

19th April 2024

Dear all,

I hope that all Archer families had a wonderful spring holiday. It has been wonderful to welcome staff and students back to school this week and we have made a strong start to the summer term.

This week has seen us launch a 'behaviour reset' to enable a period of reflection on the Archer Way and our shared high expectations for behaviour and conduct. All students took part in assemblies on Monday morning and have received guidance across the week, surrounding the routines and habits that we expect within our community to enable us all to thrive.

I have been impressed by the response and the immediate uplift. Next week will see a particular focus on uniform, make up and jewellery. We have become a little scruffy as a community and need to ensure that we are all wearing our uniform with pride and that there are no distractions to learning. Our expectations around uniform, make up and jewellery are clearly outlined in our Behaviour Policy and I would ask for parent support as we move into next week. No young person should be arriving at school wearing make up or jewellery beyond that permitted in the policy. Students should expect jewellery to be confiscated and to be asked to remove make up.



This week has seen a range of rich events for our community, from our Year 8 Parent Breakfast to the Year 7 trip to Kenwood House, alongside a series of practical examinations for Year 11. It has been wonderful to see our students thrive in some many different arenas. I very much look forward to the Dance Showcase this evening.

A reminder that on Thursday 24th April all students should arrive at school at 8.40am as opposed to 8.20am. Students are asked not to arrive at school before 8.40am. Students should go directly to their session one lesson to be greeted by their teacher, the lesson will start as usual at 8.45am. There will be no tutor time on Thursday.

I do hope you will be able to join us at our fabulous stand-up Comedy Night on Monday 29th April. With four brilliant comedians, drinks, food, and music, this is a night not to be missed. Tickets are available on ParentPay. This is a fundraising event for our Raise the Roof campaign, to build a new CPA Studio and every penny raised will make such a difference.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

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:

April

Mon 22nd-Fri 26th – Wellbeing Week

Tues 23rd – Enrichment Parent Walk Around 3-4.30pm

Wed 24th-Fri 26th – Year 10 Paris trip. Year 10 parent breakfast morning

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 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

Tues 14th – Drama showcase, 6pm

Wed 15th – Year 9 immunisations. Sophia Davison talk 6.15-7.30pm NEW DATE TBC

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:

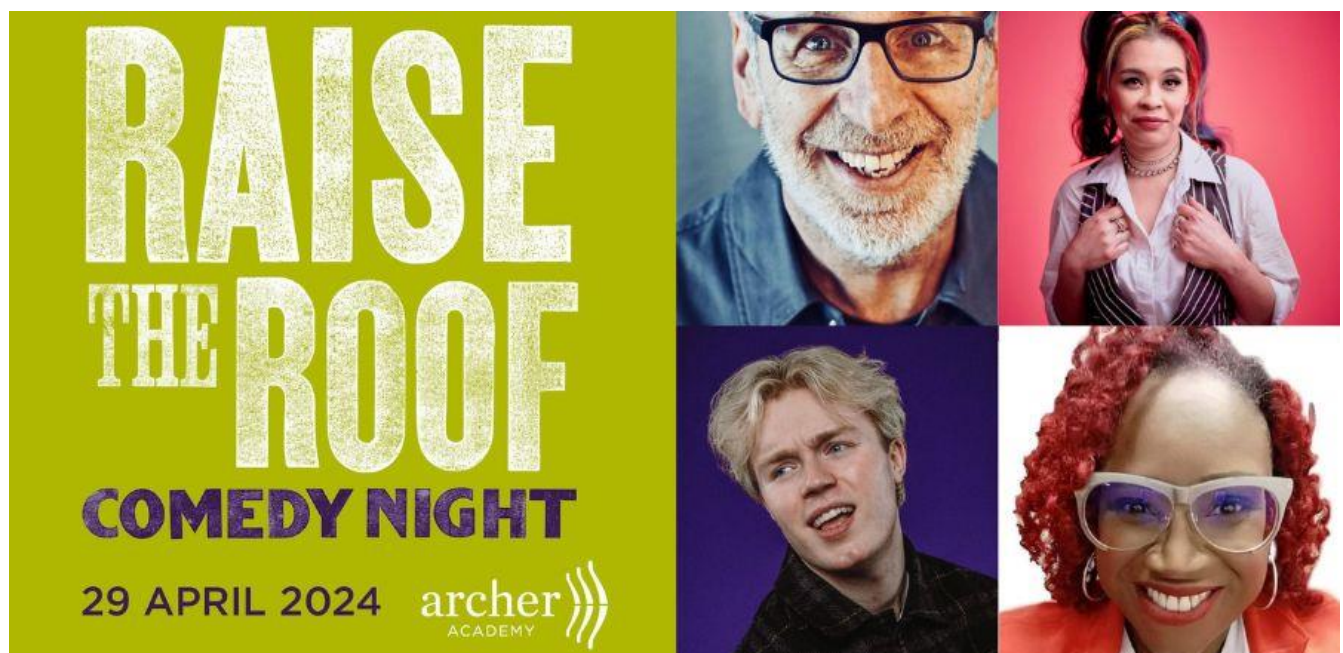
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LinkedIn @archeracademy

