

15th March 2024

Dear all,

It was wonderful to welcome all parents to school on Tuesday for Learning Review Day and to protect the time and space to review each student's current academic performance and set ambitious targets for the summer term. Please do review the final Independent Learning Plan, generated from this day, with your child to best support next steps.

We are all very much looking forward to our Science & Neurodiversity Week next week. There are detailed plans available on MS Teams for students, in relation to the different workshops and activities taking place, do please encourage your child to get involved. I am very much looking forward to joining students in the Neurodiversity Book Club on Tuesday.

Last week, I shared a request to support students in restocking their pencil cases. Thank you to all parents who have supported here, ensuring their young person is ready to learn. A reminder that the school stationery list is available on the website and in the student planner.

A huge thank you to the Parents Association for organising such a superb 'Musical Bingo' night on Thursday.

Good luck to students heading off on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition this weekend and to the Year 11 historians visiting Kenilworth Castle. We look forward to hearing all about your adventures.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: "*Spring is the time of plans and projects.*"
Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term dates for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and can be found here:

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

Key dates over the next two months:

March

Sat 15th-Sun 16th – DofE Bronze Expedition

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd – Science Week and Neurodiversity Week

Tues 19th-Sat 23rd – Spanish trip for Year 9 and 10

Wed 20th – INSET Day

Fri 22nd – Bake sale hosted by 7FJO, 3pm

Wed 27th – HPV Immunisations for Year 8. Year 10 Core Subjects Evening 6-8pm

Thurs 28th – Last day of term. Green Day. Midday finish

April

Fri 29th Mar-Fri 12th Apr – Easter holiday

Mon 15th – First day of summer term

Tues 16th – Year 8 parent breakfast morning

Wed 17th – Sophia Davison talk on 'the teenage brain', 6.15-7.30pm

Mon 22nd-Fri 26th – Wellbeing Week

Wed 24th-Fri 26th – Year 10 Paris trip

Wed 24th – Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening, 4.30-8pm (online)

Thu 25th – Late start for students, 8.40am

Fri 26th – House Day and bake sale hosted by 7HCI, 3pm

Mon 29th – Archer parents comedy night, 7.30pm

May

Wed 8th – Year 10 parent consultation evening 4.30-8pm (online)

Thurs 9th – Cultural Society trip to see Guys and Dolls. GCSE examinations begin

Friday 10th – Parent coffee morning. Year 10 Southend trip

Mon 13th – Year 7 Take My Child To Work Day

Wed 15th – Year 9 immunisations. Sophia Davison talk on 'sensitive children' 6.15-7.30pm

Fri 17th – Bake sale hosted by 7JAB, 3pm

Fri 17th - Sun 19th – DofE Silver practice expedition

Tues 21st - Fri 24th – French homestay trip

Fri 24th – Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Ball

Mon 27th – Fri 31st – Half Term

COMMUNICATION



To see photos and follow school news:

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LinkedIn @archeracademy

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

PARENT MUSICAL BINGO NIGHT – The Archer Parents Association

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Thursday night for a fabulous evening of funky musical bingo, the first of its kind at Archer! A big thank you to the Archer Parents Association for organising another brilliant social event for our community.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ARCHER COMEDY NIGHT – Miss Harrison Monday 29th April

**The Archer Academy Comedy Night is back by popular demand!
Monday 29th April – save the date!**

Following the huge sell-out success of previous year's comedy nights, we are delighted to welcome back top UK stand-up comedian, broadcaster, and writer Ian Stone and a fantastic line up of comedians including Ria Lina (*Mock the Week*, *Have I Got News for You*, *The Now Show*), Nina Benjamin (*3 Non-Blondes*, *Celebrity Master Chef*) and Finlay Christie (*8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown*).

We will also have MOBO award-winning DJ Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock who will play live DJ sets throughout the evening.

Come and laugh with us at this brilliant event in aid of Raise The Roof. Tickets will be on sale soon - watch this space!

