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13th October 2023

Dear all,

A huge well done must go to our Yr7 and Yr9 netball teams this week for their tremendous victories! September 2023 has been our most successful in sporting competitions, across all sports and year groups, and we so look forward to ongoing success. I becoming hopeful that the trophy cabinet may need to be expanded.

Following our Maths Review last week, we were pleased to enable a further review of our full curriculum on Tuesday. These opportunities are pivotal to staff as we seek to ensure we are always asking ourselves the right questions, evaluating our work and seeking both outstanding experiences and outcomes for our young people. The outcome of the review was excellent, with the reviewer commenting that this is 'one of the most memorable schools' they have had the opportunity to review. The significance of this statement was not lost on me, when considering the scope of the external reviewer's role across a number of schools in England. What truly stood out to both the inspectors and myself (as ever) was the skill, commitment and pride of our students in their school alongside the commitment, skill and pride of staff.

It was a delight to host our first concert of the academic year this week, our annual Year 7 Soloists' Concert. It was wonderful to see our Year 7 students shine, brimming with confidence and afford their audience the time to simply enjoy beautiful music and celebrate in the accomplishments of our very talented young people. Well done all!

On Friday 20th October we are very much looking forward to our non school uniform day. Students should come to school in their own clothes and bring £1 as a charity donation. We will be raising money for the London Black Women's Project as part of our wider work surrounding Black History Month. We very much hope that this day will enable our young people to positively engage with their wider community and make a difference to others.

Finally, I would like to recognise the tremendous effort and maturity that all students have put into the first week of Depth Assessment Fortnight. I have been so impressed by how diligently the students have taken this opportunity to sit formal assessments and look forward to celebrating their successes with them.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison Headteacher

Thought for the week: "Don't wait until you've reached your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take toward reaching that goal." Simone Biles,

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Key dates over the next two months:

October

Tues 10th-Fri 20th - Depth Assessment Fortnight

Mon 16th – Year 7 Kingswood parent meeting, 5-6pm. Parent Social for all parents 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. Own clothes day, bring £1.

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 7-11 parents

Mon 13th – Fri 17th Nov – FREE Week (no homework or assessments)

Fri 17th – Year 7 parent coffee morning, 9-10.30am

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

COMMUNICATION









To see photos and follow school news: Facebook @TheArcherAcademy Instagram @archeracademy LinkedIn @archeracademy

To join your tutor group's parent WhatsApp group, please email kruback@thearcheracademy.org.uk

PARENTS ASSOCIATION SOCIAL EVENING - Jess Curtis and Chris Kurt-Gabel Monday 16th October



We look forward to seeing you on **Monday 16th October** at 6pm for drinks and nibbles at lower school. Chat to other parents and hear about the Parents Associations' upcoming plans and events this year.

All parents ARE warmly invited. This event will take place directly after the Year 7 Kingswood meeting.

10 DAY DONATION CHALLENGE – Miss Harrison 13th–22nd October



Set up a monthly donation to our Parent Contribution Scheme before 22nd October

Like most state schools, we ask that all parents set up a <u>monthly donation</u> to our **Parent Contribution Scheme**. These voluntary donations are crucial in bridging the gap between the money we receive from the government and the outstanding opportunities we offer our students.

Over the next 10 days, one of our generous donors will give £10 to the Archer Academy every time someone sets up a new monthly donation to our Parent Contribution Scheme, or increases their existing donation amount. All you need to do to set up or increase your monthly donation is click here

The money you donate will go towards outstanding resources for each and every Archer student, including excellent enrichment courses, counselling sessions, state of the art DT, science, and IT equipment, PE resources such as climbing wall sessions, specialist apparatus, coaching and competitions, recreational outdoor equipment including picnic tables and table tennis tables, the school minibus to transport students to sports matches, dance and drama festivals and DofE expeditions, musical instruments and external music workshops and much more.

The average amount that parents donate ranges from £10 - £150 per month, per child. Any amount, large or small, makes a difference.

Please sign up today, by clicking https://form.jotform.com/231283813454354 We really appreciate your support.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS – Claire Straus

The Archer governing board is pleased to announce the election of Greg Ruback as new Parent Governor. Thank you to all the candidates for standing and showing their commitment and willingness to serve in this important role.

We would like to congratulate Greg and look forward to working with him on the Archer board of governors.