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

BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHT – Miss Harrison Monday 29th April



The graphic features a green background on the left with the text 'RAISE THE ROOF COMEDY NIGHT' in large, bold, white and blue letters. Below this, it says '29 APRIL 2024' and the Archer Academy logo. On the right, there are four square portraits of comedians: a man with glasses and a beard, a woman with red hair, a man with blonde hair, and a woman with red hair and glasses.

ONLY A WEEK TO GO!

Don't forget to buy your tickets on **ParentPay** for our fabulous stand-up comedy night

Monday 29th April 7.30pm at Lower School

Find out more here: <https://youtu.be/5bEAzNfAqsk>

Four brilliant comedians, who all have a wealth of television, stage and live stand-up experience: Ian Stone, Ria Lina, Ninia Benjamin and Finlay Christie. Plus drinks, food and music from MOBO award-winning DJ Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock - this is a night not to be missed!

Help us reach our fundraising target of £10,000 for this event

All funds raised from the comedy night are going towards our Raise The Roof campaign, so we can start building our new dedicated dance, drama and music studio at Lower School.

Spread the word

The comedy night is open to all - not just Archer parents! Please spread the word and invite friends, family and neighbours. Non-Archer people can purchase their tickets on Eventbrite here:

<https://tinyurl.com/archerraisetherooft>

ENRICHMENT WALK AROUND – Miss Harrison

Tuesday 23rd April, 3pm

ENRICHMENT WALK AROUND



SEE THE ARCHER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME IN ACTION

**TUESDAY 23RD APRIL
3-4.30PM, LOWER SCHOOL**

Join Miss Harrison on a live walk around of our enrichment programme

Tuesday 23rd April, 3pm at Lower School.

See first-hand the exciting activities that our students take part in, as well as the skills and interests they develop.

Our twice-a-week enrichment programme is one of the highlights of Archer Academy life, offering our students the chance to try something new and different, discover hidden passions and talents, and collaborate with members of other classes and year groups.

We look forward to showing you enrichment in action at Archer!

Please sign up here if you plan to attend: <https://form.jotform.com/240933375599369>

YEAR 10 PARENTS BREAKFAST MORNING

Wednesday 24th April



Year 10 Parents' Breakfast Morning

Wednesday 24th April

8:50-9:35am Tutor groups CSU, ZHU, JNO

9:45-10:30am Tutor groups KKO, SHI, JAI

- Enjoy time with Year 10 parents, Mr McSherry, and Year 10 form tutors
- Celebrate the success of Year 10 students

Please bring a breakfast dish to share



All Year 10 parents are invited to a breakfast morning at Upper School on Wednesday 24th April. Celebrate the achievements of our Year 10 students and to enjoy time with other Year 10 parents, Mr McSherry and Year 10 form tutors.

There are two time slots for the breakfast morning, as follows:

- Tutor groups 10CSU, 10ZHU and 10JNO will be held at 8:50-9:35am
- Tutor groups 10KKO, 10SHI, 10JAI will be held at 9:45-10:30am

Please bring a breakfast dish to share. We hope that lots of Year 10 parents will join us on 24th April. Please sign up here: <https://form.jotform.com/240933954350357>

YEAR 8 £10 CHALLENGE – Miss Vandervelde

Year 8 experienced entrepreneurship first hand with their £10 Challenge project as part of the 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, candles and hand-made cosmetics.

A highlight was the 'marketplace' which took place at the end of the spring term in which students sold their goods and services to other members of the Archer community. Most students were sold out by the end of the day and took home a tidy profit! Well done Year 8!



SEND PARENT FORUM – Ms Bickers
Tuesday 23rd April



The next Parent SEND Forum is on Tuesday 23rd April at 9am at Lower School. This will be an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents of students with SEND in the school.