Programme Advertising - if you would also like to advertise your business to the school and local community, please contact Andry Moustras, andrymoustras@gmail.com



TWO TROPHIES WON AT THE WELWYN YOUTH DRAMA FESTIVAL – Mr Carter



Congratulations to our very talented Junior Archer Players who came second at the Welwyn Youth Drama Festival. They also won the Technical Award and received a nomination for Innovative Direction. A huge well done to the cast and to Mr Carter for this incredible achievement and for their outstanding performance of *Antigone*.

FIRST AID TRAINING – Mr Ruffles



During Learning Review Day on Tuesday, our second group of Year 7s took part in a first aid training course with ECP. They were given an overview of CPR, injury management and how to deal with the emergency services.

The trainers were impressed at our students' maturity and we hope they got a lot out of this valuable experience.

THEMATICS UPDATE – Mrs Vandervelde



Year 7 have had a busy week. On Monday's thematic learning lesson we welcomed in a number of visitors who work in the local community including local councillors Alison Moore and Arjun Mitra; local priest Father Mirt and a range of local volunteers making a difference. Our visitors were incredibly impressed by the range of questions.

Building on this, on Wednesday, the Year 7s conducted a geographical survey of East Finchley High Road as well as visiting the proposed development site for the substation opposite The Bishop's Avenue. A highlight was the opportunity to interview some members of the public about the local area.

Meanwhile Year 8s are busy with their £10 Challenge - their seed-funded fledgling business. We look forward to seeing this in a few weeks.

Please support our young 'Thematically' in their Year 8 businesses and Year 7 questionnaires on the local community which they are pursuing independently this week as homework.



THE GREAT BIG DANCE OFF COMPETITION – Miss Harris

Congratulations to the Archer senior dance squad who delivered a fantastic performance of 'Widow' at the 2024 Great Big Dance Off competition. The team exhibited superb skill, professionalism and creativity and scored incredibly high marks, competing against 12 other senior dance teams. Well done to the whole squad, Miss Harris and Mr Cassidy on this brilliant achievement



CULTURAL SOCIETY OUTING – Miss Fleckney Thursday 9th May



We are thoroughly looking forward to another fantastic outing with the Cultural Society on Thursday 9th May. This time the show is the thrilling 'Guys and Dolls' musical at the Bridge Theatre.

We have secured 30 student tickets at the price of £19.50 each. Please complete the online form here <https://form.jotform.com/240732795465364> if you would like your child to be considered for a place on this trip. If your child is eligible for free school meals, the cost of the trip is £9.75. We do have limited financial assistance available to support families. If you are concerned about the cost of this trip, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Chase, Finance Director, or Miss Harrison, Headteacher.

Please note, this is an immersive theatre experience and we will be in the standing area.

BRIGHT IDEAS TALK – Ms Galliver and Mr Ruffles

Friday 22nd March



Our next Bright Ideas talk will be held on Friday 22nd March at lunchtime. Mike Freer, the Conservative MP for Finchley and Golders Green since 2010, will be delivering an online talk, open to all Upper School students at 1.15pm.

He will talk about his fascinating experiences of being an MP and share his insights about the functioning of our democracy. All students in Year 10 and 11 are encouraged to attend, and particularly those studying Citizenship GCSE. Click the link to sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/njHPzVnh25>

YEAR 9 HAMILTON DRAMA TRIP – Mr Carter

Year 9 drama students were lucky enough to experience the Lin-Manuel Miranda's spectacular multi-award winning musical Hamilton on Tuesday night. Thank you to the creative and performing arts teachers that led this brilliant outing.



REQUEST FROM YEAR 11 CITIZENSHIP STUDENTS – Miss Harrison

Hello, we are the Year 11 citizenship team and we are currently in the process of completing our active citizenship campaign. This year we have chosen to focus our project around loneliness; in particular within our local elderly community. We chose this cause as it is a prevalent issue in our community especially following the pandemic, it is also an issue that we feel passionate about.

