

26th April 2024

Dear all,

This week has seen students engage in a rich range of activities as part of our 'Wellbeing Week', with a focus on exploring the importance and significance of joy. For me, the real highlights have been seeing so many young people enjoying activities in the school garden, the laughter workshop and lunchtime clubs with students making friendship bracelets and leading peer mentoring sessions. Each opportunity has given time and space for the exploration of self care and I hope each student will take an aspect forward with them.

Alongside our focus on wellbeing we have continued to focus on our 'behaviour reset' and continue to be pleased with the impact of this work on general standards. This week, we expanded our focus to make up and jewellery and this has improved presentation. We will continue with the same focus next week to ensure that we no longer need to remind students of expectations, in relation to their dress and appearance. I would ask for your support in ensuring that students set off for school, in line with school rules, to minimise the need for challenge at school.

I very much look forward to seeing parents on Monday evening at our Comedy Night to raise funds for our 'Raise the Roof Campaign'. There are just a few tickets remaining, please do snap these up. Every penny raised will go directly towards the building costs of the new studio.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *"When we forget to make sure we are doing okay, we can't then give our best to the people we care about."* Fearne Cotton

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 29th – Archer comedy night, 7.30pm

May

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

Thurs 9th – Late start for students, 8.40am. 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 IN JUNE

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

June

Mon 3rd – INSET Day

Fri 7th – Year 10 Southend trip
Fri 14th – Parent coffee morning
Mon 17th – SEND parent coffee morning
Wed 19th – Sophia Davison parent talk 6.30pm
Fri 21st – INSET Day
Mon 24th – Late start for students 8.40am
Tues 25th – Year 7 celebration event
Thurs 27th – Early dismissal for students 1.30pm

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

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS FOR COMEDY NIGHT – Miss Harrison Monday 29th April

**RAISE
THE ROOF
COMEDY NIGHT**
29 APRIL 2024 archer ACADEMY

IAN STONE
FINLAY CHRISTIE
NINIA BENJAMIN
RIA LINA

Raise The Roof Comedy Night - Monday 29th April, 7.30pm at Lower School

Last chance to book your tickets to see four fabulous comedians perform hilarious stand-up comedy: Ian Stone, Ria Lina, Ninia Benjamin and Finlay Christie. Plus, enjoy drinks, refreshments and music from MOBO award-winning DJ Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock.

Book your £30 tickets on ParentPay today (over 18s only). All money raised from ticket sales will go towards building our dedicated new dance, drama and music studio at lower school for our talented Archer students and the wider community to rehearse and perform in.

Bring your friends and family too. Non-Archer people can buy their tickets on Eventbrite here: <https://tinyurl.com/archerraisetherooftickets> (booking fee applies).

We look forward to seeing you for a brilliant night of comedy on 29th April!

WELLBEING WEEK – Ms Mahoney

This week has been Wellbeing Week at school. Students have enjoyed a variety of activities to support mental health and self-care.

Across the week students took part in gardening, mindfulness crafts, dance parties, peer mentoring 'cake and chat' sessions, boxfit, yoga, library activities and music therapy. On Thursday, students tried out something new - laughing therapy! A great way to stimulate the release of endorphins, reducing stress, anxiety and low-mood.



ENRICHMENT UPDATE – Ms Galliver

A reminder that the final sessions of Block 2 Enrichment took place this week for Years 7-9. The school day will now finish at 3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the remainder of the school year.

Year 10 annual enrichment will continue on Tuesdays until the week ending 14th June.

Year 11 enrichments will continue on both Tuesdays and Thursdays until the week ending 10th May.

Thank you to all parents who joined Miss Harrison on the 'enrichment walk around' tour on Tuesday afternoon. It was wonderful to show parents enrichment in action at Archer so they could see first-hand the exciting opportunities our students take part in.



BRIGHT IDEAS TALK – Ms Galliver

Friday 3rd May, 3.15pm



BE INSPIRED!
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

FRIDAY 3RD MAY
3.15-4PM
UPPER SCHOOL

STEVE PARSONS AND STEVE SHAW
ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNERS

Our next Bright Ideas talk for students will be held on Friday 3rd May 3.15-4pm in the Upper School Dining Hall

The topic is 'A brighter future' – the environment, climate crisis, social responsibility and solutions for young people.

Who are the speakers?

Steve Parsons - an environmental campaigner and parliamentary candidate for the Green Party in Finchley and Golders Green will speak about how young people can get involved in their local environment.

Steve Shaw - founder and director of Power for People, a not-for-profit organisation campaigning for the UK to rapidly transition to 100% clean energy. He has a background in environmental law and parliament, and worked on the campaigns for the Climate Change Act and the Sustainable Communities Act.

For who?

All students are welcome to come along. All Citizenship students are expected to attend, Year 10-11 students are encouraged, and any other students who is interested or involved in the environment. That's everyone! Cakes, biscuits and drinks will be provided.

