







22nd March 2024

Dear all,

It has been a great pleasure to see the level of engagement and interest from our students across our Science and Neurodiversity Week. The rich range of workshops has clearly captured the curiosity of our students. I have been particularly impressed by the probing questions students have asked staff and visitors. The highlight of this week, for me, was attending the Neurodiversity Book Club on Tuesday and having the privilege to listen to students exploring their experiences and ideas.

Huge congratulations must go to our Year 7 girls football team who have won the 'double', a first in the school's history, by winning both the Barnet Schools Football League and Barnet Cup. This is an incredible achievable and they deserve to be rightly proud – I know I am!

Thank you for your support of our INSET Day on Wednesday. Staff were joined by Dr Rob Power, from Powerful Histories, to lead training and development work around diversifying the curriculum. This training was powerful and enabling for staff. We very much look forward to next steps and the impact being felt by our students in this important area of learning.

Next week sees the final week of term. We look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments of our students in our Whole School Assembly on Thursday. Students will be dismissed at midday on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison Headteacher **Thought for the week**: "Neurodiversity is the future of innovation and progress." Steve Silberman, author and activist.

# **KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Term dates for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and can be found here: <u>https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/calendar/</u>

Key dates over the next two months:

## March

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> – HPV Immunisations for Year 8. Year 10 Core Subjects Evening 6-8pm Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term. Green Day. Midday finish

## April

Fri 29th Mar-Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter holiday Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – First day of summer term Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 8 parent breakfast morning Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Sophia Davison talk on 'the teenage brain', 6.15-7.30pm Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>-Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Wellbeing Week Wed 24<sup>th</sup>-Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 Paris trip Wed 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening, 4.30-8pm (online) Thu 25<sup>th</sup> – Late start for students, 8.40am Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – House Day and bake sale hosted by 7HCI, 3pm Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Archer comedy night, 7.30pm

#### May

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 parent consultation evening 4.30-8pm (online) Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> – Cultural Society trip to see Guys and Dolls. GCSE examinations begin Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Parent coffee morning. Year 10 Southend trip Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 Take My Child To Work Day Tues 14<sup>th</sup> – Drama showcase, 6pm Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 immunisations. Sophia Davison talk on 'sensitive children' 6.15-7.30pm Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Bake sale hosted by 7JAB, 3pm Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Sun 19<sup>th</sup> – DofE Silver practice expedition Tues 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – French homestay trip Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Ball Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> – Half Term

## COMMUNICATION



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

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

## RAISE THE ROOF COMEDY NIGHT – Miss Harrison Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

The Archer Academy Comedy Night is back by popular demand! Monday 29th April 7.30pm at Lower School



Come and laugh with us! Buy your tickets on ParentPay today

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*), Ninia 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.

This top-class comedy night always sells out. So, we are giving Archer parents the exclusive opportunity to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public on Monday 25th March. Tickets are £30, book now on ParentPay to avoid disappointment. Over-18s only.

This event is helping raise funds for our Raise The Roof campaign, so we can build a much-needed bespoke dance, drama and music studio at Lower School. We have already raised £270,000, but we still need to secure another £180,000 before we can start building a dedicated space for our young people to rehearse, perform, and be involved behind the scenes.

#### **Programme Advertising**

We are selling ad space in our comedy night programme. If you would like to advertise your business to the school and local community, please contact Katie Ruback to discuss pricing and requirements. kruback@thearcheracademy.org.uk

## Buy a ticket for a teacher

If you would like to give an Archer teacher the opportunity to come along to the comedy night, you will find the option to donate a ticket to a teacher on ParentPay. Your support is very much appreciated.

# SPORTS SUCCESS – Mr Clark





The last week has seen MORE sporting success for some of our teams.

## Netball

On 14<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 7 and Year 9 netball teams made it to the league playoffs held at Copthall School. This was a round robin format played against the other league winners in Barnet. The Year 9 team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, achieving silver medals. The Year 7 team finished 1<sup>st</sup> achieving gold medals and an invitation to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games. This took place on 19<sup>th</sup> March with 27 London schools battling to be the best team in London. The Year 7's won 3 out of 6 games, unfortunately not enough to make it to the knockout stages but a tremendous effort to get that far and still be crowned 'Best in Barnet'.

