

10th November 2023

Dear all,

Thank you for your support across this week.

It was very special for the school to come together this morning to mark Remembrance Day. The assembly was led by Year 11 student leaders, and they spoke powerfully, providing the opportunity for all members of our community to share and reflect on the importance of remembering and that by that act of remembrance we can strive ever more for peace and hope for a better future. During our assembly, Year 11 students read and explored poignant poetry from the First World War. We concluded our assembly by reflecting on the powerful words of Laurence Binyon,

*'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.'*

Students shared explored a range of individual stories of conflict, suffering, hope and peace. The accounts were beautiful and hold such significance for the current challenged across the world.

Next week, sees our autumn 'Free Week'. Information was circulated to parents earlier this week and students have wider resources on MS Teams. Please do take the opportunity to explore with your child how they will use the time afforded, for a mindful pause but also to build capacity and organisation for the remainder of the term.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *"It is certain, in any case, that ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have".*
James Baldwin

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

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

Fri 17th – Year 7 parent coffee morning and Mental Health Q&A Forum, 9-10.30am

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

Mon 27th – Flu vaccination for Years 7-11

Wed 29th – Parents Association AGM, 7pm, lower school

December

Fri 1st – School closed for Occasional Day

Mon 1st- Fri 15th - Year 11 mock examinations
 Wed 13th – Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening, 4.30-8pm
 Fri 15th – Parent coffee morning and workshop
 Mon 18th- Wed 20th – The Big Draw Week
 Tues 19th – Winter Concert, 6.30pm
 Wed 20th – Last day of term. Midday finish

January

Mon 8th – Inset Day
 Tues 9th – First day of term
 Wed 10th-Fri 19th – Depth Assessment Fortnight
 Thurs 11th – Cultural Society trip to see Edward Scissorhands [booked up]
 Wed 17th – Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening, 4.30-8pm
 Mon 22nd – Fri 26th – FREE Week (no homework or assessments)
 Mon 29th – Year 9 Careers Fair
 Wed 31st – UK Maths Challenge for Y10 and 11, and 'Managing Exam Stress' Sophia Davison workshop for Year 10-11 parents

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HOME LANGUAGE GCSE OPTIONS – Mr Oakley

There are a number of Home Language GCSEs available to Archer students in Years 9 – 11 in the summer 2024 examination series. The languages and examination boards offered are listed here.

Students will be entered for the exam, and they will sit reading, writing and listening papers at Archer Academy. All speaking tests will take place at Hendon School in April and May, for which there will be a fee.

If you are interested in your child taking a Home Language GCSE, please email Mr Oakley by the end of November, mrookley@thearcheracademy.org.uk

You will then be sent an individual letter with fees and more information.

Pearson Edexcel

Arabic

Chinese

Japanese

Modern Greek

Russian

Italian

French

German

Gujarati

Persian (Farsi)

Portuguese

Turkish

AQA

Modern Hebrew

Polish

French

German

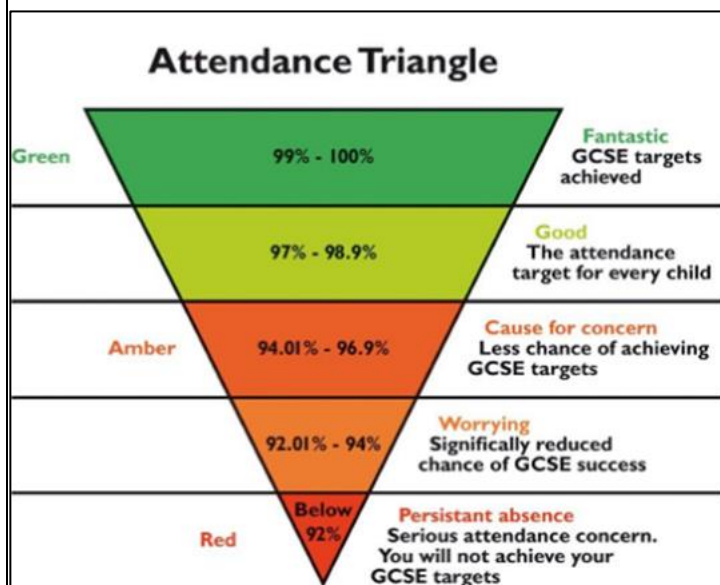
Spanish

LEARNING REVIEW DAY – Ms Mahoney

Thursday 23rd November

Learning Review Day will take place on **Thursday 23rd November** where we celebrate the progress and hard work of students. LRD provides an opportunity for students, their parents and form tutor to discuss the term and reflect on their academic performance and targets. The regular school day is suspended on 23rd November while these 1-to-1 meetings take place.

