm, in their very best school uniform. There is a late start on Thursday, students should arrive at 10.45am.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *‘I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character.’* Martin Luther King

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY – Mrs Ruback

Term dates for 2023-2024 can be found here: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/calendar/>

Key dates over the next two months:

September

Weds 27th – Open Evening for prospective families 6-9pm (school closes at midday for students)

Thurs 28th – Late start for students (10.45am)

October

Mon 2nd – Year 7 Settling In Evening, 4.30 – 8pm

Tues 3rd – Enrichment begins for Year 7, 8 and 9

Mon 9th – INSET day, school closed for students

Tues 10th-Fri 20th – Depth Assessment Fortnight

Mon 16th – Year 7 Kingswood parent meeting, 5-6pm. All Years Parent Social 6-7.30pm, lower school

Thurs 19th – Prize Giving Evening (by invitation), 7-8.30pm, lower school

Fri 20th – School finishes early at 1pm for half term

Mon 23rd-Fri 27th – Half term
Mon 30th – School starts 10.45am for students

November

Wed 1st – Year 11 Core Subjects Evening, 6-8pm
Wed 1st – Fri 3rd – Year 7 Kingswood Trip
Wed 8th Nov – Difficult Conversations talk with Sophia Davison, 6.15-7.30pm, Year 8-11 parents
Mon 13th – Fri 17th Nov – FREE Week (no homework or assessments)
Fri 17th – Year 7 parent coffee morning
Thurs 23rd – Learning Review Day (timetable suspended for 1-1 meetings with tutors)
Mon 27th – Flu vaccination Years 7-11
Wed 29th – Parents Association AGM, 7pm, lower school

KEY INFORMATION



News and photos

If you would like to see photos and follow school news, the school has Facebook @TheArcherAcademy, Instagram @archeracademy, and LinkedIn @archeracademy accounts.

Curriculum information

Curriculum information for all year groups can be found here:

<https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/curriculum/>

Contact Us

The staff page of the school website has all the contact details of teachers and staff. Please reach out to your child's form tutor in the first instance: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/staff/>

Parent WhatsApp Groups and Class Reps



All tutor groups should have a parent WhatsApp group where parents can ask questions and share information about school life. Each tutor group should also have a Class Rep who passes on key information from the school. If you are not part of a WhatsApp group and would like to join, please email Katie Ruback, Communications Director, noting what tutor group you are in and she will connect you - kruback@thearcheracademy.org.uk

SCIENCE TRIP TO GENEVA – Ms Ahmed

Year 11 science students are enjoying a wonderful trip to Geneva, visiting the History of Science Museum, Botanical Gardens, the Swiss Plasma Centre fusion research lab and CERN, the largest particle physics laboratory in the world.



ENRICHMENT UPDATE – Ms Jouhal and Ms Galliver

Students have now made their choices for Block 1 enrichment options and will soon find out what they have been allocated. Enrichment starts on Tuesday 3rd October and will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4pm for Year 7-9 students, and Thursdays at 3-4pm for Year 10 students.




EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – Ms Galliver

Clubs are underway – before school, after school and at lunchtime. Please see below timetables for sports clubs and drama, dance and music clubs.

SPORTS CLUBS 2023-2024

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| BEFORE SCHOOL 7.30am | | Y9 Boy's Football (Astro) | | All Girl's Netball (playground) | |
| LUNCHTIME | | | Y7-9 Volleyball Club (sports hall) | | |