Our aim for this campaign is to raise awareness surrounding this topic through workshops, assemblies and guided tutor times. We also hope to establish a befriending scheme for the years to come. Our plan is to have a day that focuses on this. To aid us in this we have created a short survey to further understand how loneliness affects Finchley. Please fill out this survey to help us in our campaign.

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Thankyou,
The Year 11 Citizenship Team

NEURODIVERSITY WEEK – Mrs Bickers

18th-22nd March



**Neurodiversity
Celebration
Week**

We are looking forward to celebrating Neurodiversity Week in school next week. Activities will include a Neurodiversity Book Club on Tuesday, assemblies for Years 7-9, form time activities, a fact file trail and a student forum for neurodiverse students to share their experiences of neurodiversity, facilitated by Barnet's Autism Advisory Team. There will also be a film showing after school next Friday - look out for details of how to attend!

GREEN DAY – Ms Clarke

Thursday 28th March

Our **Young Global Ambassadors** have organised a **non-school uniform day** for us all on the last day of term. We hope that you will **wear something green** to show your support for green issues.

GREEN DAY



There are so much going on in the world, it is easy to feel helpless. Each of us can make a difference We must continue our fight to stop climate change.

**Please bring £1 for non-uniform plus bring some change to buy cakes...*

**Remember to head to the lower school garden at Break time to make a wish on a tree!*



Funds raised will go to the **Trees for Cities** charity.



Thursday 28th March

GREEN DAY 2024

RAMADAN PRAYER SPACE - Ms Mahoney

We have a dedicated spaces for prayer and reflection at both school sites during Ramadan.

The rooms will be available during lunchtime from 1.05-1.25pm each day. If your child is fasting and / or wishes to pray during lunchtime, please complete this brief form so we can best support our Muslim community.
<https://form.jotform.com/240663741744358>



Choice's College Supported Internship Programme - Open Day on Tuesday 26th March

A chance to learn about our internship, visit some of our placements and have an exclusive tour around the Royal Free Hospital as well as a Q&A with staff and current interns.

Open Day location: **WAC Arts, Old Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill, Belsize Park, London NW3 4QP**

We have two time slots for the day:

- **Morning – 10 am – 11:30am**
- **Afternoon – 1:30 pm – 3pm**

Please email morgan.jennings1@nhs.net if you would like to attend, stating a preferred time slot
Specialist Post-16 Institution

[Choices College \(formerly Project Choice\) Application Form](#)

East Finchley's Got Talent 2!!

Date: Sunday 21st April 2024

Where: Phoenix Cinema, N2

Time: 2 - 4pm

Have you got what it takes?

Do you have a talent that you can demonstrate on a stage in 5 minutes? Can you sing, dance, play, perform magic or do something so unique and extraordinary that you just have to share it with the world? If so, East Finchley's Got Talent 2 wants to hear from you! The winner gets the opportunity to perform on the Community Stage at this year's East Finchley Festival on 23rd June in Cherry Tree Woods.



If you think you can wow the judges and the audience with your talent, please email: efgottalent2024@gmail.com telling us a bit about your act. The applications deadline is Friday 5th April.

Autistic Speakers - Parent/Carer and Professional Zoom Seminars

BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People are very pleased to welcome Autistic guest speaker Tigger Pritchard who will speak about 'Autistic Anxiety: Causes and Solutions'

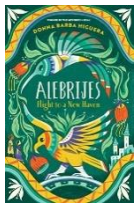
The online talk is free, but it is essential that parents/carers/staff register.

Date: 26 March at 10am or 28 March at 6pm (please register for one talk only)

Please sign-up [here](#)

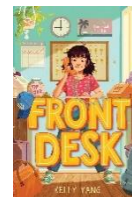
LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist

New in LS Library:



13-year-old pickpocket Leandro and his sister Gabi do what they can to forge a life in barren Pocatel. When Gabi steals fruit and Leandro takes the fall, he is faced with a terrible choice: should he allow his mind to be encased in an ancient drone to find truth and freedom? A rich dystopian fantasy/sci-fi adventure.

