

14th June 2024

Dear all,

A huge well done to Lower School students who complete their summer assessments today. It is evident that students have worked hard and taken this process very seriously. Staff are now busy marking and look forward to sharing grades, alongside ambitious targets for next steps, in the coming weeks.

For our Year 10 and 11 students, a continued well done must be shared in relation to their stamina and perseverance with their exams – the end is finally in sight! We continue to be so impressed. This afternoon saw the final whole year group exam for Year 11, Physics, and we embraced the opportunity to celebrate and mark this milestone moment.

A reminder that Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June is an INSET Day. There will be no newsletter next week.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison  
Headteacher

**Thought for the week:** *“Do not allow people to dim your shine because they are blinded. Tell them to put on some sunglasses, because we were born this way.” Lady Gaga*

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> – SEND parent coffee morning, 9am

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – Sophia Davison parent talk on anxious children, 6.30pm

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – INSET Day

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

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 celebration event

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

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Bright Ideas Talk 3.15pm

### July

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – International Day. Great Big Dance Off Competition Finals

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – Archer Adventure Walk

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

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

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 into Year 10 parents evening, 6.30pm

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 GradFest 6pm

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Learning Review Day (normal timetable suspended for 1:1 meetings with form tutor)

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – Archella Summer Festival, 12-3pm Lower School

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Creative and Performing Arts Showcases at the Arts Depot

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school. Noon dismissal.

## COMMUNICATION

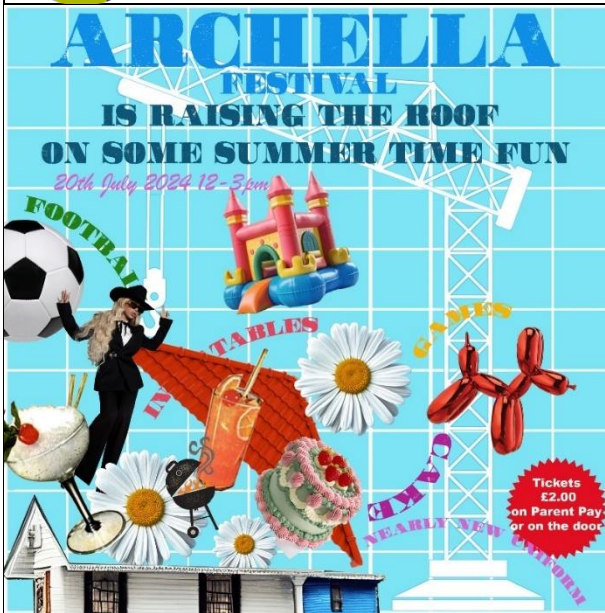


To see photos and follow school news:  
Facebook @TheArcherAcademy  
Instagram @archeracademy  
LinkedIn @archeracademy

To join your child's tutor group Parent WhatsApp, please email [kruback@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:kruback@thearcheracademy.org.uk)



## THE 2024 ARCHELLA SUMMER FESTIVAL – The Parents Association Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July



### The Archella Summer Festival The biggest family event of the year! Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 12-3pm, Lower School

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

Buy your £2 entry tickets on ParentPay.

### How you can help make this year's Archella the best ever...

#### 1) Can you run a stall?

We need parent volunteers to help run stalls on the day. Please email [parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk) if you can help.



#### 2) Can you donate a prize for the Archer Summer Auction?

Can you donate any items to this year's online auction? We're looking for anything with a value - 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](mailto:archerauction@gmail.com) if you can offer an item for the auction.

#### 3) Donate your outgrown school uniform

Please put your washed, outgrown school uniform in a bag and bring it into reception at upper or lower school and we will sell it at Archella. Please mark the bag for the attention of Erini Rodis.

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



## **SEND PARENT COFFEE MORNING AND Q&A – Mrs Bickers** **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Our next coffee morning for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disability will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> June**

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

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

Please sign up here:

<https://form.jotform.com/241371231952350>

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

We are opening this talk up to non-Archer parents and members of the local community. There will be a small charge of £5 for non-Archer parents to attend. If you would like to bring along a friend, please ask them to book a ticket via Eventbrite here: <https://tinyurl.com/ArcherAnxietyTalk>

The talk remains FREE to attend for Archer parents and carers.



## **GCSE ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW – Ms Clarke** **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**



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

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
5-6.30pm at Upper School

## **BRIGHT IDEAS TALK WITH ADAM WAGNER – Miss Galliver** **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

We are very excited for the final Bright Ideas talk of the year:  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



**BE INSPIRED!**  
**ALL STUDENTS WELCOME**

**ADAM WAGNER**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER**

**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE**  
**3.15-4PM**  
**LOWER SCHOOL**

## **SEWING WORKSHOP IN THE GARDEN – The Green Arrows** **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

**Do you like to sew or craft?**  
Swap Spades for Sewing Needles!!  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Lower School garden  
10.30am - 3.30pm, everyone welcome

The Green Arrows garden team are running a sewing day workshop in the lower school garden.