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| AFTER SCHOOL | | | Y7-9 Basketball Club (sports hall) | Y7-8 Boy's Football (Astro) | All Girl's Football (Astro) |
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| CREATIVE PERFORMANCE ARTS CLUBS 2023/24 | | | | | |
| DAY | DANCE | DRAMA | | MUSIC | |
| MON | KS3 Dance Rehearsal Slot CPA Lower Studio Break KS3 Dance Club CPA Lower Studio Lunch | LAMDA CPA Lower Studio 15:45 – 16:45 --- Year 11 Drama Surgery CPA Upper Studio 15:45 – 17:00 | | PRACTICE ROOMS Year 9 Lunch Time --- GCSE Music Coursework LS41 15:45 – 17:00 | |
| TUES | KS3 Dance Competition Team Rehearsals CPA Lower Studio 15:00-16:30 | Year 9 Drama Rehearsals CPA Lower Studio Lunchtime | | *LS CHOIR (Y7-9) LS39 1:05-1:35 --- Orchestra Enrichment / LS Choir LS39 / LS41 15:00– 16:00 | |
| WED | GCSE Dance Rehearsals CPA Upper Studio Break/Lunch GCSE Dance Rehearsal/Interventions CPA Upper Studio 15:45 – 17:00 | LAMDA CPA Lower Studio 15:45 – 16:45 --- Year 10 Drama Surgery CPA Upper Studio 15:45 – 17:00 | | PRACTICE ROOMS Year 8 Lunch Time --- Jazz Band LS39 16:00 – 16:45PM GCSE Music Coursework LS41 15:45 – 17:00PM | |
| THURS | Senior Dance Company CPA Upper Studio 15:00-17:00 KS3 Dance Rehearsals CPA Lower Studio Break/Lunch Boys Dance Company FYT 15:00-16:00 | Year 8 Drama Rehearsals CPA Lower Studio Lunchtime | | PRACTICE ROOMS Year 7 Lunch Time --- Garageband Club / Battle of the Bands Enrichment LS41 / LS39 15:00 – 16:00 | |
| FRI | GCSE Dance Rehearsals/Interventions CPA Upper Studio Lunch GCSE Dance Rehearsals/Interventions CPA Upper Studio 15:00 – 17:00 | Year 7 Drama Rehearsals CPA Lower Studio Lunchtime | | PRACTICE ROOMS Performance practice – Invite Only --- US Choir (Y9-11) CPA Lower Studio 15:15 – 16:00 | |
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| <u>LGBTQ+ Club:</u> | | | | | |
|  LGBTQ+ Lunch Club: a place where LGBTQ+ students and allies can come together to share some lunch, make some friends, and discuss issues relevant to our community. Groups will be meeting weekly at both sites, in LF06 at Lower School on Fridays and in UF08 at Upper School on Mondays. | | | | | |
| Please look out for details of our homework club and study hall in next week's newsletter. | | | | | |
| YOUNG GOBAL AMBASSADORS – Ms Clarke | | | | | |



The Archer Young Global Ambassadors met for the first time on Friday lunchtime in the beautiful lower school garden. We inspected our plants and began to make plans for the year ahead.

We hope to invite new Year 7s to join us very soon. Please watch this space if you are interested in green and global issues.

DEPTH ASSESSMENT FORTNIGHT – Mrs Gillham

Our first depth assessment fortnight will take place from 10th - 20th October. Students will sit assessments in each subject during normal lesson time to allow them to demonstrate the progress they have made so far this term.

Depth Assessment Fortnight Timetable:

An assessment timetable is being created for all year groups by Heads of Year. These will be published to students on MS Teams during the week of Monday 2nd October. Students should ensure that they are clear of when their assessment is for each subject. Please do encourage them to speak to their subject teacher if they need further support or clarification on this.

Getting ready for Depth Assessment Fortnight – Revision Top Tip 1

As Depth Assessment Fortnight approaches, students should try to organise their work and condense it into manageable chunks so that they are revising the key information and ideas. Here are some top tips on how to condense your notes and keep the main points in mind:

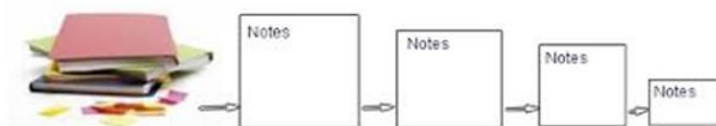
Revision techniques

Condense your notes:

- Reduce what is in your folder/exercise book/textbook;
- Read through what you need to summarise and highlight/underline key points;
- Use headings and subheadings to organise ideas
- Keep notes brief;
- Write everything in a way that you understand;
- Do not copy huge chunks out;
- Add detail from your own knowledge
- Underline key words; highlight; write in different coloured pens;
- Use bullet points, arrows or numbers to keep it clear and organised;
- Leave spaces to add points;
- Use arrows or dotted lines to link points.

Hints to condense the information.

- Newspaper headlines are the best examples of condensed information. The most important aspect of the information in the report focused in the headline.
- Use short words for long words e.g. plane for aeroplane.
- Use abbreviations or acronyms instead of whole words. In ambiguous cases include last letter in the abbreviation e.g. bldg. for building, advt. for advertisement.
- Avoid writing complete sentences.
- Use reduced verb forms e.g. write 'written' for 'has been written'



MS Teams:

All students in Years 8-11 should be checking MS Teams daily to ensure that they are clear of homework being set for each subject. If any student in Year 8-11 is still unsure of their login details, they should speak to their Head of Year to get a reminder.