We will also be sharing the feedback from our recent Neurodiverse Student forum as well as asking for your suggestions and advice on setting up parental feedback processes.

YEAR 7 KENWOOD THEMATICS TRIP – Mrs Vandervelde

Year 7 have been learning about Kenwood House in Thematic Learning. On Thursday they walked to this beautiful local landmark and had a wonderful time exploring the house with its stunning art collections and beautiful architecture. They asked the volunteers lots of brilliant questions and also enjoyed Kenwood’s glorious gardens and grounds. A lovely afternoon out for Year 7, we are so lucky to have this gorgeous gem on our doorstep!

Remember, Kenwood House and Gardens is completely free to visit. See <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenwood/>



STUDENT CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – Miss Harrison
Sunday 12th May, 2pm



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

ARCHER ACADEMY, EAGANS CL, EAST FINCHLEY N2 8DJ

SUNDAY
12TH MAY | 2 - 5 PM

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MINIMUM DONATION
£10 P/PERSON

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO
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AND BOOTS

IN AID OF



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A Year 8 Archer student, Aliza C, is organising a charity football tournament in aid of Football Beyond Borders and Kits 4 Causes.

This will take place at the Archer Lower School astro pitch on Sunday 12th May from 2-5pm. All Archer students are invited to take part in the tournament by registering a 5-a-side team or by donating a used football kit.

Each player is asked to donate £10 to enter the tournament. There are limited places available. [Please click here to register](#)

For any queries, please email tournament12may@gmail.com

END OF SPRING TERM CELEBRATIONS – Miss Harrison

Students in the dance, drama and sports teams enjoyed a special 'elevenses' treat with Miss Harrison at the end of last term to mark their recent wins across local, national and international competitions. We also celebrated the spring term's Archer Way Award winners, as well as our award winners from Science Week and Neurodiversity Week. Well done to all students involved.



RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS NOTIFICATION – Miss Harrison

If your child will be absent from school to observe any religious festivals, please email to school in advance on office@thearcheracademy.org.uk and mark the subject of the email 'Religious Observance Absence Request'. Please detail the day your child will be absent from school and for which festival.

Days of absence will be authorised for students to attend religious events in a place of worship in accordance with Barnet guidelines. Please assume your request for absence has been authorised unless you hear from the school.

GREEN DAY – Ms Clarke



Our final day of the Spring Term was Green Day. All students were encouraged to wear something green to show their support for environmental issues. Our Year 8 Young Global Ambassadors made a wish tree in the garden, sold homemade cakes for charity, and delivered an impactful assembly, reminding their peers of the need to stop climate change and what we can all do to help.

The charity that the YGAs have decided to support this year is: 'Trees for Cities' who plant trees in local communities to improve our air quality. We raised **£458** on the day. We are so proud of the students' professional presentation and their commitment to our planet.

ARCHER ACCELERATE – Miss Harrison

Well done to our hardworking Year 11 students who took up the opportunity to come into school over the holidays and take part in our Archer Accelerate GCSE revision programme, seizing every way to get ahead in the run up to their exams.



GCSE DRAMA PRACTICAL EXAM – Miss Rodford



Well done to Year 11 drama students who completed their final practical exam before the Easter break. We are so proud of all their hard work and dedication as they approach the end of their course.

HOUSE DAY – Mr Carter Friday 26th April

Our annual House Day is taking place on Friday 26th April to celebrate the lives of our House icons: Ada Lovelace, Ignatius Sancho and Mary Seacole