Since her family migrated from China to California, Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests—but some of them have secrets. Can Mia hide them from mean Mr Yao? Can she fit in with her classmates? Can she fulfil her dream of being a writer against her parents' wishes?



Don't forget to use your **World Book Day** voucher! See Ms Appelquist in the Lower School Library if you have not received your voucher yet. It's valid until the **31st March**.



Carnegie Shadowing Club Y7&8

THE CARNEGIE MEDAL SHORTLIST 2024

Y7s and 8s:
It's time to think about joining the **Carnegie Shadowing Group 2024!**
Meet weekly at lunchtime, read a book together and attend the Barnet Shadowers Event!

Some of the books we might be reading:

The Carnegie Shortlist has been announced, highlighting some of the most outstanding works in children's literature. See Ms Appelquist if you are interested in joining the Carnegie Shadowing Group, where we meet, read, discuss, and present to other Barnet schools during the all-day Shadowing Event in June.

Events:



The North London Book Festival is coming up at Alexandra Palace on March 23rd-24th, with authors like Ewa Jozefkiewicz (**The Wolf Twins**) and Neill Cameron (**Mega Robo Bros**) speaking. See [here](#) for tickets.



Have a great week everyone, and *keep reading!*

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 – Mr Constantinou

Only five school weeks left to go. We really are in the thick of it now. Students were lucky this week to have Sophia Davison as a guest speaker for their assembly, talking to them about navigating the period of the exams. I know many of you had the opportunity to hear from her earlier in the year and I hope this is a timely intervention to ensure our students are best placed for success over the coming weeks.

The year group are clearly working hard and it is our role to ensure they are supported as best as possible over the coming months, please reach out to your child's form tutor in the first instance should anything be needed. I am including their emails below as a reminder.

11SAG - MrsSAgrawal@theacheracademy.org.uk

11SBR - MsSbrami@Theacheracademy.org.uk and MrCruffles@Theacheracademy.org.uk

11JVA - MrsJvandervelde@Theacheracademy.org.uk and MsGchocarro@Theacheracademy.org.uk

11RAH - MissRahmed@Theacheracademy.org.uk

11WAU - Mspozier@theacheracademy.org.uk

11SCL - MsSclarke@Theacheracademy.org.uk

A reminder that Archer Accelerate takes place during the Easter holiday from Tuesday to Thursday. Sign up is available on Teams now.

Leavers Celebrations:

Our Year 11 Leavers committee have been working hard to organise the Leavers yearbook, hoodies and ball. Payments are live on ParentPay for the Hoodie for £28 (with a 50% FSM discount of £14), and yearbook for £20 (£10 FSM). Deadline for both is Wednesday 24th April. Students are now planning the leavers ball. Do you have any party-related contacts? We would appreciate any donations or discounts for a DJ, photobooth, chocolate fountain, or even decorations to enable a lower ticket price for students. Please contact Mr Constantinou if you can support.



Stars of the week

Luca S – for working so hard with his GCSE revision
Claudia B – for consistently superb work in history

Year 10 – Mr McSherry

I do hope your child enjoyed the celebration assembly on Monday morning this week. It was a warm welcome back from work experience! Miss Harrison, Mr Gillo and Mrs Brami joined the assembly to say just how proud they were of the whole cohort, how they received an overwhelming amount of positive comments and feedback. They truly did themselves proud, so I asked them on Monday to 'take a moment' and to acknowledge their achievements.

I have said to them all since that I hope this experience will serve to be a platform for success. I have urged them to make best use of the experience, whether it be positive or negative, use it as fuel to determine what they do next.

On Wednesday morning I asked students to start to look ahead, start to think about what the future, or at least the next 12 months might have in store for them. I raised the small matter of their 'one year to go' exams and urged them to think carefully about preparations here.

On Wednesday 27th March we will meet you all for Year 10 Core Subjects evening at 6pm. It is here where you will receive all the key information relating to progress in Maths, English and Science, details about an upcoming study skills programme and information on 'next steps', deadlines for applications, grades, entry requirements and so on.

Oh, and we took lots of photos during the WEX week. Do email me if you would like to see your child's photo, taken during their work experience.