Students in Year 7 are mostly up and running with MS Teams. They should expect to get core subject homework from Monday 25th September. Please do speak to form tutors or subject teachers where you have a concern or need further clarification.

Please note that Teams can be frequently used to communicate key information to the year group and students must continue to check it regularly to ensure they are up to date with communication.

New dates for MS Teams parent workshops are being confirmed and will be communicated in next week's newsletter.

This week, our Upper School Prefects have been peer teaching Year 7 to support them with logging into their new school IT accounts and Microsoft Teams. These dedicated prefects were superb role models, ensuring Year 7's felt confident to easily log into Teams to view and complete their upcoming homework assignments. Well done to Evie, Alfie, Robin, Jonah, Nataliya, Sonny and Theo for their leadership and commitment to helping our Year 7 students and exemplifying the spirit and support that defines our school community. If your Year 7 child needs further support logging into Teams, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.



OPEN EVENING – Mrs Ruback Wednesday 27th September

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents and children to our Open Evening on Wednesday 27th September from 6-9pm at lower school. Please do spread the word about Open Evening to anyone who is interested in applying for a place at Archer.

Miss Harrison's talks during the evening are now fully booked, but we still very much encourage new families to come along to our Open Evening to get a sense of what Archer Academy life is like, take a guided tour of the school, meet teachers and students, and explore classrooms and activities.

For further information, please click <http://thearcheracademy.org.uk/opportunities-to-visit-us/>
Thank you to all Archer students who are helping at Open Evening.



WELCOME FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION – Jess Curtis and Chris Kurt-Gabel



Archer Academy is fortunate to have an active and dedicated Parents Association who work throughout the year to put on events to bring the wider school community together. The association helps to raise vital funds to support the school in doing those little extras that make it such a special place to learn and be part of. None of this would be possible without the parents giving their time and energy to make things happen. As Co-Chairs of the PA we wanted to welcome everyone back and encourage as many of you as possible to get involved.

As a charity, we have to hold an Annual General Meeting which this year will be on **Wednesday 29th November** at 7pm and all are welcome to attend. We hope lots of you will join us at the AGM to find out how you can get involved in helping out with all the great work that the PA does.

We are also planning a number of social events throughout the year which include a groovy winter student disco, a parent's bingo night, the amazing Archer's Got Talent show and finally culminating in

Archella, our summer festival. Our first social of the year will be on **Monday 16th October** from 6-7.30pm. We hope you will come along and chat to other parents over drinks and nibbles.

If you'd like to get involved in the Archer Parents Association, please email parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you at our events this year.

Parent Association Chairs, Chris Kurt-Gabel and Jess Curtis



WELCOME TO ARCHER'S NEW GOVERNORS – Claire Straus

We are delighted to welcome Claire Straus as the new Archer Academy Chair of Governors.



Claire Straus was previously Vice Chair of Governors, and was elected Chair of Governors in July 2023. Claire is also Chair of the Headteacher Performance Management Panel, and part of the Pastoral & Wellbeing Committee, Pay Committee and Communications Working Party.

We also welcome six new community governors to the Archer Academy governing board.



From left to right:

Jessica Leigh - Pastoral and Wellbeing Committee. Link Governor Student Voice

Kevin Matthews - Finance and audit committee, Pay Committee, Resources Committee.
Link Governor PE

Arianne Heinrich - Education and Standards Committee, Pay Committee. Link Governor Science

Chris Stimpson - Pastoral and Wellbeing Committee, Fundraising and Business Development Committee. Link Governor English

Katy Whitney - Pastoral and Wellbeing Committee. Pupil Premium Link Governor, Deputy Safeguarding Link Governor

Tony Brown - Finance and Audit Committee. Link Governor Maths

School governors are responsible for providing support and challenge to the headteacher and senior leadership team. They oversee the school's strategy and monitor its progress, ensuring it is operating efficiently and effectively. You can take a look at our full governing board members here:

<https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/governing-board/>

PARENT SUPPORT – Ms Wallace

Here at the Archer Academy, we recognise that parenting our children can sometimes be challenging. To support parents, our Learning Mentor Diane Wallace, a trained facilitator in several parenting programmes, is available to give you an opportunity to talk through any difficulties you may be experiencing and to support you to find solutions.

Please contact Ms Wallace via email mrsdwallace@thearcheracademy.org.uk to book an appointment for an informal chat with a cup of tea and a biscuit.



PE UPDATE – Mr Clark



The Year 7 boys football team had their first game of their secondary school career on Wednesday, against Bishop Douglass at home.