SCHOOL CLUBS - Ms Galliver

A reminder of school clubs on offer this term:

Football

Year 7-8 boys – Thursday after school Year 9 boys – Tuesday 7.30am All girls – Friday after school

Volleyball

Year 7-9 – Wednesday lunchtime

Basketball

Year 7-9 – Wednesday after school

Netball

All Years - Thursdays 7.30am

Choir

Lower – Tuesday lunchtime Upper – Friday after school

Jazz Band

All Years – Wednesday after school

Dance Club

Year 7-9 - Monday and Thursday lunchtime

Drama Club

Year 7-9 – Friday lunchtime Year 8 – Thursday lunchtime Year 8 – Tuesday lunchtime

LGBTQ+ Club

Lower – Friday lunchtime Upper – Monday lunchtime

Homework Club

Upper – Monday-Friday after school Lower – Monday-Friday lunchtime

Empower Society (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)

Meets once a term. Next meet up – Friday 3rd November, lunchtime, lower school

Feminist Society

Lower – Wednesday lunchtime Upper – Thursday lunchtime

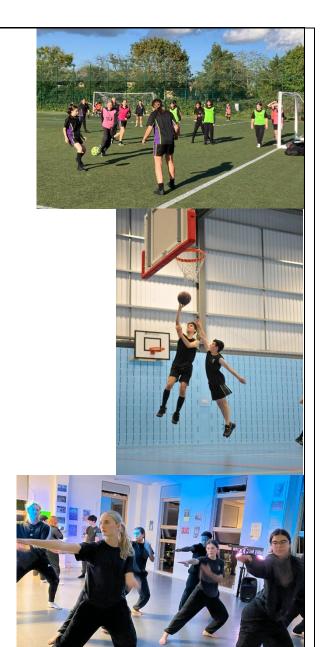
LAMDA Speech and Drama Classes

Year 8 – Monday after school Year 9 – Wednesday after school

For more information on clubs, please email MsJGalliver@Thearcheracademy.org.uk

DEPTH ASSESSMENT FORTNIGHT - Mrs Gillham

All students are currently working hard on their depth assessments and have shown an incredibly positive attitude to both revision and completing the assessments. Once all assessments are completed, subject departments will spend time marking the assessments and moderating the work to





ensure that standards are consistent across each class. This process will be completed across the next week and students will have their assessments returned during the w/c 6th November.

Please encourage your child to record their grades and have a clear understanding of what they did well and what needs to be improved. It is important that each student uses feedback effectively to continue to progress in each subject.

FLU IMMUNISATION - Ms Rodis

Flu immunisations (nasal spray) are taking place at Lower and Upper school sites on **Monday 27th November 2023** for the whole school. If you would like the nurse team to administer the vaccine to your child, you must give prior consent, by clicking on the link below by 23rd November. The school code is: CL139594

Immunisation Consent (clchschoolimmunisations.co.uk

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – Mr Carter



As part of our work on Black History Month and this year's theme 'Celebrating Black Women', we encourage students to wear their own clothes on **Friday 20th October**, and bring in £1 which will go to the London Black Women's Project, providing essential services and safe spaces for Black, Asian and minoritised women who have experienced violence and abuse. https://www.lbwp.co.uk.

Thank you for your support.

GCSE DRAMA TRIP – Mr Carter

Year 11 GCSE drama students enjoyed a trip to the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre on Wednesday evening to see a spine-chilling production of the ghost story The Woman In Black.



PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP - Ms Clarke

Year 10 photographers managed to dodge the rain to capture details of iconic buildings at the Barbican on Thursday.



PE NOTICE - Mr Clark



Our rugby lessons are well underway here at the Archer. In order to teach tackling and contact rugby safely, please ensure your child has a gum shield/mouth guard.

Also, please be aware that metal studs are not permitted on the Astro turf. Moulds, plastic studs or Astro turf trainers are required to avoid slipping in the wet weather.

SUPPORT THE PHOENIX CINEMA - Mrs Ruback

The Phoenix is facing a new wave of economic challenges with increases in energy costs and overheads, disruption in the film industry due to actors and writers strikes, and audience figures still down on pre-pandemic levels.