Please remember to book your LRD appointment with your child's form tutor via the email sent out to parents.



We will be carefully reviewing students' attendance in LRD meetings as we are focused on all our students having the best attendance they can. We aim for every student to have 96% attendance, but are also mindful of students who have long term medical conditions or religious holidays that make this target harder to meet. Tutors will review this with students on a case-by-case basis where needed. A reminder to review the attendance triangle to see how important good attendance is to achieve target grades and beyond at GCSE.

PE UPDATE – Mr Clark

The Archer winning streak continues!

Week of 30th October

Y7 boys football v Totteridge Academy: **Win 7-3**

Y11 boys football v Compton: **Win 1-0**

Y10 boys football v Saracens: **Win 3-1**

Week of 6th November

Y7 girls netball v St Michaels: **Win 7-5**

Y9 boys basketball v Hendon: **Win 36-12**

Y8/9 girls football v Bishop Douglas: **Win 6-0**

Highlights were the Year 10 football team who secured 3 points away from home with a 3-1 win at Saracens school last week. It was a very accomplished performance despite a challenging set of circumstances. Jack was excellent defensively and William commanded in midfield, but the man of the match was Zalaand, playing in a more advanced position and scoring all 3 goals.



The Year 7 girls netball team secured another win this week after trailing at half time. They came back from 4-3 down to win 7-5 after a resurgence in the third and fourth quarters. Jess and Sasha made each shot count to secure the comeback. There was also some great defensive play by Rose, Alba and Leighton to minimise St Michael's chances at the net. Well done!



Girls Football Match Report by Edie M, 8ATH

On Wednesday 8th November, the Archer Year 8 and 9 girls football team had an amazing 6-0 home win against Bishop Douglas school. Starting the lead, Edie M scored a top right goal nice and early, assisted by Aliza. Doubling the lead was Charlotte on the right side, set up perfectly once again by Aliza. Charlotte then scored again to create a 3-0 lead at half time for the girls. With another half to go, the team had a strong lead thanks to Amy's defending skills at the back. But they had to maintain it for the sake of the scoreline. In the second half, the team moved the ball around, communicated and dominated the game. Edie took a quick corner with Aliza tapping the ball in, followed by another two fantastic goals from Aliza to bring the final score to 6-0 to Archer. A big well done to our woman of the match, Aliza C, the rest of the team and Miss Le.

THEMATIC LEARNING UPDATE – Mrs Vandervelde



It has been a busy week for our Thematic Learning team! On Monday Year 8s were joined by visiting scientists, doctors and researchers, including Archer parents Professor Edmunds and Dr Heinrich, who shared their expertise on our Thematics unit of Diseases.

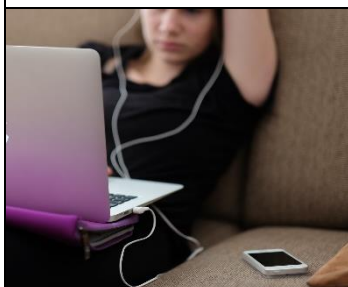
Year 7 had an equally enriching experience at our annual Greek Extravaganza bringing our Thematics unit on Greece to a close. As always, this included a cultural taste of Greek dancing, the Greek language and Greek food.

For our next Thematics unit on Sport and Society, if you work or volunteer in the field of sport (for example as a physio, a sport psychologist, PT, referee etc) and would like to come in to speak to students, please email mrsjvandervelde@thearcheracademy.org.uk



ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOPS – Mr Ruffles

Monday 13th November



On Monday 13th November, all students will attend workshops about how to keep safe online and how to report concerns.

This will be delivered by 'Education Child Protection', a specialist safeguarding training company, and supported by Mr Ruffles, Head of Personal Development.

RACIAL EQUITY AWARD – Mr Carter



We are delighted to share that we have received a Bronze award for Racial Equity from FLAIR, an analytics company that leverage the power of data to beat racial bias in education. We are honoured to have received the Bronze award as this signifies our school's commitment to building a racially equitable culture and to tracking our racial equity progress year-on-year.