## Football

Following on from the recent Year 7 girl's football success of winning the Barnet league and then league playoffs, they continued their winning streak by beating Wren 5-0 in the Barnet Cup final on Monday afternoon. This is the first Archer team to win both the League and Cup competitions in the same season. Well done Year 7 for completing the double!

Let's keep those trophies coming!

SPANISH HOMESTAY TRIP – Mr Mustafa

Year 9 and 10 Spanish students are having a brilliant time on their trip to Southern Spain, staying with host families and studying Spanish at language school.

They have enjoyed a guided walking tour of the lovely town of Benalmádena, visited the famous bullring at Ronda, explored beautiful Seville, learnt to cook paella and of course spent time on the beach in the sunshine.



## **HEADTEACHER EXEMPLARY EFFORT AWARDS – Miss Harrison**

Congratulations to the winners of the Headteacher Exemplary Effort Awards for February and March. These students have achieved a high number of merits and will enjoy a celebratory Headteacher lunch after the Easter break to mark their accomplishments.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Sasha B	Elijesa F	George S	Isabella ADS	Mohamed H
Orlanna R	Arman M	Maayan L	Gabriel TS	Theo R
Ilhan Y	Shalev C	Lorenzo DAC	Keshav A	Sabrin S
Kasia K	Tehani DC	Ketevan A	Luca DR	Shlok K
Lila B	Melana S	Nikolay K	James BP	Robin S
Evie M	Rupert R	Will C	Dasha S	Zana M
Lukas	Gabriella A	Alex S	Tommy P	Silvia S
Woody	Nancy S	Theo G	Yashi T	Luca S
Shahzain	Elizabeth Y	Nalia B	Leron B	Theo F
Leighton	Shalev C	Felix B	Amelia O	Jesse H
Evin	Lia F	Amelia D	Arvin T	Danilo Z
	Aryan B	Zofia G		Layla Skye B
	Jay C	Kristiyan G		Zsadany F
	Eilana			
YEAR 8 £10 CHALLENGE – Miss Vandervelde				



Year 8 have been working on their £10 Challenge as part of their thematic learning curriculum. They were given £10 to start a business and make as much profit as possible. They came up with a whole range of innovative business ideas including car washing, home-made baked goods, jewellery, artwork, and clothing.

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March students will have the opportunity to sell their goods and services to other members of Archer at the end of the school day. Please remind your child to bring in some cash (no more than £5) to buy items. Thank you for your support.

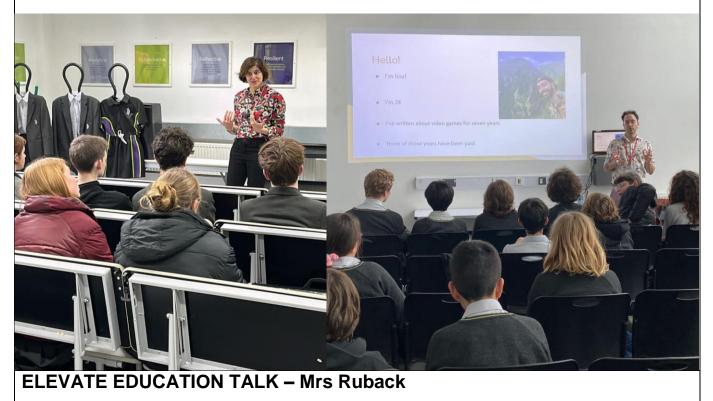
# BRIGHT IDEAS TALKS – Ms Jouhal

We were delighted to welcome two brilliant speakers to school last Friday as part of our Bright Ideas series of talks.

Sarah Sackman spoke to Upper School students about voting, why it matters and why young people are so important in shaping our politics. And Issy Vandervelde spoke to Lower School students about the exciting gaming industry and his career as a video games journalist.

Today, Mike Freer MP delivered an online talk to Upper School students at lunchtime about his fascinating experiences of being an MP and his insights into the functioning of our democracy.

Our next Bright Ideas talk will be held on Friay 3<sup>rd</sup> May. More details to follow.





Thank you to Elevate Education who delivered an excellent talk to parents on Friday about how to guide their child through the exams process. Elevate shared tips on effective study habits, selfmotivation and time management. Their presentation can be found on the 'Parents' page of our website: Parent Workshops | Archer Academy (thearcheracademy.org.uk)

This was part of our regular parent coffee morning programme which features guest speakers. Our next coffee morning will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Details to follow.

