

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear all,

It has been wonderful to welcome staff and students back to school this week as we launch into the second half of the autumn term. We have certainly got off to a powerful start, with enrichment now in full swing for all year groups, Year 7 enjoying their Kingswood residential and a Core Subjects Evening for Year 11. Alongside this, students have been receiving their assessment results and focusing carefully on using their teacher's feedback to plan their targets to further accelerate their progress – do please discuss this with your child.

I am delighted to share with all parents that the Department for Education has now published the performance tables for secondary schools in England. The Department for Education has published the school's Progress 8 figure at 0.73 and our Attainment 8 at 60.1. These are the highest scores achieved by the school to date and firmly place us in the top 10% of all schools nationally. Furthermore, in comparison to national averages and Barnet averages, we have performed above (and significantly above in some cases) in all categories. The data is available to view at <https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>. This is incredible news for the school and we are simply so proud of the achievements of our students.

The weather has been particularly inclement this week. Please may I actively encourage all students to wear a coat to school.

Once again, thank you to all parents who got involved with our '10 Day Donation Challenge' to unlock wider funding before Half Term. Our Parent Contribution Scheme provides such valuable additional resources to our school, ensuring that our students get the very best. Simply thank you for enabling such an increase in our regular income, the difference that this will make will be significant and has never been more important.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison  
Headteacher

**Thought for the week:** *"Respect yourself and others will respect you."* Confucius, The Sayings of Confucius

## 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:

### November

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> – How To Have Difficult Conversations, Parent Workshop with Sophia Davison, 6.15pm

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – FREE Week (no homework or assessments)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 parent coffee morning and mental health Q&A, 9-10.30am

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> – Learning Review Day (timetable suspended for 1-1 meetings with tutors). Cultural Society trip to see SIX The Musical [booked up]

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccination for Years 7-11

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> – Parents Association AGM, 7pm, lower school

### December

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – School closed for Occasional Day  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup>- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 11 mock examinations  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening, 4.30-8pm  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> – Lower school disco, 6-8pm [please note date change from 7<sup>th</sup> December]  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup>- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – The Big Draw Week  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Winter Concert, 6.30pm  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term. Midday finish

## COMMUNICATION



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## HOW TO HAVE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP – Sophia Davison

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 6.15-7.30pm**

Adolescent psychotherapist and Head of our school counselling team, Sophia Davison, will be running a session on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** from 6.15-7.30pm at lower school entitled '**How to have difficult conversations with your teen**'.

This is open to all parents throughout the school and will address some of the topics parents and adolescents describe as being difficult to talk about with one another, including suicide and self-harm, sex and relationships, eating disorders, and the state of the world. Sophia will share practical techniques which can help young people to talk.

Sophia is also running a workshop for Year 7 parents on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9-10.30am**. This will be a coffee morning with a Mental Health Q&A. Sofia invites Year 7 parents to send in an anonymous question on the form below about any aspect of their child's mental health and she will respond during the session: <https://form.jotform.com/233042938630353>

Please see below other upcoming parent workshops led by Sophia Davison:



**PARENT WORKSHOPS WITH SOPHIA DAVISON**  
**ADOLESCENT PSYCHOTHERAPIST**



**8TH NOVEMBER**  
 6.15–7.30PM  
 HOW TO HAVE  
 DIFFICULT  
 CONVERSATIONS  
 WITH YOUR TEEN

**15TH MAY**  
 6.15–7.30PM  
 UNDERSTANDING THE  
 TEENAGE BRAIN

**17TH NOVEMBER**  
 9–10.30AM  
 MENTAL HEALTH Q&A  
 FOR YEAR 7 PARENTS

**17TH APRIL**  
 6.15–7.30PM  
 HELPING SENSITIVE  
 CHILDREN THRIVE

**31ST JANUARY**  
 6.15PM–7.30PM  
 MANAGING EXAM STRESS  
 FOR YEAR 10–11 PARENTS

**9TH FEBRUARY**  
 9–10.30AM  
 MENTAL HEALTH  
 Q&A

## YEAR 7 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL TRIP – Mr Raghuveer

Year 7 had a fantastic time on their residential this week and got stuck into all the building, climbing, problem-solving and teamwork activities at Kingswood.

I am extremely proud of the effort, resilience and support Year 7 showed one another throughout the trip and for throwing themselves into all the exciting and challenging opportunities on offer.





## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS – Miss Galliver

What clubs do you currently attend? What would you like to see more of?