A quick note re. Year 10 Geography trips:

The Year 10 compulsory fieldtrips are scheduled for Friday 10th May (rural study) and Friday 7th June (urban study). If your child studies Geography GCSE, they will need to attend these as a formal requirement of their GCSE. Ms Jouhal will be in touch after Easter with further details, but for now, please ensure your child is able to attend on both dates. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Jouhal.



Stars of the week

Satchel H – for demonstrating great progress in his academic subjects since Learning Review Day 1
Arvin T – for receiving incredibly positive reviews from his work experience placement

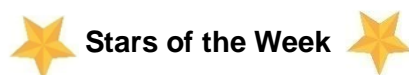
Year 9 – Ms Le

Congratulations Year 9 for completing your first ever formal assessment under GCSE conditions. You rose to the challenge, and I have no doubt you have all done so well in your Modern Foreign Language GCSE exam. Mr Mustafa and I were so impressed with your can-do attitude and how focused you were throughout the day.

Parents and carers, thank you for coming along to your child's second Learning Review Day. I hope you enjoyed time discussing your child's progress to date but also, purposeful conversations around Year 9 into Year 10 GCSE Options. A gentle reminder the deadline for GCSE options to be submitted is today. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please reach out to your child's tutor or myself as soon as possible.

Science week begins on Monday and our students are in for a treat. There will be an explosive presentation from a world-renowned chemist and many more activities across the week to get involved in.

Lastly, well done to the girls' Year 9 netball team for playing their best netball yesterday and finishing second. What a fantastic achievement! You have all worked so hard this season, congratulations.



Amelia F (9SMU) and Patricia C (9KCL) – for engagement with extra-curricular competitions

Year 8 – Mr Hilton

What a great week it has been. It was lovely to see students really engage during our second Learning Review Day and our options process. Your child has been provided with their personal link, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you have. The deadline is today!

Parents, you are invited!

We will be hosting a Year 8 Parent Celebration Breakfast morning on Tuesday 16th April to celebrate our successes in Year 8 so far, and to bring our parent community together to share delicious breakfast treats.

We will be hosting the X-side from 8:50am-9:35am (tutor groups RKE, ATH & FHA) and the Y-side slightly later between 9:45am-10:30am (tutor groups JGA, MWO and FBO).

We would like parents to bring a breakfast dish in to share! What will you decide to bring? Feel free to bring anything you traditionally eat to fuel your day in the morning. Hot drinks and juice will be provided. Please RSVP here: <https://eu.jotform.com/build/240532906726356/publish> I hope everyone will be able to join us.



Leonie F and Lewis T (8FBO) for their hard work this week and a focused learning review day showing determination with their report.

Year 7 – Mr Raghuveer

It was wonderful to see such purposeful conversations take place on Tuesday at Learning Review Day and to also see Year 7 students take the completion of their Independent Learning Plan so seriously. It is important to reflect on the progress that has been made thus far and plan appropriately for the next term. Well done to those of you who are taking initiative with your learning.

Additionally, we have yet another sporting victory! Year 7 girls won the netball tournament comprised of Barnet league winners on Thursday afternoon, an incredible achievement to add to the past football triumphs!

Safer Schools Day takes place next Thursday and Year 7 will off timetable all day to hear from external speakers and to complete workshops, including spending time with magistrates, the London Ambulance service and representatives from the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation. It is an invaluable day for the cohort, and we are lucky to have a wide range of speakers coming in.

Finally, thank you for your replies about Take My Child to Work Day on 13th May, please do let us know if you are also able to take another student from Year 7, it would be much appreciated. Reminders have been sent out this week to complete the jotform by the end of this half term please.

Key dates:

Wednesday 20th March - Inset Day

Thursday 21st March - Safer Schools Day

Friday 22nd March - 7FJO Bake Sale at 3pm



Stars of the week



Benjamin L 7FJO – excellent focus and continued hard work in your lessons.

Mandana S 7SGR – for being so welcoming and kind in the community.

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.