SCIENCE WEEK AND NEURODIVERSITY WEEK – Mr Wick and Mrs Bickers

This week we have been celebrating Science and Neurodiversity Week with a range of exciting workshops, lessons, assemblies and talks.

Each day focused on spotlighting a high-profile neurodiverse figure including Billie Eilish, Simone Biles, Tim Burton and Alan Turing. Students also enjoyed attending a neurodiverse book club, fact file trails, film screenings of the movie Gifted, and a forum for neurodiverse students to share their experiences of neurodiversity, facilitated by Barnet's Autism Advisory Team.

The week also included opportunities for students to take part in exciting lunchtime science experiments in the labs including shock therapy, electricity racing, molymod racing and sprat dissection. Year 9 enjoyed a Dr Szydlo science show and students across the school heard fascinating talks from external experts such as 'the life of a paramedic', 'is the world's deadliest animal coming to East Finchley?' by a leading scientist from The International Society for Neglected Tropical Diseases, and a designer who creates fashionable clothing for people with physical disabilities.



**DUKE OF EDINBURUGH BRONZE EXPEDITION – Mr Sun** 



The 47 students have developed a set of key skills since enrolling in the DofE enrichment programme in September, coupled with out of school volunteering.

## YEAR 11 TRIP TO KENILWORTH CASTLE – Mrs Vandervelde



Year 11 historians visited Kenilworth Castle in Warwick on Saturday as part of their History GCSE course. Students learned how the form and function of the castle has changed over its thousand year history. A further group of Year 11s will visit the castle at the end of the month. A lovely opportunity to learn outside the classroom!

## GUYS AND DOLLS CULTURAL SOCIETY OUTING – Miss Harrison Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Our next Cultural Society outing will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. This time the show is the thrilling 'Guys and Dolls' musical at the Bridge Theatre.



We still have a few tickets left. Tickets cost £19.50 each or £9.75 if your child is eligible for free school meals. 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 complete the online form here if your child would like to attend <u>https://form.jotform.com/240732795465364</u>

## DRAMA SHOWCASE – Mr Carter Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

We are delighted to announce the date for our 2024 showcase of drama on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Our talented cast will be presenting work from across the drama department in a professional theatre setting.

We will be doing an evening performance at the Finchley Youth Theatre, London N12 0GA. The performance will start at 6pm. This will be a fantastic occasion for you to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students and see work from the curriculum, enrichment clubs and company repertoires. Further details will follow.

Tickets cost £6 and are available through ParentPay (£3 for Free School Meals students). Please book early to avoid disappointment as there are only a limited number of seats available.



**GREEN DAY – Ms Clarke** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March



Please show support by following us on instagram, our usernam

The Year 11 citizenship team would like to encourage all your children to bring treats to the bake sale which will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please also do remind them to bring money as it is in aid of AgeUK Barnet who work in the local community to support over 55s in campaigns against loneliness.

Alongside this, a guest speaker from AgeUK has kindly agreed to come in and talk to lower school students about this hidden issue. We encourage your children to attend this unique and important event and hope you will share this message with them. The sign-up link is on teams!

Please show support by following us on instagram, our username is: @lonelyheartslonelymind

# MEDICAL UPDATE – Miss Rodis

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HPV immunisations on Wednesday 27th March: Years 8 & 9

A gentle reminder that the nurse team will be here on Wednesday morning to administer the HPV (Human papilloma virus) vaccine. This is available to all students in Year 8, plus any in Year 9 (or upper school) who've not yet had a single dose.

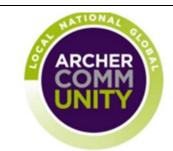
Please fill in and submit the consent form by using the link below, clearly stating which year your child is in; our school code is: CL139594 <u>https://clchschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV</u>

Please do this whether you'd like your child to have it or not, as all information helps the nurse team to shape this valuable provision.

# PRELOVED UNIFORM AND LOST PROPERTY – Miss Rodis

A massive thank you to all the families who purchased preloved uniform items last Learning Review Day – you helped us raise over £350 towards our trip fund!