How to sign up

Sign up via the form here which is also found on year group MS Teams.

<https://forms.office.com/e/jr8JrHiU0m>

TEACHING SCIENCE TO PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS – Mr Rosenwick

Thank you to our brilliant Year 8 and 9 students who taught a science lesson to students from Holy Trinity primary school this Monday.

The Year 4 and 5 students really enjoyed their lesson on microscopy and were even overheard saying 'I don't want to leave!' Well done to Paniz, Louis, Clara, Zara, Nathan, Kristian, Ruby, Miriam and Yahel for making the lesson really exciting and engaging. Certainly future science teachers in the making!



YEAR 7 KENWOOD THEMATICS TRIP – Mrs Vandervelde

This Thursday, a second group of Year 7 students visited Kenwood House and Gardens as part of their Thematic Learning project. It was the perfect time to visit with the rhododendrons coming into flower. This beautiful gem is on our doorstep and can be visited at any time for free: <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

USE THIS QR CODE
TO REGISTER YOUR
5 A SIDE TEAM AND DONATE



MINIMUM DONATION
£10 P/PERSON

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO
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AND BOOTS

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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

MIKE FREER MP TALK – Mr Ruffles

Following the success of Sarah Sackman's talk before Easter, Mike Freer MP came to do a talk to our Year 10 students. He spoke about his role as a constituency MP and as a minister and discussed the importance of engagement in politics and public life. He also answered some brilliant questions written by Year 11 Citizenship students.



NEW CLUB - FILM SKOOL – Ms Galliver



We are thrilled to be working with Film Skool, an organisation offering extra-curricular programmes to develop skills in all processes of film-making from inception of plot to acting and cutting, prior to show-casing the finished films. Students develop technical skills at the same time as working collaboratively with peers here at school.

The 'Film Skool' is supported by the Institute of Education and Mayfair Curzon cinema and is open to all students. It will be structured as a 60-minute workshop each Wednesday after school, for a five-week period from 15th May – 19th June. In addition there are two weekend days after this time, including a screening at a West End cinema! The cost of the programme is £150. Letters have been sent to all parents and carers with more information on how to sign up.

CATERING UPDATE – Ms Harrison

We hope that students have sampled our new summer menus and are enjoying some of the new additions as well as some of their old favourites too. Our menus are put together with the help of our students and their ideas are instrumental in shaping the choices we offer.

A reminder that we offer a good value meal deal of £2.57 which includes either a hot meal option (hot main and hot dessert) or a cold meal option (choice of a sandwich or baguette and a fruit or dessert pot). Students will be able to select these from our clearly marked 'meal deal' labelling.

We are excited to bring 3 theme days to the students this term: BBQ Day with an exciting choice of meat and vegetarian options; Wimbledon Tennis theme day which runs alongside the 2-week annual sporting event and, finally, towards the end of term, Ice Cream Day...hopefully with warmer weather!

Please contact the school if you have any comments or queries regarding our catering service. Our caterers, Olive Dining, also love to receive feedback on the service they provide so please do get in touch with them by calling their head office on 01959 564 700 or emailing enquiries@olivedining.co.uk. They are also on Instagram and Twitter so do follow them online where you can stay updated with their latest news and activities.





“What does a Scientist look like?” – free exhibition in Pancras Square and Granary Square

For all budding scientists - please visit this free exhibition which challenges stereotypes of scientists, it is running from now until mid-June 2024.

The exhibition provides a glimpse into the lives of scientists using 50 images and award-winning photography from different parts of the world. Visitors can scan a QR code on each image to read the full interview with the photographed scientist on their career and research focus.

To find your way around, use our [helpful online map](#). Please don't miss out on this amazing opportunity and let the Archer science department know how you found your visit!

Primary to Secondary Transition Conference

The Specialist Inclusion Services (SIS - BELS) at Barnet are running a Primary to Secondary School Transition Virtual Conference for parents/carers of Year 5 and 6 children with additional needs on Thursday 16th May 10am-1.30pm.

If you would like to learn about ways to support your child transitioning from Primary to Secondary School and what to expect from schools as well as hearing from some of the professionals involved with your child, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/U61Vf6wUbz>

Proms at St Jude's art competition with the North London Hospice

Full details here:

<https://www.promsatstjudes.org.uk/2024-big-fun-art-adventure>.

[details here](#)

Managing exam stress – Yoga workshop for teens

Book via yogacharmd@gmail.com

www.yogacharmd.com

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

Barnet SENDIASS Virtual Information Session - Emotional Based School Avoidance:

Date: Wednesday 12 June 2024, 10am to 12.30pm

Location: Online via MS Teams

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'.

