

17th November 2023

Dear all,

This week has seen us take a mindful pause as a school community through the space afforded by our 'Free Week'. I do hope that students have enjoyed the opportunity to regroup, reorganise and refocus on both their academic studies and wider interests and hobbies. Positive wellbeing is enabled by good rest, feeling in control and having the space for fun and enjoyment – sometimes simply by slowing down. We look forward to reflecting on the gains of this week and how we can employ more of this into our approaches to mental health and wellbeing.

Despite a strong start in relation to our high expectations surrounding school uniform, there has been a slip across the past fortnight. Please may I ask parents to review standards with children at home, particularly surrounding footwear and make up. More broadly, a reminder that students should only wear CPA kit in line with agreed timetable routines and not outside of this. We want our students to look smart and wear their uniform with pride, representing the high standards of their community and of themselves. Staff don't enjoy nagging, they like to enjoy the company of students and focus on learning but we have found ourselves nagging in recent days. Your support here is much appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming all families to school on Thursday for Learning Review Day. A reminder that the timetable does not run on Thursday, families should just come into school for their appointment. It is important that students bring their planner with them to their meetings.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *'Be kind for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle'. Plato*

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

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 6th – Lower school disco, 6-8pm

Wed 13th – Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening, 4.30-8pm

Fri 15th – Parent coffee morning and talk, 9.15-10.30am

Mon 18th- Wed 20th – The Big Draw Week

Tues 19th – Winter Concert, 6.30pm

Wed 20th – Last day of term. Midday finish. Bring in £1 and donations for the Food Bank

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

COMMUNICATION



To see photos and follow school news:

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Instagram @archeracademy

LinkedIn @archeracademy

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

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, mroakley@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

LOWER SCHOOL WINTER DISCO – The Parents Association

Wednesday 6th December, 6-8pm





The annual Archer Winter Lower School Social will be held on **Wednesday 6th December** from 6-8pm and is open to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

This year's theme is 'Glow Up Disco'. This event is organised by the Archer Parents Association and is always a lovely opportunity for students to hang out with friends, enjoy music from our fabulous DJ, show their moves on the dancefloor, and toast marshmallows on the firepit in the garden.

Tickets are £5 each which includes a free drink and a snack. Please book in advance on ParentPay.

When you book your ticket on ParentPay, you will have the option to select 2 song choices for the DJ to play at the disco. Please remember to ask your child what their favourite songs are to make sure they'll hear them being played on the night.

PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS AND TALKS – Mrs Ruback

We are delighted to provide Archer parents with a series of coffee mornings and talks which offer advice and guidance from psychologists, psychiatrists, coaches, therapists and other experts. These sessions aim to support our parents with various issues that affect teenagers today. Some of the topics we have covered in the past include drugs education, sleep problems, friendship issues, study skills and mental health.

During the sessions, there is also the opportunity for parents to socialise with each other over tea and coffee, as well buy pre-loved school uniform.

Please note the dates of our coffee mornings and talks over this year. All sessions are held at lower school from 9.15-10.30am:

- Friday 15th December
- Friday 26th January
- Friday 15th March
- Friday 10th May
- Friday 14th June

On Friday 15th December, we are delighted to be joined by Jo Kaye, Mindfulness Coach, as she talks to parents about how to understand and support anxious teens, as well as how to manage the stresses, fears and emotions for parents in taking care of an anxious child. Parents will be invited to explore techniques to take care of themselves in practical and realistic ways, and to see the positive impact of this on themselves and those around them.

Jo is an accredited mindfulness coach with many years of experience. For more information, please visit her website: www.thebreatheacademy.co.uk

Please click here to let us know you'll be attending the coffee morning on 15th December <https://form.jotform.com/233173748617362>



FESTIVE WREATHS SALE AND WORKSHOPS – The Green Arrows **9th and 10th December**

The GREEN ARROWS will be selling their beautiful HANDMADE FESTIVE WREATHS again this year.

All proceeds go towards growing our Archer gardens. Order through **ParentPay**, limited stock!
Small £10 or Large £15

Once ordered, please pick up your wreath from the lower school garden on Saturday 9th or Sunday 10th December between 12.30-2.30pm. Or from school reception by arrangement.

PLUS

Why not come along to our **FREE & FUN SEASONAL WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP** with the GREEN ARROW team in the lower school garden?

Dates: SATURDAY 9th and SUNDAY 10th December

Time: 10.30 - 2.30

To book a workshop: Text Rachael 07887 504 522



HEAD STUDENT UPDATE – Alex and Anna

Hello all,

This is a brief update on some of the notable things implemented by our Upper school student leadership team this term so far.

There are silent study rooms that have been introduced on a new rota, which can be found in the Upper School library. These are being monitored by different Year 11 students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes. Each day has been given a designated subject for efficiency and to help any students with a particular subject they are struggling with.

Additionally, we have focused broadly this year on building a greater link with students at the Lower School and have recently sent out an optional form for Lower School students to complete, offering them an independent chance to express their ideas for our school. The students who complete the survey will get the opportunity to talk with us on Friday to vocalise their views fully. We and the rest of the team are very much looking forward to hearing the exciting ideas they produce.