We know how much the Phoenix means to the East Finchley community. If you would like to help ensure they can keep their doors open and remain independent, here are a few ways you can show your support:



BECOME A FRIEND

Did you know that membership for 15-26 year olds is FREE and offers £5 tickets (cheaper than the VUE!) and a free popcorn with the purchase of any drink? Plus, adult membership is only £35 and gets you 3 free cinema tickets and £2 off additional tickets https://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk/become-a-friend

MAKE A DONATION

There is the option to add a small donation onto each ticket purchase, or to make a larger donation if you are able. https://www.phoenixcinema.co.uk/support-us

TREAT YOURSELF

When you visit, buy something from the café/bar to enjoy with your film. Every purchase helps keep the doors of your local independent cinema open.

BOOK A MOVIE (OR EVEN A SCREENING OF A BALLET, OPERA OR THEATRE PRODUCTION!)

If you haven't been to the Phoenix for a while, come back and enjoy the brand new hi-definition laser projector and screen, and thanks to a grant from Barnet Council, a brand new audio system with state of the art Dolby 7.1 surround sound is coming very soon.

Thank you for supporting the Phoenix Cinema - a not-for-profit cinema at the heart of the East Finchley community, committed to quality films and community activities.

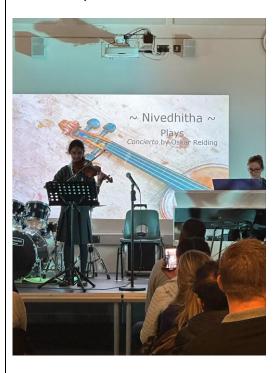
WELCOME NEW JOINERS - Miss Harrison

It was lovely to host mid-morning tea with Miss Harrison this week to welcome our new lower school students who have joined across various year groups. Well done on a great start to Archer life!



SOLOIST CONCERT AND MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES - Mr Woodward

Congratulations to all the Year 7 students who took part in the soloist concert on Thursday evening. We are so proud of their beautiful vocal and instrumental performances.









A reminder that the music practice rooms at lower school are open as follows:

. Year 7 – Thursday lunchtime

Year 8 – Wednesday lunchtime

Year 9 - Monday lunchtime

Also, on offer from the music department:

Choir

Lower – Tuesday lunchtimes Upper – Fridays after school

Jazz Band

All Years – Wednesdays after school at Lower

We look forward to welcoming you to our Winter Concert on **Tuesday 19**th **December.** If your child would like to be involved, please ask them to come and see Mr Woodward.

DECADE OF DANCE - Miss Harris

Well done to the Archer dance students who choreographed a beautiful new dance piece entitled 'Decade of Dance' to showcase Archer's contributions in dance over the last 10 years. They performed it to all students in assembly and there will be other opportunities to see the piece during this year.



RESOURCES FOR STAYING SAFE ONLINE - Ms Mahoney

Please see below some useful websites and resources to help keep your child safe online:

https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers



https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#advice

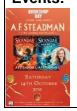
LIBRARY CORNER - Ms Appelquist and Mrs Horwitz



Year 7 Free Book!

This week is the *last opportunity* to choose your FREE book. Make sure you log onto **Teams** and check out the **Year 7 Team** for instructions on how to make your choice! There are so many good options, from the latest instalment of *The School for Good and Evil* to the hilarious *Adam Kay's Marvellous Medicine*. If you need any advice, ask Ms Appelquist.

Events:



Fans of Skandar and the Unicorn Thief will want to come along to The Children's Bookshop in Muswell Hill with a book signing from author AF Steadman. Saturday 14th October from 3pm.



Coming soon to a cinema near you: *White Bird*, RJ Palacio's graphic novel set in the same universe as *Wonder*, has been adapted into a film. The story is of Julian's grandmother, a young Jewish girl in occupied France who is hidden during the Second World War. Read the book before you see the heart-rending, hopeful film! Available in the Lower School Library.

Ready for Halloween?



Come to the library to pick out a spooky read for the half term holiday!



Denzel can see ghosts – he just doesn't know it. A funny adventure with a spectral twist.



Secret diaries, horrifying scarecrows, and a terrible wraith that only Aveline can outwit make this short and spooky read a real page-turner!

From the Upper Library...





Reminder: We have a policy of NO Eating and/or Drinking in the library!

Look forward to hearing from you mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk or come in and visit!