Please fill in this form to indicate your views on the Archer Academy extra-curricular offer and express your interests. <https://forms.office.com/e/nHUkq0pspN>

Deadline: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 5pm

Lunch Club has launched at lower school, run by prefects and staff. All students are welcome to come along to LF07 any lunchtime to join in with these activities:

Monday – Chess, Colouring, Lego and Reading

Tuesday – Knitting, Colouring, Lego and Reading

Wednesday – Chess, Colouring, Lego and Reading

Thursday – Knitting, Colouring, Lego, Reading

Friday – Literacy

For more information on clubs, please email [MsJGalliver@Thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:MsJGalliver@Thearcheracademy.org.uk)

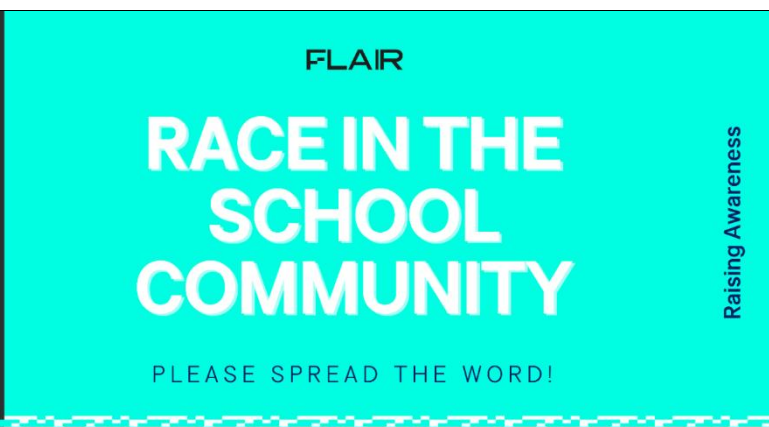
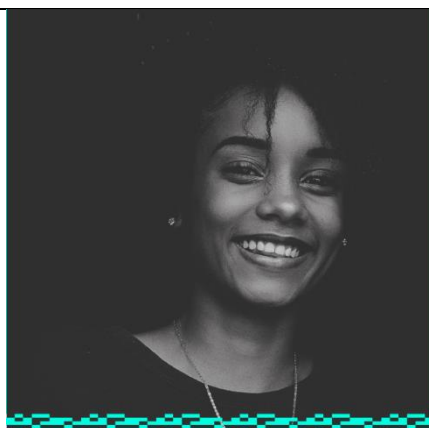
## CLUBS TIMETABLE AUTUMN TERM:

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI

<b>7.30am</b>		Y9 Boys football		Y8 Boys football  All Years netball		
<b>Lunchtime</b>	Y7-9 Dance club  Y10-11 LGBTQ+ club  Y7-9 Homework club  Y7-9 Lunch club	Y9 Drama club  Y7-9 Homework club  Y7-9 Lunch club	Y7-9 Volleyball  Y7-9 Homework club  Y7-9 Feminist Society  Y7-9 Lunch club	Y7-9 Dance club  Y8 Drama club  Y7-9 Homework club  Y10-11 Feminist society  Y7-9 Lunch club	Y7-9 Drama club  Y7-9 LGBTQ+ club  Y7-9 Homework club  Y7-9 Lunch club	
<b>After school</b>	Y10-11 Homework club  Y8 LAMDA Speech and Drama	Y10-11 Homework club	Y7-9 Basketball  All Years Jazz band  Y10-11 Homework club  Y9 LAMDA Speech and Drama	Y7 Boys football  Y10-11 Homework club	Girls football  Y10-11 Choir  Y10-11 Homework club	

## RACE IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY – Ms Mahoney

13<sup>th</sup> November



On 13th November, all students and staff will receive an email invite to take part in an anonymous survey called 'Race In The School Community', run by an external analytics company called FLAIR.

Last year's results provided us with some clear actions to take and this included a focus on anti-racism workshops, the development of the inclusive language charter and training for staff and students on how to raise concerns and address incidents of discrimination.

The questions will provide an opportunity for students and staff to reflect on their views and experiences related to race at school and the responses will help us to understand areas in which we can improve as well as guide our policy decisions.

The survey is anonymous, no names are attached to the responses, and it only takes 10 minutes to complete. We encourage all students to take part and to be completely honest. Once results are in, we will share key findings and action planning will then begin shortly after.

