

7th June 2024

Dear all,

It has been wonderful to welcome students and staff back to school this week following the Half Term. It has been a busy and important week for Year 11 students as their GCSEs continue. However, also for all year groups with assessments for Lower School students and Year 10 beginning their summer exams. Students have responded incredibly well and we look forward to continued high standards across next week. It has been particularly impressive to see how swiftly Year 10 have stepped up to the increased formal expectations, very much mirroring the maturity and dedication of Year 11 – well done.

Last Half Term saw the considerable impact of our 'behaviour reset', particularly in relation to uniform and punctuality standards. This work continues over the coming weeks, as we continue to support students in being their very best selves and making the most of every opportunity at school. Punctuality has improved considerably; however, I still feel that there is further room for improvement. Please do support your child in ensuring that they are at school promptly, every morning, for 8.20am. Being on time is an important life skill but it also ensures that a young person is well set up for their day.

As a community, we are very much looking forward to our super curricular week in the Wc1st July. This year the theme centres around 'empowerment' with the week titled 'Empower Week'. The week will launch with our International Day, followed by the Archer Adventure and then a range of wider activities and trips. Please do look out for details over the coming weeks.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *"Count your age by friends, not years.
Count your life by smiles, not tears." John Lennon*

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:

June

Mon 17th – SEND parent coffee morning, 9am

Wed 19th – Sophia Davison parent talk on anxious children, 6.30pm

Fri 21st – INSET Day

Mon 24th – Late start for students 8.40am. Art and photography GCSE show, 5pm

Tues 25th – Year 7 celebration event

Thurs 27th – Early dismissal for students 1.30pm for report writing. Cultural Society outing to A View From The Bridge

Fri 28th – Bright Ideas Talk 3.15pm

July

Mon 1st – International Day. Great Big Dance Off Competition Finals

Tues 2nd – Archer Adventure Walk

Wed 3rd – Fri 5th – Bushcraft residential (Year 8) and Stubbers residential (Year 9)

Thurs 4th – Southend day trip (Year 10) and Thorpe Part outing (Year 7)

Wed 10th – Year 9 into Year 10 parents evening, 6.30pm
Tues 16th – Year 9 GradFest 6pm
Wed 17th – Sports Day
Fri 19th – Learning Review Day (normal timetable suspended for 1:1 meetings with form tutor)
Sat 20th – Archella Summer Festival, 12-3pm Lower School
Mon 22nd and Tues 23rd – Creative and Performing Arts Showcases at the Arts Depot
Wed 24th – Last day of school. Noon dismissal.

COMMUNICATION



To see photos and follow school news:

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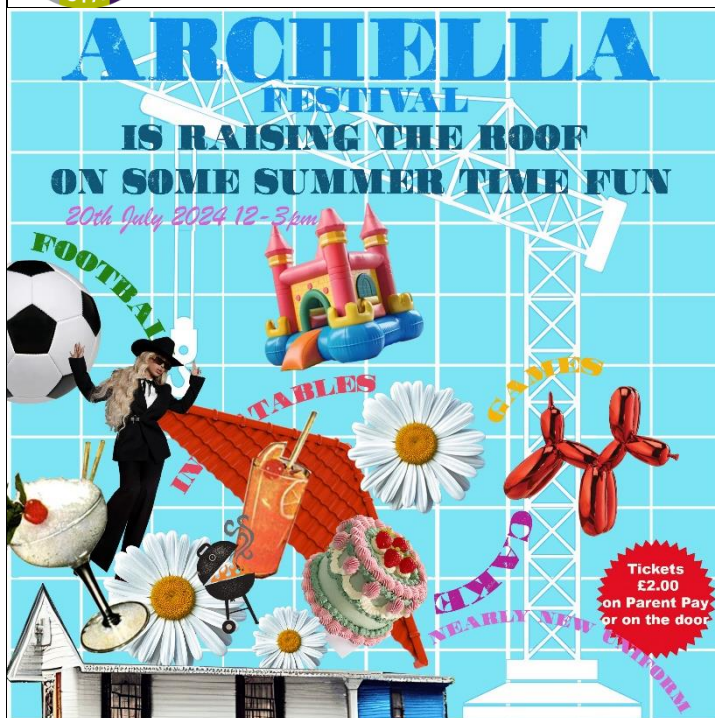
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To join your child's tutor group Parent WhatsApp, please email kruback@thearcheracademy.org.uk



THE 2024 ARCHELLA SUMMER FESTIVAL 2024 – The Parents Association Saturday 20th July



The Archella Summer Festival

The biggest family event of the year!
Saturday 20th July 12-3pm

Food, games, inflatables, drinks, live music, pre-loved uniform, BBQ, raffle, sports and more.