In the coming days, students will receive an email invite to take part in an anonymous survey from FLAIR called 'Race In The School Community'. The questions will give students the opportunity to reflect on their views and experiences related to race while at school. The survey is anonymous and it's very important to us that students are completely honest. Should students need a safe space to do this at school, lunchtime provisions will be offered throughout next week.

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEI&B) Committee at Archer thank you in advance for your commitment to this important work.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES AND LOST PROPERTY – Ms Rodis

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES:

Our popular pre-loved uniform sales will be held on the following dates:

Learning Review Days:

- Thursday 23rd November 2023
- Tuesday 12th March 2024



- Friday 19th July 2024



Parent Coffee Mornings (Lower school)

- Friday 17th November 2023
- Friday 15th December 2023
- Friday 9th February 2024

Archella Summer Festival (Lower school)

- Saturday 20th July 2024

Card or cash payments gratefully received. If you cannot make any of the above dates, please email us with your missing items here welfare@thearcheracademy.org.uk and we will do our best to help. Please also let us know if alternative days work better.

LOST PROPERTY:

We plan to display lost property on Friday afternoons outside Lower School reception, weather permitting. Please encourage your child to take a look.

Please remember to name all belongings so that we can easily return lost items to your child. Please write in if you're missing anything in particular and we'll do our best to find it. We have also displayed a number of smaller lost property items in our Medical Room window for students to check. Any non-uniform items left unclaimed at the end of term will be donated to charity.

YEAR 11 MATHS MENTORING – Mrs Sampson



Last week saw the start of the Woodhouse Maths Mentoring programme. It was wonderful to see former Archer academy students help our Year 11 students to prepare for their GCSE Maths exams.

The Maths department encourages all students in Year 11 to make use of this programme. Huge thanks to Mrs Hill for organising this.

YEAR 10 AND 11 DANCE TRIP – Miss Harris



GCSE dance students enjoyed a trip to Sadler's Wells Theatre this week to see 'England on Fire' by BalletBoyz. This bold performance combined stunning visuals, explosive dance, and live music from folk to punk, and helped inspire creativity for component 1 of the students' practical dance exam.



MENTAL HEALTH Q&A FORUM FOR YEAR 7 PARENTS – Sophia Davison Friday 17th November



Sophia Davison's next workshop on mental health will be for parents of Year 7 students on **Friday 17th November at 9-10.30am at lower school.**

During the morning, adolescent psychotherapist, Sophia Davison, will run a mental health Q&A. Sophia invites parents to send in **anonymous** questions on the form below about any aspect of their child's mental health, which she will respond to during the session.

<https://form.jotform.com/233042938630353>

Thank you to all parents who attended Sophia workshop on 'Difficult Conversations' this week. We

would be very grateful if you could complete this brief feedback form. You can also use this form to feedback on Sophia's Digital Diet talk in September.

<https://forms.office.com/e/wwdES3Ekjx>

FREE WEEK – Miss Jouhal 13th-17th November

FREE WEEK



Monday
1

A mindful pause

Friday
5

Reflect, reset and reposition

Sunday
7

Get ahead

Next week is 'Free Week' – where we slow down a little and focus solely on the core business of teaching and learning, and the joy of deep and rich curiosity into the topics we are studying. Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their long-term goals and practice mindfulness.

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

THE BIG DRAW COMPETITION – Ms Clarke

18th-20th December

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

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



PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM – Chris Kurt-Gabel and Jess Curtis

Wednesday 29th 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 29th November at 7pm.

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.

If you would like to get involved, please email parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist



The British Library's new exhibition, Fantasy: Realms of Imagination invites visitors to discover over a hundred items – including historical manuscripts, film props and costumes – and will offer insights into the roots and evolution of the genre. Note: their website is down and they're only accepting cash as they've been the victim of a [cyberattack](#)!



13-17th November is **Anti-Bullying Week** - stop by the Lower School library for books to help you recognise and deal with bullying.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 – Mr Constantinou

This Saturday saw our first super Saturday of the year. With close to 40 people attending and by all accounts, making the most of the opportunity. Can I please encourage you to support your children in attending as many opportunities as possible in the lead up to their exams.

The whole school assembly for Remembrance Day today was brilliant. With the Year 11 presentation being a key part of that, it's never easy to stand in front of so many people and speak, a big well done to those who did it.

We are officially three weeks out from the December mock exams. Revision should be in full flow and students should know their exam timetable. Please do support them with care, peace and quiet, but above all perhaps with food. Please also take the next few weeks to ensure they have a full complement of equipment ready for the exams.