Thank you for playing your part in our efforts to continually improve our culture. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

## **FREE WEEK – Miss Jouhal**

### **13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November**

### **FREE WEEK**



Monday

**1**

**A mindful pause**

Friday

**5**

**Reflect, reset and reposition**

Sunday

**7**

**Get ahead**

'Free Week' will take place from 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November. The aim of Free Week is to simply slow down a little and to enable us to focus solely on the core business of teaching and learning and the joy of deep and rich curiosity into the topics we are studying. It is an opportunity to pause and reflect, to think about what we are learning and how we are feeling.

Free Week will see no homework being set (aside from Year 11), no assessments, academic deadlines, or wider school activities. The focus will be solely on the curriculum and the classroom. Enrichment and Archer Plus will continue as normal, as this is an important aspect of our curriculum.

The aims of the week span beyond no homework. Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their long-term goals and practice mindfulness, and share and capture what they've done over the course of Free Week via MS Teams.

## **THE BIG DRAW COMPETITION – Ms Clarke**



To celebrate The Big Draw Festival beginning on 18<sup>th</sup> December, we are running a drawing competition. Please see details below. The deadline is 8<sup>th</sup> December.



*The 2023 Big Draw Festival theme 'Drawing with Senses' changes the focus from external to internal, exploring the way we personally process the world and internalise our experiences through our senses.*

**The Brief:** Please create a drawing using any media at all that illustrates your own ideas or experiences in any way.

## Archer Academy Drawing Competition Autumn 2023

Hand in to Ms. Clarke by 3pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Suggestion:** You could use any art material (including light with photography)



## 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 to review this information and celebrate the achievements of our students.

Each month, students are awarded the Headteacher Exemplary Effort certificate based on their merits. Significant congratulations go to the winners for September and October (below), such an impressive achievement and students deserve to be very proud of themselves. Headteacher lunches will take place at the end of the month to mark and celebrate the accomplishments of these students. Who might it be in November?

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Georgia I Inaya K Maddalena M Max W Tharwat F Yeva V Katie C Paige V Leyla BS Elisa ST	Ricky C Jay C Kaitlyn G Melana S Daniel M Indigo S Aryan B Luke B Venya H Clara SP	Ionela S Ketevan A Roxanne C Maayan L Ahmedzaki F Atrina R Nina H Rowan F Leo G Alex R	Rafaela A Luca DR Melania S Camelia E Idris F Imogen B Arwen B Danny N Priya T	Sylia BB Theo R Robin S Shlok K Thomas G Matilda S Ash S Alfie P Mujtaba C Arthur M Alastair B

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM – Chris Kurt-Gabel and Jess Curtis**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 7-9pm**



# PARENT'S ASSOCIATION AGM

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO  
COME AND JOIN US

AT

7.00PM

ON

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

ARCHER LOWER SCHOOL

HELP US PLAN

FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



All parents are invited to come along to our Parents Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at lower school.

We will discuss plans for the year ahead and will welcome parents who would like to join the Archer Parents Association. The PA is a great way to feel part of the Archer community and get to know other parents and teachers. We put on fun events for students and parents throughout the year, fundraise and support the school.

Please email [parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk) if you would like to get involved.

## IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON MATHS SCHOOL EVENT – Mrs Sampson Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 5-7pm

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 5-7pm, Imperial College London Mathematics School will be running a 'STEM Adventures' event at Woodhouse College, focusing on women and non-binary individuals in STEM, and would love to see some Archer students there!



The event is completely free and will comprise of two fun and engaging half-hour talks by mathematician Sophie Maclean and nuclear physicist Dr Caroline Shenton-Taylor, followed by a panel with both speakers and student ambassadors from Imperial College London. There will be a chance to network with stalls and refreshments available at the start of the event.

If you would like to attend, please click here: <https://tktp.as/ERWIVJ>

## LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist and Mrs Horwitz

### Lower library:

#### Events:

Are you a budding novelist? The Children's Bookshop is hosting a 5-week creative writing class with author Stephen Butler. Book your tickets early, classes begin on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Also at The Children's Bookshop: Alex Rider fans will be excited to learn that Anthony Horowitz will be signing his books there on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm! Dedicated copies of the newest book Nightshade Revenge are available to pre-order.

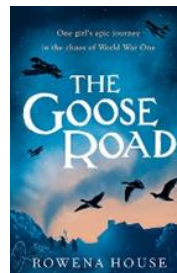


Waterstones Piccadilly is hosting a Queer YA Reunion with a variety of authors such as David Levitan, Simon James Green, and Benjamin Dean on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November.