Buy your £2 entry tickets on ParentPay.

Help us make this year's Archella the best ever...



Can you run a stall?

We need parent volunteers to help run stalls on the day. Please email parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk if you can help.



Can you donate a prize for the Archer Summer Auction?

Can you, your friends and contacts donate any items to this year's online auction? Ideas include sports coaching, weekends away, restaurant vouchers, home cooked food, designer products, tickets to a concert, or something priceless like celebrity merchandise. Please email: archerauction@gmail.com if you can offer an item for the auction. The auction will go live on **1st July** to look out for the link to get bidding on some fantastic items.



Do you live in N2?

Haven Estate Agents are sponsoring Archella again this year. If you live in N2, please help by having a Haven board put up outside your house. Haven give the school money for every board. Please email parentsassociation@Thearcheracademy.org.uk if you are happy to have a board put up between 1st-22nd July.

Thank you so much for supporting this year's Archella Festival!

SEND PARENT COFFEE MORNING AND Q&A – Mrs Bickers Monday 17th June

Our next coffee morning for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disability will be held on Monday 17th June from 9-10.30am at Lower School.

This will be a Q&A session focused on how we use the support of Teaching Assistants (TAs) in classes and how we assess students as needing SEN Support. It will also provide an opportunity to meet some of the wider SEND team at Archer.



Please sign up here if you would like to attend: <https://form.jotform.com/241440918295359>

PARENT TALK ON ANXIETY, WITH SOPHIA DAVISON – Ms Mahoney Wednesday 19th June

School psychotherapist Sophia Davison's next talk for parents will be held on Wednesday 19th June at 6.30pm at Lower School.

The Worried Generation: why adolescents feel anxious about feeling anxious, and what can help.

In this talk, Sophia will cover:

- The most common causes of anxiety in young people
- Are today's teenagers more anxious than previous generations?
- Practical tips to help parents and carers navigate the tricky conversations that excessive worrying can cause
- Strategies for managing times when anxiety dominates



Please sign up here: <https://form.jotform.com/241371231952350>

GCSE ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW – Ms Clarke

Monday 24th June

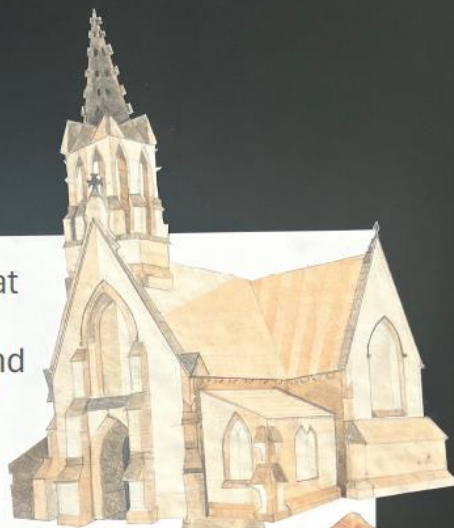
All parents, students and friends are welcome to join us at the Archer Academy GCSE Art and Photography show.

Monday 24th June
5-6.30pm at Upper School

Please join us at
our Archer
Academy **Art and
Photography
GCSE Show**
2024

Monday 24th June,
5pm -6.30pm,
Upper School
(first floor
dance
studio).

All welcome!



YEAR 11 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY AND BALL – Mr Constantinou



It was wonderful to welcome students, parents and staff to the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and to mark this milestone together as a community.

Year 11 celebrated in style at the Leavers' Ball afterwards, as their time at Archer Academy soon comes to an end. Please check the Alumni Instagram channel for more photos of the Leavers' Ball [@archeralumni](https://www.instagram.com/archeralumni) Congratulations to all our brilliant Year 11s and wishing them the very best of luck as they complete their final GCSE exams.

Year 11 students - please remember to fill in the 'keep in touch' form so we have your personal contact details once you've left school to tell you about reunions and other Alumni events:
<https://eu.jotform.com/form/230727398771366>

BRIGHT IDEAS TALK WITH ADAM WAGNER – Miss Galliver **Friday 28th June**

We are very excited for the final Bright Ideas talk of the year:

Friday 28th June

3.15-4pm

Lower School Dining Hall

We look forward to welcoming barrister Adam Wagner, who will speak about his award-winning work in public law and human rights. All students are strongly encouraged to attend. Please sign up using this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/GdTcWiG5db>

Adam Wagner is a passionate advocate, educator and writer on human rights. He founded and chairs the human rights education charity EachOther, set up the widely read UK Human Rights Blog, is a Visiting Professor of Law at Goldsmiths University and regularly speaks on human rights law to charities, parliamentary committees and government departments.