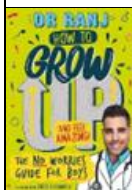
6th June - 11th July. Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/p6Bjk8f7Yw>

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>

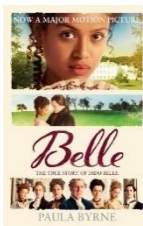
LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist



New in LS Library:

This growing-up guide is filled with easy-to-understand explanations, down-to-earth advice and cheeky illustrations. Perfect for fans of *You are a Champion* or *The Awesome Guide to Getting Good at Stuff*.

Frantic to escape from danger, Joe is transported to another world, where he is plunged into the training of Runner Kaia, whose mission is to protect her country even as it costs her her life. Joe is instantly under suspicion: is he a terrorist, sorcerer or spy? Adventure fantasy at its best!

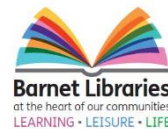


Thematic Learning:

Reminder: the **Year 7s** 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.

Upcoming Events:

Book your tickets **now** for some exciting events hosted by Barnet Libraries, 4-5th May as part of their Literary Festival. Meet Michael Rosen, Candy Gourlay and others at a series of events for young people and adults. See [here](#) for details!



To celebrate their 50th anniversary, **The Children's Bookshop** in Muswell Hill is hosting a young writer's competition with some terrific prizes! The theme of your short story must be '**Journey**'. See [here](#) for more information.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 – Mr Constantinou

How is your child? How are they coping? What do they need to support them over the next couple of months?

We only have two weeks now until the start of the Summer GCSE exams, Thursday 9th May. Your child should have come home with a complete exam period schedule last week and their own individual timetable this week. There is also a document that carefully outlines the exam procedures... please insist your child pays particular attention to the timings around arrival, top tips and things like equipment and smart phone policy. It really is important to ensure no undue stress happens on the day of their exams.

My message has been consistent... there is still time to make a change, to shift things slightly, or significantly. Every moment matters.



Maya J and Csenge T – for such hard work and determination in the lead up to their exams.

Year 10 – Mr McSherry

Thank you to all of you that were able to attend our Year 10 Parents' Breakfast on Wednesday this week. Some wonderful delicacies were prepared and shared and it was a real treat! It was lovely to speak with many of you at a less formal school event. Thank you so much for making the time, we do know it can't be easy.

If you weren't able to make it... would you be able to in future? What time would we need to invite you into school, what might work for you? I would love to hear from you.

I have reassured your children this morning that the revision guides, resources and materials will have been uploaded onto MS Teams by tonight. So please encourage your child to engage with them. I will be writing soon to confirm plans for a Study Skills programme, something that Mrs Gillham outlines at the core subjects evening.




Jesse RR and Keti S – for gaining their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 9 – Ms Le

What an amazing week it has been for Year 9! We kicked off on Monday with a visit from Solutions Not Sides at the Archer, focusing on developing essential life skills such as empathy, resilience, and critical thinking. I am incredibly proud of how our students conducted themselves and actively engaged in the workshop. I am confident that they will apply these skills and the knowledge gained to positively impact our community and make informed decisions.

Today marks HOUSE DAY! The school was filled with students proudly sporting their House colours, and the excitement was palpable throughout the building. I hope everyone enjoyed the day's activities and continues to earn valuable house points.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Natalia I and Thea B – for blowing Mr Raghuveer away with their outstanding class presentation on German Historiography. Amazing job!

Year 8 – Mr Hilton

What a talented a group of dancers we have! Ms Harris has spoken passionately about our KS3 group, but it was a real joy to see them on Friday evening during the Dance Showcase.

Thank you to all our students involved in supporting teaching our visiting primary school students. Whether it's PE or Science, you have all been fantastic. The praise I've heard from Year 6 students has been really lovely.

Which house is best? Lovelace? Seacole? or Ignatius? As you read this, we are celebrating House Day with a range of activities. Look out for the photos next week!

 **Stars of the week** 

Kristian S, Ruby B, Sophie C, Yahel Z – for their outstanding teaching of science to Primary School students.

Year 7 – Mr Raghuveer

It was lovely to meet with parents of my humanities class to discuss progress over the course of the year. I hope that conversations were productive with your child's teachers and that you left with a clear set of targets for them as well as the positives of their year so far. If you were unable to see any of your child's teachers do reach out for an update on their learning.

Thanks must go to Miss Vandervelde and the Thematic Learning team for facilitating our Kenwood House trips, students have benefitted enormously from this opportunity and had a lot of fun.

As we reach the end of Wellbeing Week, well done to all students that took part in the activities that were on offer and I hope that you are able to take on some of the guidance into the coming weeks.

I will soon be writing to you regarding the process for Take My Child to Work Day, thank you for your patience here, and do continue to reach out to your child's form tutor if you have any questions.

 **Stars of the week** 

Charlie G 7HCI – excellent effort in PE
Evin A 7SGR – working hard in Humanities, your consistent effort is appreciated

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.