They got off to a strong start with Bo beating 2 players, winning a free kick on the edge of the area. Asher converted the free kick with a curling effort over the wall. Bishop Douglass came back to lead 2-1, however Bo scored an equaliser with a strong left foot from outside of the area.

In the second half, Asher scored his second after a throw ball from Charlie. A lovely finish with the outside of his right foot.

Oli scored our 4th with a long-range effort into the bottom left corner. The team played well putting together some silky passing phases of play. However, it wasn't meant to be, and Bishop Douglass ran out eventual 5-4 winners. Lots of positives to take from the game and an encouraging start. Well done!

Year 10 FCSE FRENCH AND SPANISH RESULTS – Mr Mustafa



A huge congratulations must go to our Year 10 cohort who received their **Foundation Certificate of Secondary Education (FCSE)** results for French and Spanish on Thursday 14th September. The year group worked incredibly hard to secure an amazing set of results and they now have a recognised qualification to acknowledge their achievements in French and Spanish.

The Modern Foreign Languages department could not be prouder of them and we are very much looking forward to where this takes our Year 10 linguists next. Well done Year 10!





GROW

Let's Get Growing

FREE After School Club
For Free School Meal and Looked After
Children
Aged 9 - 14

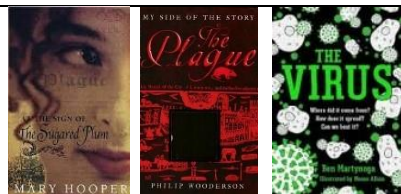
Wednesdays 3:30pm-5:30pm
GROW Farm @ TTA

Chicken care
Seed sowing
Harvesting, watering, weeding
Fire-making & cooking
And more!
 Click **HERE** to sign up

www.wearegrow.org / wearegrow_
 GROW Farm, The Totteridge Academy, N208AZ

FREE after school club on the GROW Farm for 9-14 year old free school meal recipients and looked after children every Wednesday, 3:30pm-5:30pm. **CLICK [HERE](#) TO SIGN UP**

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist and Mrs Horwitz



Thematic Learning:

Year 8: There are still a few books left for the **Diseases Unit**. Ask Ms Appelquist for recommendations.

Year 8 Author Visit:



On Tuesday, Year 8 were treated to a visit from Sophie McKenzie, best-selling author and queen of teen thrillers such as ***Girl, Missing*** and ***The Medusa Project*** series. Sophie introduced her exciting new thriller ***Secret Sister***, took questions from our student panel, and signed copies of her book for students. Ms McKenzie later said she was very impressed with our panel. Thank you to **Maab, Miriam, Briseide, Clara SP and Isabel!**

Events:.

Bookshop Day, Saturday the 14th of October, will see author AF Steadman visiting the Children's Bookshop in Muswell Hill to sign her popular ***Unicorn Thief*** series.

From Upper Library...

Welcome Back! So, come on in, visit the library, and make yourselves at home again! A warm welcome to all and especially the Year 10's, please pop in to say hi.



A Reminder of our Library Hours

LIBRARY HOURS



Monday: 08h30 – 17h00
Tuesday: 09h30 – 17h00
Wednesday: 09h30 – 17h00
Thursday: 09h30 – 17h00
Friday: 08h30 – 16h00

We have a policy of NO Eating and/or Drinking in the Library!

New@ Upper

The Archer Upper Library Specialised Art Section (Dewey 700-779)

We have processed, accessioned, catalogued and consolidated all the Art Books (Art, Painting, Photography, Drawing, Architecture, Sculpture) and created a specialist Art shelf. Herewith Ms Mendelowitz's Enrichment Arts and Crafts students enjoying the library and using the art books to find their own image for their lino print project.



So looking forward to hearing from you via email mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk or come in and visit!

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 – Mr Constantinou

I genuinely enjoyed meeting so many of your children this week. It is lovely to be able to sit down 1-1 and give full attention to each of them. I already look forward to doing it again in January. I will share key themes with you following the completion of the whole process, which I hope you will find useful. However I can gladly share with all of you that each and every one of them said they needed to increase their levels of revision, please support them as best as you can with this at home.

There will also be some key themes shared from the 1-1 interview around preparation, organisation, and meeting deadlines! The instructions were shared quite clearly, so I am therefore unsure why some students have not prepared properly for interviews and are therefore not maximising the opportunity. The only disappointment in an otherwise fantastic week of interviews.