Bright Ideas Talks

BE INSPIRED!
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

ADAM WAGNER
HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE
3.15-4PM
LOWER SCHOOL

ARCHER ADVENTURE WALK – Dr Morrison **Tuesday 2nd July**

The annual Archer Adventure walk
Tuesday 2nd July

This day brings the whole school community together on a sponsored walk through our beautiful North London parkland and open spaces.

Students will walk from school following a planned route in form groups led by their form tutor. The distances range from about 5 miles for Year 7 to about 10 miles for Year 10.

The walk will raise funds for our 'Raise the Roof' campaign to build a new performance studio at lower school. Our aim is for every student to raise at least **£10**. This would raise over £6,000 for the school!

Students can give in their sponsorship money via cash or online. Details will be emailed next week. All students who raise £10 or more will be entered into a prize draw to win Amazon vouchers.



ARCHER ADVENTURE

Whole school sponsored walk through local parkland

Tuesday JULY 2

RAISE THE ROOF

Your sponsorship money will help us build an amazing new performance studio!

Let's all raise at least £10 each!

the roof campaign 2021

archer ADVENTURE

PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE – Miss Rodford **Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July**

Tickets are now available to book for this year's Summer Showcase at the Arts Depot – highlighting the very best of Archer's drama, dance and music.



Our talented cast of Archer students will present work from across the performing arts curriculum, enrichment clubs and competition repertoire. We look forward to sharing the success of our students with you.

The showcase will take place at the Pentland Theatre at the Arts Depot, N12 on the following dates:

- Monday 22nd July, 6:30pm
- Tuesday 23rd July 1:30pm
- Tuesday 23rd July, 6:30pm

Tickets are £10. Please book directly at the Arts Depot here:

<https://www.artsdepot.co.uk/event/archer-academy-cpa-showcase-2024/>

COMMUNITY GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT - Claire Straus



Would you consider becoming a community governor?

We are looking for members of the school and wider community to join the Archer Academy's board of governors, as long-serving governors will be stepping down in the coming months.

Being a governor is a highly rewarding role that offers a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the education of local young people. Governors hold the school to account, acting as a supportively critical friend. We don't have any input into the day to day running of the school. However, we work closely with the headteacher and other senior leaders to offer strategic oversight in order to improve both pastoral and academic outcomes.

You do not need to have certain qualifications to be a community governor. We are looking to recruit people with enthusiasm and commitment who are willing to get to know the school, and care about improving education for our young people. We estimate that the role will take up the equivalent of around 2-3 days a month, and can be mainly done on a flexible basis.

[Please click here to find out more about the role.](#)

The application deadline is **5pm on Wednesday 19th June 2024**. However, applications will be considered on a rolling basis so early application is encouraged. If you are interested in the role and would like more information, please feel free to get in touch with one of the current governors, or email our Chair Claire Straus at claires@thearcheracademy.org.uk

To apply, please email us explaining why you are interested in being a governor at the Archer Academy, and outlining the relevant work/life skills, knowledge and experience that you can bring to the role, to claires@thearcheracademy.org.uk. Looking forward to hearing from you.

YEAR 10 DRAMA – Ms Rodford

We are so proud of the Year 10 drama students who completed their first practical exam as part of their GCSE course this week. They were amazing!



TRIP TO WOODHOUSE A LEVEL ART SHOW – Ms Clarke



Year 10 Art GCSE students joined Ms Clarke at the wonderful Woodhouse College A Level final art show on Thursday evening. It was a great chance to meet ex-Archer art students and to consider the potential of next steps of their creative journeys. The ideas were endless!

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist

Pride in the Library: Check out these LGBTQ+ fantasy/horror reads this week!



There are no monsters anymore, or so Jam has been taught. But when one emerges from a painting, Jam must fight not only to protect her best friend, but also answer the question how do you save the world from monsters if no one will admit they exist? (New in Library!)



Apocalyptic zombie gay romance. What more can you ask? Great world-building and a compelling and unique story are what you'll find in this charming *and* scary page-turner.