Stars of the week



Chris P – for stepping in for the whole school assembly so well
Khiana M – for her positivity and consistency

Year 10 – Mr McSherry

The week has seen a test of our school uniform policy, and you'll be pleased to hear we have upheld our standards and are ready to face whatever next week might throw at us. This is of course referring to the weather, and its downturn. Please be reminded that CPA hoodies should not be worn to school or with school uniform at all. It is important that your child has a warm jacket / coat and is able to adhere to the school uniform policy, whatever the weather.

One more thing, ClassCharts. Do you have the app? Are you able to see what is being issued to your child on a daily basis? Can you see all the positives and the misdemeanours, and the details? You do have access, you just need to ask. Please do reach out if you would like a login to enable you to track your child's progress.

This week in assembly we looked again at work experience, here are some FAQs and a response for each:

We have the dates, but is it all week?

Yes it is Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March 2024, all week.

What hours will my child be working?

That is dependent on the industry/workplace. They will set these working hours with your child when they first make contact.

What kind of placement should it be?

That depends on your child and their interests. We only insist that it should be as aspirational as possible.

Have a great weekend, I would love to see more placements logged on the Microsoft Form link by Monday.

Stars of the week

Zalaand W – 3 goals in 28 minutes for the school football team last week. That is good numbers by anyone's standards.

Oliwier K – for making marked improvements in overall conduct and approach to school life! Well done.

Year 9 – Ms Le

Celebrating a stellar week of success!

Our sports stars shone bright, with victorious triumphs in basketball and football. They have worked hard in training to get the results they have in the last few weeks. Please do take a moment to revel in their achievements this weekend – they've earned it!

This week, Mr Oakley led an enlightening progress and attainment assembly. This assembly included a sneak peek into what to expect on their first Year 9 report, GCSE grades 1-9 (what do they mean?), minimum and aspirational targets and what does excellent progress look like. It was clear students were intrigued and excited to find out how they are getting on so far.

Learning Review Day is fast approaching on 23rd November. Parents, please ensure you've secured your LRD (Learning Review Day) appointment with your child's tutors - do reach out to tutors directly if you need further support.

Congratulations to 9I-BDA for being rewarded the most merits out of all Year 9 tutor groups. Both Mrs Dabrowska and I are so pleased you topped the leaderboard.

Stars of the Week

Stars of the week – Amelia H and Hugo P (9I-BDA) – for gaining the most merits in their form class. Well done for helping your form reach top the leaderboard.

Year 8 – Mr Hilton

Thank you to those that have already booked your Learning Review Day Meetings for 23rd November. Please ensure you've secured your meeting with your child's tutors. Don't hesitate to contact me should you need further assistance.

6-0! What a win for the girl's football team this week, comfortably through to the next round of the cup.

Finally, we were delighted this week to have guests sharing their insights linked with our 'Diseases' topic within Thematic Learning. We hope, by having experts in the field share their knowledge, your child not only gained valuable insights into the world of medicine but also developed a deeper understanding of the impact of diseases on individuals and communities.

Stars of the Week



Muneeb A and Maggie B – for writing exceptional book reviews this week!

Year 7 – Mr Raghuveer

Welcome back to normality! After the excitement of our Kingswood trip, things are back in full swing here in Year 7. We have come back flourishing with our Greek Extravaganza in Thematic Learning, fixtures in netball as well as getting back into the routine of the school. Next week I will be focusing on punctuality, and rewarding students who are always in the right place at the right time.

As you know next week is free week, so this is a chance for students to ensure that they do something fun to take advantage of no homework due on those days. I look forward to asking students what they have done with their extra time.

Learning Review Day is coming up on Thursday 23rd November - please do ensure that you have booked your appointment with your child's tutor, or if you have the option to, myself. This day is invaluable to discuss the first half term's progress and to set appropriate targets for your child.

A few notices:

On Monday, we will be having Online Safety Workshops for Year 7. I do encourage you to ask your child about the key messages and ensure an open dialogue is present to best keep them safe.

As well as this, on Friday 17th November, our school psychotherapist Sophia Davison is running a Mental Health Q&A for Year 7 parents at 9-10.30am.

I encourage you to attend, these sessions are always excellent, and you can send in an anonymous question on this form about your child's mental health which Sophia will respond to during the session:

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Stars of the week



Olivia S 7HCI & Reuben J 7MDV for consistently demonstrating the Archer Way.

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.