I would like to thank you all for your continued help in supporting our students in coming to school with the right equipment and uniform. The difference is stark. Can I please urge that as the weather gets colder we ensure that students are not wearing hoodies and jumpers to school. Students may wear their Archer school jumper (not hoodie) under their blazer when cold and an outdoor jacket/coat while outdoors only.

Stars of the week



Cara S – for supporting a student in Year 10 when they were upset
Rita F – for a brilliant start to psychology. Going above and beyond

Year 10 – Mr McSherry

Now it feels as though we are really up and running!

Students have started to settle and really get to know the staff here at Upper School.

Please continue to support your child in having positive interactions with staff and ensure they are wearing full school uniform. A reminder that they are never to wear PE kit to school.

With regards to PE days, students are to come into school in full school uniform and bring their PE kit in their bag. If they have a sporting enrichment, or are involved in competitive sport, they are to bring their kit with them to school, and ensure they are wearing, you guessed it, full school uniform.

I wonder if you could pose some key questions to your child this weekend, in an attempt to create a discussion:

1. Who is in front of you, and who is behind you, in your alphabetical tutor group line?
2. Are you working hard in the classroom? Are you showing your teachers the best version of you?

If you could, I would be most grateful.

Stars of the week



William S, Armin T and Lucas W – for ably supporting a new student in the year group and showing excellent organisational skills in doing so

Year 9 – Ms Le

It has been a fantastic week for our Year 9 students. Their exceptional dedication and enthusiasm across various subjects have been truly inspiring.

I am particularly impressed by the outstanding contributions of my Year 9 SPPEC class. Their active engagement and effort have truly stood out and made this week memorable.

During tutor time this week, Year 9 delved into the topic of protected characteristics. Please take a moment to ask your child what they've learned and how we can collectively enhance their awareness and understanding of these important aspects.

Moreover, congratulations are in order for 9L-TCA, who have earned the most merits this week. Their exemplary performance sets a high standard for the entire year group. I know Mr. Cassidy is thrilled with his form's achievement.

Stars of the Week



Matteo NB (9S-KCL) and Nathan H (9S-SMU) – for their effort and contributions in class

Year 8 – Mr Hilton

3029. I'm delighted to say that is the number of merits Year 8 have received since the start of the year. That shows the dedication and hard work they have been putting in. I've have been particularly impressed by the number of book reviews that Ms Appelquist has received. It has been a great joy to see the books our Year 8 students have been reading.

I know your child will be excited with their Enrichment choices, as a new teacher to Archer Academy, it is absolutely fantastic the choices we are able to offer. I look forward to hearing about all their activities in the coming weeks. We have our first football matches this week and next, so good luck to our teams! Finally, well done to our Year 8 students who have been selected to take part in our Junior Dance Competition.

Stars of Week



Kai RJ – for writing an absolutely fascinating football story
Hannah A – for her work on a big clothes collection for Bounds Green Foodbank for her Bat Mitzvah project

Year 7 – Mr Raghuveer

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Year 7 on their superb conduct during Baseline Assessments. Students have done very well this week and have learnt valuable skills by completing a series of formal assessments so diligently.

Next week will hopefully feel like a return to normality with regular scheduled lessons resuming, and Year 7 will undoubtedly continue to impress me and their teachers with their inquisitiveness and engagement.

Homework in core subjects begins next week and students will have received their logins and passwords from myself and our wonderful Year 11 prefects who have patiently helped almost the entire year group with the practicalities of logging onto Microsoft Teams. If there are any questions, please do contact your child's tutor or class teacher in the first instance.

Moving on to some key dates:

1. Year 7 Settling-In Meeting – Monday 2nd October, 4.30pm. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's tutor to discuss how they have settled into life as an Archer.
2. Kingswood Parent Meeting - Monday 16th October, 5pm. Parents will meet with myself to discuss our upcoming Kingswood residential, followed by welcome drinks from 6-7.30pm hosted by our Parents Association. Please book your place through the link that has been sent previously.

Finally, on Kingswood, please do ensure you have secured your deposit in the next week. If you have any questions about the trip, do reach out to me on: mriraghuveer@thearcheracademy.org.uk.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Stars of the week



Fatima A – for your wonderful and warm nature in your interactions with students and staff alike
Katherine D – for exemplary conduct in your lessons

DATA PROTECTION – Michele Harrison

Our data protection policies are available on our website including our Privacy Notice for Students and Parents which explains how we hold and process your personal information. Please contact Michele Harrison dpo@Thearcheracademy.org.uk if you have any questions in relation to these policies.