Please remember to label all items, so that they can be easily returned to students. We have quite an impressive display of water bottles so please ask your child your check the lost property boxes by the Lower School ground floor toilets. We also have a fine range of coats, PE kits and accessories....anything not collected by the end of term will be donated to charity.





Archer Dads Football Team

The 'Archer Dads' team play on Wednesdays at lower school from 8-9pm. All are welcome to join! Competitive but friendly. Mixed ability and ages - we have ex-Archer students (17 year olds) to 64 year olds. £8 a game to play.

Sign up here: <u>https://us10.list-manage.com/contact-</u> form?u=47427503a1d486b571bb12a20&form\_id=879f1ddef131ad4c9692a9d9d022afec

## Relaxed workshop at the Cartoon Museum – 4<sup>th</sup> April

The Cartoon Museum are running a relaxed model making workshops for autistic young people. The session will be limited to 20 and they will lower the lights, have drinks available and will email the session instructions beforehand for anyone who wants to be completely prepared. Barnet residents will be able have their ticket cost refunded.

https://www.cartoonmuseum.org/whats-on-events/workshop-relaxed-aardman-animationsmodel-making

#### BACPAC: FREE Barnet Autism Online Course for Parents And Carers

A 6-session online training course, covering topics including: • An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic. • Communication. • Sensory needs. • Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

17th April - 22nd May. Sign up here: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/CVh5yKZmvE</u> 6th June - 11th July. Sign up here: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/p6Bjk8f7Yw</u> For any enquires please email Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk

## 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. 10-11:30am or 1:30-3pm. At WAC Arts, Old Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill, Belsize Park, London NW3 Please email morgan.jennings1@nhs.net if you would like to attend, stating a preferred time slot Choices College (formerly Project Choice) Application Form

## East Finchley's Got Talent 2!!

Can you sing, dance, play, perform magic or do something unique and extraordinary? 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If you think you can wow the judges and the audience with your talent, please email: <u>efgottalent2024@gmail.com</u> telling us a bit about your act by 5<sup>th</sup> April.





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

**Free Language Enrichment Programme training** course for all parents / carers who would like advice on supporting their child's speech, language and communication. The sessions are being run by BELS in conjunction with Wave SLT and are delivered via Zoom on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June. More information and sign up details here: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/pxBPdejAGB</u>

# LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist



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Year 7s and 8s: If you'd like to be a part of the **Carnegie Shadowing Group** in the Lower School, where you read, discuss, and present

on the shortlist of excellence in writing for young people, contact Ms Appelquist. Places are limited! Wednesday lunchtimes in the Lower School library.





of library books and magazines for free from Barnet and other councils to read on your phone, computer, or tablet. No library card? You can apply for one <u>online</u>!



The team at <u>Simon Teen</u> (formerly *Riveted*), as well as showcasing interviews with some of your favourite **YA** authors, and previews and reviews of upcoming books, continue to provide full **YA** books and extracts to read online for free. Right now, Cassandra Clare's *Clockwork Angel* is available in full!



Finally, <u>here</u> is a list of free online reading sites. **Internet Archive** even has quite a lot in languages other than English, too!

You have **one week and two days** left to use your book token to get a free short read or £1 off any children's or YA book-don't miss this opportunity! (If you need another token see Ms Appelquist in the LS Library.)



Events:

-Acclaimed author **Patrice Lawrence** will be reading from her adaptation, *Jane Eyre for Young Readers*, at the <u>Southbank Centre</u> on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

-Aspiring manga artists head for **Waterstone's Piccadilly** to meet **Celine Creswell**, author of **Draw Manga**, who's hosting a free live drawing workshop on 12<sup>th</sup> April -On 13<sup>th</sup> April, head to **The Children's Bookshop** in Muswell Hill to meet **Kevin and Katie Tsang**, authors of the **Dragon Force** and **Dragon Mountain** books, and get a signed copy of their latest adventure. **Devourer's Attack**!

-A special adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet* for younger viewers is running over the holidays at the <u>Polka Theatre</u> in Wimbledon.

## HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

## Year 11 – Mr Constantinou

There seems to be a renewed focus in classrooms with students maximising opportunities to feel prepared and secure in what they know, and where they need to put their energies. It really is the final push so please support your child in keeping this going.