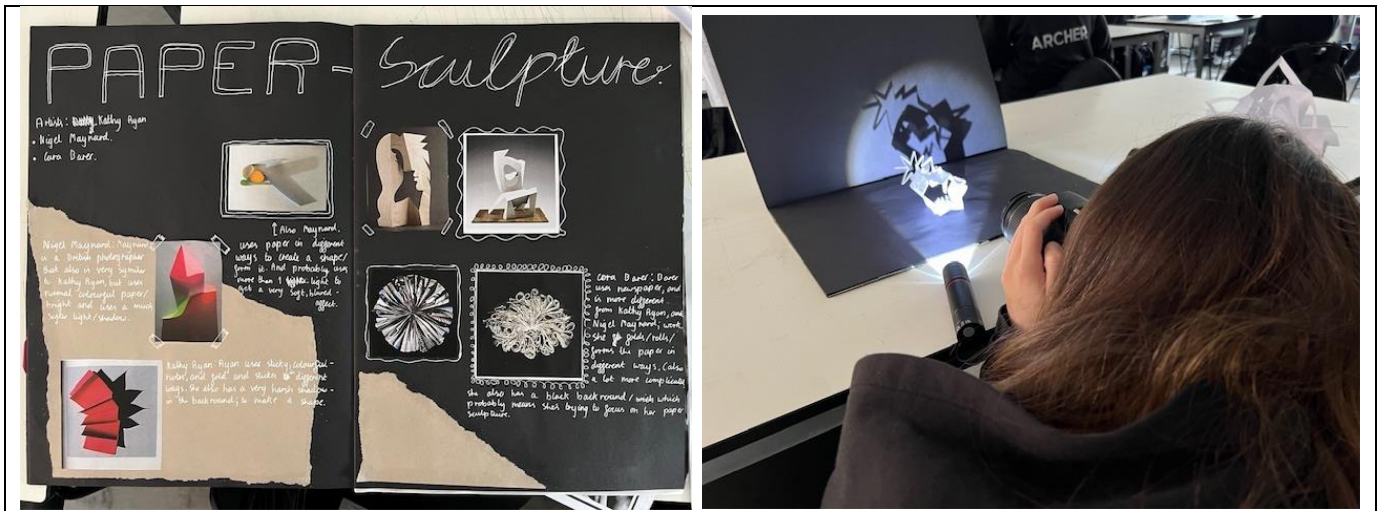
Please support this day by:

- Bringing in a cake decorated with your house colour for the House bake off competition
- Bringing in a donation of £1
- Wearing bright House colours with pride

Lovelace = green, Ignatius = grey, Seacole = purple



YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT – Ms Clarke



Our year 9 photographers are learning studio work through their paper sculpture project. The group are enthusiastic and inventive and are lighting, editing and analysing very proficiently.

SOPHIA DAVISON 'THE TEENAGE BRAIN' TALK – Ms Mahoney



Thank you to all parents who attended Sophia's talk on Wednesday on 'The Teenage Brain and Understanding Adolescence.

We would be very grateful of any feedback you have in expanding our parent workshop offer, please [click here to provide your comments](#). Thank you.

Details of Sophia's next talk will be provided soon.



Proms at St Jude's owl poster competition for the North London Hospice Big Fun Art Adventure:



Owlbert



Can you design our owl(et)?

Proms at St Jude's - www.promsatstjudes.org.uk - will be hosting it's very own Owllet as part of the North London Hospice Big Fun Art Adventure: <https://bigfunartadventure.org>.

He or she will be a little friend of the Hospice's very own Owlbert (see photo) who will also be visiting Proms at St Jude's during the festival week. The Proms Owllet and owls in general will be especially important at our Family Festival on 30 June.

Competition Instructions

- Submit your designs (front and rear) on the template provided
- The Owllet's 'plumage' design should reflect Proms and our Hampstead Garden Suburb location
- Entries invited from anyone aged 5-16 years who lives/attends school in or near Hampstead Garden Suburb
- The winning designer will receive a gift voucher and may be commissioned to decorate the Owllet (depending on age and ability).
- Presentation to the winner during Proms Week.
- The best designs will appear on our website and the winner will be part of the North London Hospice Big Fun Art Adventure.



The instruction sheet, entry form and template can be found on our website: www.promsatstjudes.org.uk

Entries should be submitted to: education@promsatstjudes.org.uk on the template provided, together with a completed application form by Wednesday 7 May 2024. You can also suggest a name for the Owllet!

Full details, instructions, design template and entry form below. The closing date is May 7th.
<https://www.promsatstjudes.org.uk/2024-big-fun-art-adventure-details> here

Managing exam stress – Yoga workshop for teens

TARLING ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE IN EAST FINCHLEY
SATURDAY 27th APRIL 2024
3-5PM



YOGA FOR TEENS EXAM WORKSHOP

A wellbeing workshop to help you manage the challenges of exams
Learn how to support your mind & body
Release tension & build confidence
Feel more grounded & help you focus
Space for you
No previous yoga experience needed - just come along as you are

BOOK HERE:

www.yogacharmd@gmail.com



**questions are welcome



Barnet SENDIASS Virtual Information Session- Emotional Based School Avoidance:

Date: Wednesday 12 June 2024

Time: 10am to 12.30pm

Location: Online via MS Teams

Theme: Emotional Based School Avoidance

Please contact sendiass@barnet.gov.uk for further information

Resources for Autism weekly groups for Autistic young people:



MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Every Person Group Finchley, Ages 13-18yrs 6-8pm</p> <p>A group for girls to feel empowered through art and drama.</p>	<p>Wednesday Social Club, Ages 14-18yrs Golders Green, 6-8pm</p> <p>A group to build friendships and try new things.</p>	<p>Dungeons and Dragons Group, Ages 10-14 yrs Virtual 5-7pm</p> <p>A group for D&D adventurers.</p>	<p>Saturday Club Ages 8-14 yrs Golders Green, 10am-1pm</p> <p>A group for low need young people to build friendships and have fun.</p>
		<p>Peer Support Group Ages 15-19 yrs 6.30 to 8.30pm</p> <p>A group for teens to explore topics around teenagehood.</p>	<p>Saturday Club Ages 15-19 yrs Golders Green, 2-4pm</p> <p>A group for high need young people to have fun and explore new activities.</p>

A fun and inclusive space for autistic children and young people to engage in meaningful activities, build friendships and skills. Join us for social outings, art, music, games, sensory play and more!

For more information or to join our groups, please contact our Play Service Manager:
Email: amy@resourcesforautism.org.uk
Main Office: 0208 458 3259

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'.

6th June - 11th July. Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/p6Bjk8f7Yw>

For any enquires please email Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk

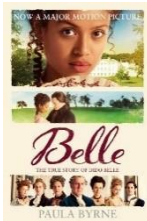
Free Language Enrichment Programme training course for all parents / carers who would like advice on supporting their child's speech, language and communication. The sessions are being run by BELS in conjunction with Wave SLT and are delivered via Zoom on 7th May, 21st May, 4th June. More information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

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist



The **Carnegie Shortlist** books are now available in the Lower School Library. Come take a look at some examples of excellence in writing for young people!

Thematic Learning:



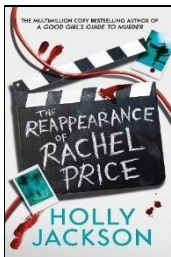
Some of our Y7s who visited Kenwood House this week might be interested in Paula Byrne's biography of Dido Belle, one of the most famous residents of Kenwood House! Available in the LS Library.



Next week, the Archer Library celebrates Well-Being Week with books to help you thrive! Check these out and more at the Lower School Library. We'll also be looking at the new book, Little Things, by Fearne Cotton, on how to handle stress.



Upcoming Events:



Jacqueline Wilson fans will want to book this event at the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon, on 26th April. Jacqueline will be talking about her career and new book, ***The Girl Who Wasn't There***, and there will also be an opportunity for children to ask questions. [Tickets](#) will go fast!

Fans of ***A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*** will want to get [tickets](#) ASAP as Holly Jackson will be introducing her new book, ***The Reappearance of Rachel Price***, on 1st May at Waterstone's Piccadilly.



Looking ahead: On the May Bank Holiday, 27th May, Jennifer Bell (***Wonderscape***) and Lizzie Huxley Jones (***Vivi Conway and the Haunted Quest***) will be talking about their new books at Waterstone's Kensington. See [here](#) for tickets.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 – Mr Constantinou

I do hope by now you will have seen the bulletin. There is interesting information on this document and the information being shared is more important than ever. Please do take a moment to sit with your child and explore the contents.

As we look ahead to next week there are MFL speaking exams. Do ensure your child has double checked when their exam is, where it is, and with what member of staff. Important to be prepared and to avoid any unnecessary stress on the day, I am sure you'll agree.

I explained to the students in assembly this week that we really are there now. It seems less like a countdown to the GCSEs but more like they are here. I believe the students are ready. They are working exceptionally hard and seem determined to do their best. One thing I would ask of you is to ensure they have all the relevant equipment they need - and plenty of it! A reminder this must be in a clear pencil case.

As Year 11s will soon become 'Archer Alumni', please encourage them to give us their personal contact details before they leave school so we can keep in touch with them once they leave Archer and let them know about Alumni events and reunions, Archer news, and what their peers are up after life at Archer. The 'Keep in Touch' form can be found on MS Teams and here: <https://eu.jotform.com/form/230727398771366>

They can also follow our Alumni Instagram channel [@archeralumni](#) to stay connected to Archer and their classmates.



Stars of the week



Melody M – an unsung star of the year group. She is everything an Archer is supposed to be, hard working, kind and exceptionally polite.