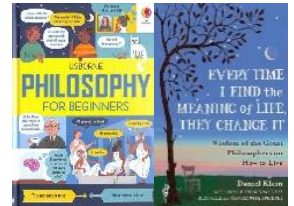


Thematic Learning:

On Wednesday a group of Year 7 Thematic Learning students had the opportunity to visit Akiva school and share with their Year 4 classes some basic principles of Philosophy. They discussed concepts like Nature vs Nurture and presented the ever-controversial Trolley Problem. They were delighted with the enthusiastic response of the keen Year 4 students! Many thanks to the staff at Akiva who made it possible.



Students who'd like to do more Philosophy reading can pick up these books in the Lower School Library!



Book Returns: Thanks to so many of you who made the effort to look under their beds and behind their desks at home to bring books back to the Lower School Library! There's still work to be done—remember if **you** have the book, that means someone else can't read it!

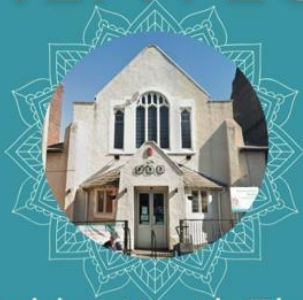


Events: Do you love to draw? Have you dreamed of being a Manga artist? Then you need to head to Waterstones Piccadilly **tomorrow** for their FREE [live](#) sketching and signing with acclaimed artist Julien Choy, introducing his Manga Classic edition of **Romeo and Juliet**.

Have a great weekend everybody, and *keep reading!*



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HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 10 – Mr McSherry

One word: Outstanding.

In fact, the best I have ever seen. In all of my time leading year groups through the examination process, Year 10 and Year 11 included, I have never been so impressed.

You'll be aware that Wednesday afternoon's English Literature paper is the first time the year group have been through all the formalities that are so important to secure, relating to their preparation, conduct and effort during a formal GCSE exam (One Year To Go).

I won't bore you with the details, but as a collective we simply could not have asked any more from them. As I said, one word: Outstanding.

Please do take a moment to say 'well done', as they really have done so well.



Stars of the week



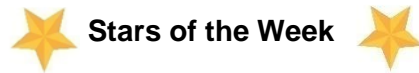
Cherie Anne M – for arranging some summer volunteering work
Luka AC – for conducting himself impressively during his English exam this week

Year 9 – Ms Le

We had a fantastic first week back! Year 9 students have been eagerly working hard in preparation for their end-of-year assessments next week. I am incredibly impressed with the effort they are showing both in and outside of class to achieve the best possible results.

Gradfest is taking place on 16th July at 5pm. The evening will be filled with music, food, snacks, fun, inflatables, and other exciting games. This celebration marks the graduation from lower school and the end of the year, and I am excited to celebrate this milestone with the students.

To ensure your child does not miss out on this wonderful event, please pay £15 on ParentPay by Wednesday 12th June. Please do reach out if you have any questions.



Niv Y and Archie P – excellent contributions in SPPEC. Thank you for working so hard.

Year 8 – Mr Hilton

Dedication. That's the word that springs to mind this week. I've been really impressed by how our students have prepared for their End of Year Assessments. I've seen multiple examples of students quizzing each other and creating revision resources to support their learning. Please congratulate your child on their efforts so far. English, Maths and Music assessments are next week, please use the weekend to support your child's revision.

After assessments I'll be looking to start our Lower School Prefects application process. Please keep an eye on MS Teams and your emails for further information.



Mickey R and Leon I – for supporting their Head of Year during lunchtime.

Year 7 – Mr Raghuveer

Welcome to our final half term of Year 7 and well done to our students for their efforts in preparing for their End of Year Assessments. I have been impressed with my classes and their application in their Geography Assessments this week. It will have been a long week for all students, so please do make some time for something fun over the weekend.



The upcoming half term will focus on being 'Year 8 Ready' in the following aspects:

- Personal Responsibility and Independence
- Punctuality
- Organisation
- Homework
- Kindness towards others

Students have been asked to think about what it means for themselves and will be exploring this in tutor time and assemblies. Please can I ask that you are having these conversations at home to best enable Year 7 to be thinking ahead in their school journey, to be 'Year 8 Ready'.

Well done to the first 20 students who received the opportunity to buy lunch on the High Street on Friday, I hope to reward more of the year group in the coming weeks. It was a pleasure to facilitate this for students who received no behaviour codes and received multiple merits this week.

Finally, a massive congratulations to our fledgling 'Philosophy Teachers' who went to Akiva primary school to deliver their sessions. Mrs Applequist and Dr Lee were thoroughly impressed with their efforts!

 **Stars of the week** 

Orly 7FJO – for being thoughtful in your conversations with staff
Ciaran F 7FJO – for your efforts in Science, well done

DATA PROTECTION – Michele Harrison

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