Do continue to pay attention to the Year 11 bulletin with regards to how much time remains until the final summer GCSE exams and also contains all lots of other information you need. I'll ask a question, does your child know how much longer they have until their exams? I am aware this was in last week's newsletter, but it's reinforcement not repetition.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of May at Highgate Golf Club 7-10.30pm is the Year 11 Leavers' Ball. I will be writing to you soon with all the information with regards to purchasing tickets for the event. You will also have received information about yearbooks and leavers' hoodies. I am conscious of bombarding you. However what I have explained to your child in assembly this week is that it is crucial we stay on top of these things, make our choices and meet those payments to ensure we give them the send off they deserve.

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

Amana H – for such focus and progress in Economics. Nathan L – for consistent, calm and continuous effort in lessons.

## Year 10 – Mr McSherry

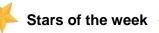
Doesn't work experience feel like a distant memory?

An important date not only for your diary, but for your wall calendar: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm at the Upper School (until 8pm).

The Year 10 Core Subjects evening.

This evening will focus on study skills and important information regarding the preparation for your child's One Year To Go exams. This process is crucial for college applications, and allowing your child to apply as widely as possible.

Oh and rest assured, if you have asked for your child's work experience photo... it will be with you shortly, if it is not already!



Abigail L – for always being polite and respectful in PE and in general to staff Nittai – for adopting a 'can do' attitude in PE

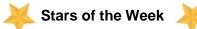
#### Year 9 – Ms Le

What a wonderful week Year 9 have had! Their positive attitude and dedication have been commendable.

With GCSE Option Choices submitted and locked in, you will be shortly receive a GCSE choice letter to confirm the choices that students have made. Please contact us promptly if you have any concerns or issues.

As we approach the end of the spring term next week, this marks the beginning of the planning stages of our transition program to upper school which begins in the summer term, and I am excited to lead the year group through the next stage of their journey at Archer.

Next Thursday will be a non-uniform day. Our young global ambassadors have worked hard to organise this event and they are encouraging students to wear green to raise money for 'Trees for Cities' charity. It will also be a half-day, adding to the excitement of wrapping up the term.



Lyn K (9BDA) and Emily B (9BDA) – for their hard work with the planning and delivery of their History presentation with Mr Hilton. Well done to the both of you.

## Year 8 – Mr Hilton

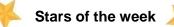
Firstly a reminder of our Parents Breakfast morning on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April!

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

We would like parents to bring a breakfast dish in to share please! 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. I look forward to seeing you, please confirm your attendance here: https://eu.jotform.com/build/240532906726356/publish

Our Year Group have been working hard to sell their products for the 10X challenge - I wonder who will make the most profit by the end of this challenge?

Next week is the final week of the Spring Term. A reminder that school finishes on Thursday at midday. It will also be non-school uniform day for Green Day, so please send your child in with £1 and ideally some green clothing!



Colin F and Agnes N – for their outstanding business initiative!

## Year 7 – Mr Raghuveer

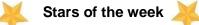
In our penultimate week, students have continued to impress me with their commitment to wider school life: I have seen students put in a lot of effort in Rugby training before school, basketball club after school and not least during our Safer Schools Day on Thursday. Additionally, our Girls Netball Team competed at the London Youth Games, winning 3 out of 6 games. Sporting prowess seems to be a consistent strength!

The Year 7 Tutor Team and our guests were thoroughly impressed with Year 7's inquisitiveness, engagement, and thoughtfulness during their Safer Schools workshops. Presenters commented on the willingness to be involved from our cohort, which fills me with pride. The day may have brought up some sensitive topics such as knife crime and radicalisation online, but students were able to manage topics well and discussed these in a mature manner. Do ask your child what they have learnt about being safe in the community to mirror the follow-up that will take place in school. This is always one of the most important days in our Lifelong Learning Curriculum, and it was so good to hear that students

approached this day seriously, and have taken on board the knowledge and advice provided to them by the experts.

Our next event will be Take My Child To Work Day which is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to all parents that have filled in the form, a gentle reminder to complete the Jotform to indicate whether your child will be going to work with you, with a friend/relative, or if you are unable to find a placement and need support from the school. A further reminder to parents that may be able to take multiple children to work, please do reach out if you can support.





Sasha B 7SGR and Nixon K 7MDV – for consistently doing the right thing without reminding. Thank you for always being engaged, helpful, and diligent in all that you do.

#### 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.