### Author Visit:

Yesterday, Year 9 were pleased to welcome once again Rowena House, author of their summer read, *The Goose Road*, for a virtual visit. It was such a lovely opportunity to speak with and ask questions of one of our authors, and Y9 did the Archer proud.



### Upper Library:

#### From Upper Library...



**Congratulations** to our Library Monitors for 2023/2024 who have received their badges, completed the duty roster and are ready to lead in the library.

This week, we bid farewell to Mrs Horwitz, our Upper School librarian. We wish her all the best in her new role and thank her for all her hard work in the upper school library.

## HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

### Year 11 – Mr Constantinou

Thank you to those that came to the core subject evening on Wednesday. I hope you found it useful. The resources will be attached with the bulletin this week. Just a brief reminder of the one key thing that I'm asking you to do each week with your child, which is get them to look at the Year 11 Microsoft Team on which you will find the bulletin along with copious amounts of resources for revision.

Applications for six forms should be in full flow at the moment. A reminder that on the post 16 section of the Year 11 Team you can find the dates for all of the Barnet open evenings. Please ensure when putting down contact details for references that, unless the school is a specialist, for example, a CPA college, student should be putting down their form tutors email address.

#### Stars of the week



Finley B – for putting so much work into his leadership role  
Arina K – for a brilliant attitude towards all things

### Year 10 – Mr McSherry

I hope you have seen my email with some information regarding work experience. I will be responding to your queries very soon, I am trying to gather some more information to enable me to do that well, so please bear with me.

I have 3 suggested placements so far, and I shared this with Year 10 in our assembly on Tuesday morning this week.

Have you reached out to any organisations in an attempt to support your child in securing the best possible, aspirational placement for work experience? Have you heard back?

More information will follow.

I have this week added the link to the Microsoft form to our year group's channel on MS Teams - have they shown you? Why not ask to see it!

The Year 10 boys football team recorded a significant win this week, winning away from home for the first time in quite some time. The boys were excellent and applied themselves thoroughly, despite some challenging circumstances. More games to come, in quick succession, so do look out for the letters should your child be involved.

Also, we continue to spend Thursday and Friday at Cherry Tree Woods, despite the changeable weather conditions we are experiencing currently.

Like I said, have a look at their MS Teams, with them, together.

#### **Stars of the week**



Jack E – an accomplished defensive display for the year group's first away win for some time!

#### **Year 9 – Ms Le**

We've had a positive start to the new half-term, and it's wonderful to see our students continuing to excel in their subjects. I'm eagerly looking forward to everything they will achieve this academic term.

As we enter the coming week, we'll be transitioning from our "Drop Everything and Read" program to our Year 9 reading project. I'm delighted to share that the vast majority of our students have secured their copy of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'. However, if your child hasn't obtained a copy yet, please ensure they have one by next Thursday. It's an incredible book that promises to captivate our Year 9 students, and I'm confident they will thoroughly enjoy it.

Exciting news on the horizon! Information regarding our upcoming reward trip and the end-of-year residential to Stubbers will soon be released.

#### **Stars of the Week**



Sienna (9KCL) and Archie (9TCA) – working hard, revising and being fully prepared for assessments

#### **Year 8 – Mr Hilton**

I hope you all managed a restful half term, I've been really pleased overall with how the Year 8's have started. We've unfortunately begun to have some uniform issues within the year group. Your support on checking your child's uniform is correct before they leave for school would be really appreciated.

I'm excited to say that details will be released soon regarding our residential trip this year. This will take place in early July 2024. Our first Learning Review Day is also fast approaching on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, my tutor team and I are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Finally, there are few art competitions on the Year 8 MS Teams that your child might be interested entering.

#### **Stars of the Week**



Elijesa F and Melana S – for receiving the most merits so far, this half term. Well done!

#### **Year 7 – Mr Raghuveer**

Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed their time at Kingswood this week, completing a range of activities from fencing to rock climbing, the scrapheap challenge, obstacle courses, and team building games.

Students were collaborative, displayed great problem-solving skills throughout and showed real character in adverse conditions. Well done to Year 7 - I look forward to celebrating the successes of this trip with them when we return to school.

A reminder that there is a coffee morning for Year 7 parents on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9am at lower

school. Our school psychotherapist Sophia Davison will run a mental health Q&A forum. Further details are above.

**Stars of the week**



Hailey 7MDV – for excellent conduct and engagement in all activities in Kingswood  
Tharwat 7MDV – for always being helpful and putting in the maximum effort in all he does

**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](mailto:dpo@Thearcheracademy.org.uk) if you have any questions in relation to these policies.