Thank you, and if there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via HeadStudents@thearcheracademy.org.uk

Anna and Alex,
Head Students



MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS – Miss Le



We are offering an amazing opportunity for 20 Year 9 students to become Mental Health first aiders and peer-mentors to other students.

Full training will be provided. If your Year 9 child is interested, please ask them to email studentnotices@thearcheracademy.org.uk

EXAM INVIGILATORS WANTED – Mr Wilson

We are looking for exam invigilators to work at Archer during the mock GCSE examination period in December. Hours are flexible and no experience is required. The role involves setting up exam rooms, directing candidates to the seats, supervising candidates leaving exam rooms, checking attendance, invigilating during exams, collecting papers and so on. If you know anyone who may be interested (aged 18+), please ask them to email recruitment@thearcheracademy.org.uk

EXAM INVIGILATORS WANTED



DECEMBER 2023

**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
TRAINING PROVIDED**

FLEXIBLE HOURS

£12.33 PER HOUR

(£11.00 + £1.33 holiday pay)

**APPLY NOW
SCAN ME**



The Archer Academy
8 Beaumont Close,
East Finchley,
London, N2 0GA

recruitment@thearcheracademy.org.uk

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES AND BLACK FRIDAY DISCOUNT – Ms Rodis

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES – NEW DATES ADDED:

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

- Friday 15th December 2023
- Friday 9th February 2024
- Friday 15th March 2024
- Friday 10th May 2024

Archella Summer Festival

- Saturday 20th July 2024



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UNIFORM4KIDS.COM

BLACK FRIDAY

20% OFF EVERYTHING ONLINE ONLY
24 HOURS
Ts & Cs APPLY
24/11/2023

REMEMBER TO ADD CODE
BLACKFRIDAY20 AT CHECKOUT

A DISCOUNT CANNOT BE ADDED
RETROSPECTIVELY TO AN ORDER
ALREADY PLACED.

Our uniform supplier, Uniform4Kids, have a Black Friday 20% off offer for one day only - **Friday 24th November**.

The discount applies to all products ordered ONLINE including school wear, sportswear, footwear and accessories. Enter discount code **BLACKFRIDAY20** at checkout.
www.uniform4kids.com

ENRICHMENT AMBASSADORS – Miss Galliver

If your child is interested in leadership, making our enrichment programme bigger and better, and general administrative and promotional experience, this role could be for them! We are looking for students to help with our Year 6 enrichment programme on Wednesday afternoons next term.

Anyone in Years 8-10 can apply. Students in Years 9 or 10 may also be interested in becoming a Lead Ambassador. More details available on MS Teams.

Application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Ez12SRLUCt>

SOPHIA DAVISON MENTAL HEALTH TALKS – Miss Mahoney



Thank you to Sophia Davison who led an excellent workshop for Year 7 parents on Friday, answering questions on various aspects and concerns surrounding teen mental health.

Sophia invites parents who attended to provide their feedback on the session, plus any other of Sophia's sessions that they have joined, so she can continue to provide a valuable service to our parents. Please complete your feedback here:

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

Sophia leads our school counselling team at Archer and is running several workshops throughout the year. Please look

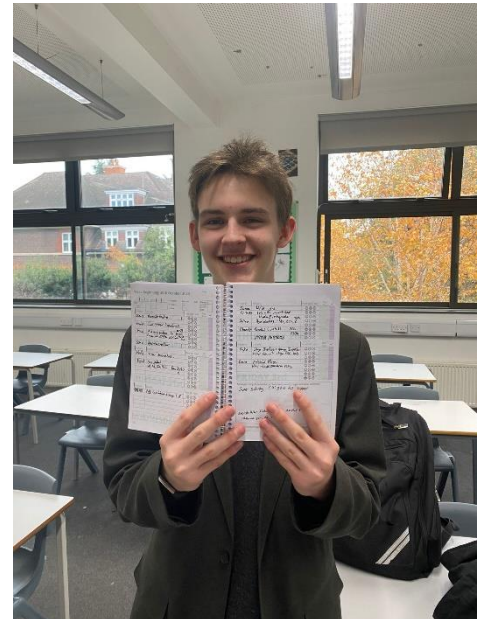
out for upcoming dates in the newsletters.

FREE WEEK – Miss Jouhal

This week has been 'Free Week', where students have focused on core learning, reflected on academic and pastoral goals, caught up with homework, organised their schedules and practiced mindfulness.

Finley in Year 11 has used Free Week to get ahead with his academic planning: *"I've used my planner to write what I've learnt about that day and then spent my evenings researching it further. Free Week has given me the headspace to get ahead and prepare for my mocks."*

There is also a student survey for students to complete on MS Teams, or on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/bjBUjS000c>

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PEACE GARDEN AT UPPER SCHOOL – Mr McSherry



The Peace Garden in our Upper School campus is now officially open! This space was created as a dedication towards a very dear loss that we had at our school and is designed to be used as a safe and secure place to reflect and relax.

There will be student monitors and teachers supervising the garden during break and lunchtime. If you have any questions or future ideas for the garden, please speak to either Mr McSherry or someone in the Student Leadership team.