Joseph C – his dedication to his studies is remarkable - so calm and purposeful, he is setting himself up for success.

Year 10 – Mr McSherry

Have you registered your interest in Wednesday's 24th May Parent Breakfast Morning at upper school? Please sign up here to let us know you can attend: <https://form.jotform.com/240933954350357>

We will be sharing some feedback and achievements from work experience and simply spending some time together. I hope you are able to attend, a reminder of the time slots depending on your child's tutor group:

8.50am - 9.35am - 10CSU, 10ZHU, 10JNO

9.45am - 10.30am - 10KKO, 10SHI, 10JAI

Our shared sense of community has never been so important, so I really do hope you are able to attend, enjoy one another's company and discuss your shared experiences of parenting a Year 10 student!

Also, there is an updated version of the One Year To Go Exam timetable on the Year 10 MS Teams Channel - why not have your child login and take a look together? You will receive further information later today, if you haven't done so already.



Angelina C-F – for embracing the behaviour reset
Maeve K – for supporting the Year 11 dance students

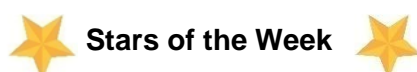
Year 9 – Ms Le

Well done, Year 9, on a fantastic week back at school! It's been wonderful seeing everyone return refreshed and enthusiastic for the new summer term. I'm incredibly proud of the impressive number of merits our year group has earned this week. Let's keep up the excellent work and continue to climb higher together!

Next week, our school will focus on 'Wellbeing' offering a variety of enriching activities for students to participate in. From yoga and gardening to peer mentor chats over cake, music therapy, mindfulness exercises, and creative arts in the garden, as well as Box Fit Classes—there's something for everyone. It promises to be a fantastic and rejuvenating week for all involved.

A friendly reminder that our end-of-year residential trip to Stubbers is fast approaching. If you haven't secured a place for your child yet, please reach out as soon as possible. Payment is still open on ParentPay, and we'll soon be finalising the plans for this exciting event. I'm looking forward to ending the year with lots of laughter and memorable experiences.

Here's to another successful week ahead.



George S (9SMU) – for making every effort to improve his punctuality and uniform
Marus (9KCL) – for modelling the Archer way - perfect uniform and impressing all his teachers with his can do attitude. Well done.

Year 8 – Mr Hilton

Thank you to all parents that attended our Year 8 Breakfast morning. It was wonderful to see the interactions between parents, teachers and students. We really appreciate your dedication to the school. I'm sure you'll join me in celebrating how fantastic our musicians were.

I'm really pleased how our year group has settled into the new term. This week lots of students have received a high of merit points. Keep this up!

Next week, I will be sharing more information around our end of year residential trip to the Bushcraft Centre on 3rd to 5th July. I know how much students value time with friends in the wilderness and this makes the experience even more special. If you have any questions about the trip, please speak to tutors at the first instance.



Niam, Owen, James M, Leila S, Vera, Sonny, Aliza, Keisha, Arman, Shalev, Sophie C, Joey K, Endri, Dudley – for their outstanding performances during the Year 8 Breakfast Morning.

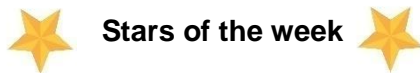
Year 7 – Mr Raghuvver

Year 7 have had a good return to school in the summer term. I have seen some excellent engagement across multiple subjects this week, ranging from Javelin in PE, discussing the merits of King John as a ruler in History and not to forget, their exemplary behaviour on their trip to Kenwood House on Wednesday as part of the Thematic Learning curriculum.

We have launched a behaviour reset for the school this week and it is important that our cohort begin to get "Year 8" ready and ensure that they are keeping the highest standards for themselves and their peers. The year group have impressed me with how well they have engaged in the process and I look forward to continuing rewarding those that are always doing the right thing, all of the time.

Reminders will be sent out for Take My Child to Work Day coming up on 13th May, it is very important that you let us know if there are any issues with organising a placement for your child, it should be a fantastic day for them to experience the world of work, and if not, they will need to attend school where they will take part in career workshops.

Finally, it is Year 7 Parent's Consultation Evening next Wednesday, it is an online event using the Parents Evening System. If you have any concerns or issues, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.



Stars of the week

Oliver J 7JRW – for always trying your best, no matter the circumstance
Tom E 7JAB – thank you for your diligence and can do attitude across the board

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.