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr Constantinou

It has been a very settled week and Year 11 certainly seem to have thrown themselves into their depth assessment period. One week down, one more to go. Do ensure your child is preparing as best they

can for this important monitoring point. Students should hopefully be working hard at home in preparation, not only for these, but also for their December mock exams which will swiftly follow.

Can I remind you to please engage with the bulletin when it is sent out each week, this is the central point of communication through Year 11 and is the one stop shop for all key information throughout the year. Make sure you are having conversations with your child around the points included.

Next week is the last of the half term. Unbelievably that means that we only have four more half terms until the students officially leave for study leave, and the end of their Archer journey. It also means that we have less than four half terms until the GCSE's start. 13th May 2024, a key date in all of your diaries I am sure.

Stars of the week



Sylia BB and Maya J – for earning a huge amount of merits this week, working hard, engaging with school life and being perfect Archer students.

Year 10 - Mr McSherry

Enrichments is now fully up and running on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so we now have a full timetable!

I want to take this opportunity to stress that if your child is interested in changing their enrichment then this is by request, and is by no means certain. There is a process and in the first instance please do encourage your child to come and see me.

This week, we visited Cherry Tree Woods twice, on Thursday and Friday. This arrangement will continue until half-term and will be reviewed then.

I do hope that the students involved in the prize giving ceremony next week are looking forward to the occasion. They should be very proud. Regardless of the award, it is a significant achievement where only a few can be selected. You should also be very proud, and you deserve your moment as well.

We are approaching half-term and the year group have made a strong start to Year 10 and life at Upper School. I am looking forward to finishing the half-term just as strongly as we started it.

Have a lovely weekend, rest and recharge and get your child ready for the final push before their first half term break of Year 10.

Stars of the week



Mehrzad Z – for applying himself fully in his fitness enrichment and supporting others in doing the same, well done!

Nittai L – for entertaining everyone during social times, and for ably discussing his option subjects with staff.

Year 9 - Ms Le

Well done to year 9 for such a tremendous week. I know how hard you've worked inside and outside of school to prepare yourself for assessment fortnight.

Please do spend time over the weekend continuing to prepare for your remaining assessments, but equally find time to wind down.

Remember to email your teachers directly if you need further direction. Please seek support from your tutors across next week if you have any concerns too.

Congratulations to all students who represented the school across all sports fixtures this week. Well done and keep up the hard work.

Next week brings us to the end of the first half term and I am so proud of everything the year group has achieved so far, from beginning their GCSE foundation courses to completing their first set of assessments.

Stars of the Week



Neave K and Emily B – for giving their enrichment 100% effort

Year 8 – Mr Hilton

Our students have been working hard this week across different subjects. I know they've been revising hard preparing for their Science, Art and Drama assessments with more to come next week. It was fantastic to see some of the Dance assessments and how proud they were of their performances. Please note that Year 8 English and Maths assessments are on Monday.

Our boys football team fought hard for a 3-3 draw away from home. I know like the girls' team they will look to take a win in their next game.

Stars of the Week



Sonny S - doing an outstanding job in helping Mr Raghuveer with Year 8 taster lessons on Wednesday Pedro FM – showing excellent consideration during a lesson this week.

Year 7 - Mr Raghuveer

Well done. This week began with some important discussions around the wider world as well as Year 7's first exams in their depth assessment fortnight. I have been impressed with the maturity shown by the year group this week and it stands them in good stead for the future. There have been so many events this week it will be hard to mention it all, but I will try: Thank you to the numerous volunteers this week at the Year 6 Taster Lessons, I was so impressed with how you welcomed Year 6 students into the building. I look forward to future events and involving more of the year group; thank you to all performers, parents watching, and to Mr Woodward and Ms Kennedy for the Year 7 soloist concert and finally congratulations to the Year 7 Netball Team for a wonderful debut performance!

Next week sees the final week of this half term and will be a chance to celebrate all that has been accomplished by our, not so much new, cohort! Next Thursday in Assembly will mark the end of the first positivity drive for Year 7. We are currently on over 2700 achievement points and I look forward to this increasing even more after half term.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing parents at the Kingswood Information meeting on Monday. Please use this link to register your attendance: https://form.jotform.com/232552522865357

The event will be followed by a social run by our parents' association, do come along for a chat.

Stars of the week



Evie RJ - For her willingness to help out in her community Yeva V - For already gaining 100 achievement points. Outstanding work!

DATA PROTECTION - Michele Harrison

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