By Isabella Floriani, *Community Senior Prefect*

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.

Please let us know if you will be joining us here:
<https://form.jotform.com/233104123125337>

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

MEDICAL UPDATE – Ms Rodis

Flu Immunisation

If you would like your child to have the flu immunisation (nasal spray) at school on Monday 27th November, you must give consent by Thursday 23rd November on this form:

<https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The school code is: CL139594

Headlice

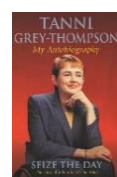
Cases of head lice have been reported in the school. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist

Events:



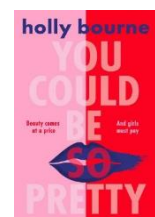
Are you a fan of Sophie Anderson's ***The House with Chicken Legs***? Check out the inventive adaptation of this magical story at the [Southbank Centre](#) from 13th December.



Thematic Learning Books:

Year 7 – see what we've got to support you on your new topic of **Body Image**

Year 8 – please return your **Disease** books to the Lower School Library!



New in Upper School Library:

"Essential reading for every teenage girl," according to *The Guardian*, Holly Bourne's dystopian ***You Could Be So Pretty*** follows the lives of two girls, a Pretty and an Objectionable, while skewering our own societal mores and asking the question, how far have we really come?



HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 – Mr Constantinou

We are officially under half a year away from GCSE exams, and only two weeks from the mock exams. The students all received a revision workshop during their PE lessons this week with the message now being 'there is nothing to do but get on with it'. Procrastination is the number one enemy when it comes to revision.

Next week is LRD1, please do ensure you've booked your appointment for this as it is a very important marking point of how your child is getting on in Year 11. There are also opportunities on the day for students to engage with additional opportunities – a walking talking maths mock, science support and citizenship support. Please check Mr Morrison's letter for further details.



Nathan L – for embracing after school revision so well
James G – for such a mature attitude when planning his next steps

Year 10 – Mr McSherry

I wrote to you last week in the newsletter, and also on Wednesday afternoon with an update on ClassCharts. Just to be clear, it is possible that if you are already using the app you did not receive a login. That is fine. You are already able to see your child's behaviour and achievement data. All logins were issued to students on Thursday morning. Do let me know if for some reason this is yet to reach you.

Please do use the app to keep track of all your child's data and their day-to-day in school. I really do hope you'll find it useful.

MS Teams – the Year 10 channel is always full of useful information. Included this week is a sign-up sheet for house dodgeball taking place on Friday 24th November, during lunch time at lower school. **Your child will need to sign-up** via the link on MS Teams. I would encourage them all to do so, this will enable us to have a lovely afternoon of sport together.



Joseph B – for demonstrating grit and determination in this week's football fixture against Compton
Abigail L – for always demonstrating the Archer way and being kind to others

Year 9 – Ms Le

What a great week full of so many events!

At the beginning of the week, Mr Mustafa, Head of Modern Foreign Language, lead an assembly on the FCSE and what to expect. Students who study a language will complete this assessment in Year 9 so it was important for them to understand the success criteria and how to achieve the best grade.

On Thursday, we launched our Year 9 pastoral reading project featuring "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time." Our session began with a comprehensive discussion on the book's context, followed by an engaging exploration of its opening chapters.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Learning Review Day on Thursday 23rd November. We encourage parents to come prepared to discuss key academic targets with their children and tutors.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another enriching week of learning.



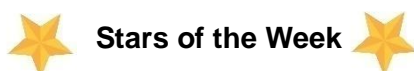
Darii C – for his efforts in rock climbing
Zara N – for exceptional conduct in History

Year 8 – Mr Hilton

Delighted to celebrate our first boys win this week. An excellent performance with an exceptional scoreline, 11-1!

I'm excited to say letters went out this week for our Year 8 residential trip to Bushcraft in Northamptonshire. During July next year, this will be an opportunity to celebrate pupils' progress and look forward to Year 9. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Your prompt payment of the deposit is really appreciated.

Finally, our first Learning Review Day is next week. Learning Review Days are of paramount importance for our pupils as they provide a structured opportunity to reflect on their academic progress, identify areas of strength, and pinpoint areas that require further attention and improvement. Please ensure you book an appointment with your form tutor.



Rupert P and Mickey R – for their Players of the Match performances on Monday night

Year 7 – Mr Raghuveer

It was lovely this week to see students rise so well to the challenge of increasing their Achievement points. I was thrilled to hear of students being celebrated for always doing the right thing and I was thoroughly impressed with Year 7's engagement in our new Thematic Learning unit on Body Image.

The Year 7 tutor team and I look forward to meeting parents and students next Thursday 23rd November for your child's Learning Review Day appointment. This meeting provides an important opportunity to reflect on student's academic progress this term and review next steps. Please ensure you have booked an appointment with your child's form tutor, and do let your child's tutor know if you are unable to attend.



Aydien 7MDV and Yoosuf 7JWI – for their brilliant engagement in Thematic Learning this week

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@Theacheracademy.org.uk if you have any questions in relation to these policies.