Bring your friends or family, anyone that likes to sew and help us make stock for the Archella summer festival. We will be making Tote bags and bunting or anything you fancy crafting from our free fabrics.

Bring a picnic and join us for a relaxing creative day in the garden. Bring along anything useful like scissors, embroidery threads, buttons etc (please let Rachael know if you can bring a sewing machine 07887 504 522).



## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO EASYFUNDRAISING? – Mrs Ruback

easyfundraising

The Archer Academy - East Finchley has raised

**£13094.13**

so far

easyfundraising → Sign up

If you sign up to easyfundraising, part of what you spend with your favourite brands will be donated to Archer Academy. It won't cost you any extra, the cost is covered by the brand.

Easyfundraising partners with over 7,500 brands including John Lewis, M&S, Amazon, Tesco and many more, who all donate part of what you spend to Archer.

Please join the 200 Archer parents who have already signed up to easyfundraising. So far, we have received a total of over **£13,000** from easyfundraising! Please click here to sign up, it only takes 2 minutes. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/29QTCF/>

## NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY – Miss Fleckney Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

**DON'T MISS**

# NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY

CELEBRATING THE WHOLE EDUCATION COMMUNITY



SEND YOUR FREE E-CARD AT [WWW.THANKATEACHER.CO.UK](http://WWW.THANKATEACHER.CO.UK)

National 'Thank a Teacher Day' is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This is a UK-wide celebration of the incredible commitment and hard work of school staff - from inspirational teachers to unseen champions, support staff, lunchtime supervisors, teaching assistants, librarians and caretakers.

If you know a special and dedicated member of staff at Archer, please let them know your appreciation by sending a free thank you e-card at [www.thankateacher.co.uk](http://www.thankateacher.co.uk)



## INTERNATIONAL DAY – Mr Carter Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July



International Day will take place this year on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The day will be a celebration of our school's diverse community and its cultures, traditions and countries. There will be workshops, guest speakers, an international food market and a student fashion show. On International Day, all students are encouraged to:

- Wear national dress or traditional / cultural clothing, the colours of their country's flag or national football kit
- Bring in nut-free food or snacks from around the world to share at the international food market
- Bring in £1 to go towards important future work of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee

## ARCHER ADVENTURE WALK – Dr Morrison Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

## The annual Archer Adventure walk Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 between 8-15km following a planned route from school in their form groups, led by their form tutor.

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

Students can give in their sponsorship money via cash or online. Cash should be given to form tutors on the day of the walk. Online sponsorship payment can be made via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ArcherAdventure> Please remember to tick the Gift Aid box so that the school can receive an extra 25%.

All students who raise **£10** or more will be entered into a prize draw to win Amazon vouchers.

We hope all members of the school community will enjoy this lovely end to the school year.

Please refer to this week's email for more details about the walk.

# ARCHER ADVENTURE



Whole school sponsored walk  
through local parkland



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



Let's all  
raise at  
least **£10**  
each!



## PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE – Miss Rodford Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July



Tickets are selling fast for this year's Summer Showcase at the Arts Depot. Don't miss out – click here to purchase your tickets: <https://www.artsdepot.co.uk/event/archer-academy-cpa-showcase-2024/>

Our talented cast of 140 Archer students will present work from across the performing arts curriculum, enrichment clubs and competition repertoire. We look forward to sharing the very best of Archer's drama, dance and music with you.

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

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 6:30pm

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1:30pm
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 6:30pm

If you'd like to discuss any access requirements, please call the Arts Depot Box Office team on 020 8369 5454 or visit <https://www.artsdepot.co.uk/accessibility>.

We have limited financial assistance available to support families. If you are concerned about the cost and require financial assistance, please contact Ms Chase, Finance Director, or Miss Rodford.

## 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. Being a governor is a highly rewarding role that offers a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the education of local young people. Governors 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 specific qualifications. We are looking for people with enthusiasm and commitment who care about education.

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

The application deadline is **5pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. 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](mailto:claires@thearcheracademy.org.uk)

To apply, please email us explaining why you are interested in being a governor at the Archer Academy, outlining the relevant work/life skills, knowledge and experience that you can bring to the role, to [claires@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:claires@thearcheracademy.org.uk).

## SWIMMING COMPETITION CONGRATULATIONS – Mr Clark



Archer Athlete Leo D (Year 9) has been very busy this year due to a rigorous selection process for swimming competitions. After competing against 1100+ swimmers in his age group, swimming over 440 hours this season and taking part in 11 national and international events, we are pleased to report that Leonardo qualified for:

- 8 events for the Irish Youth Summer Swimming Nationals which will take place in Dublin this July
- For the first time, 1 event at the English Swimming Summer Nationals which will take place between the 30<sup>th</sup> July and 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Leo will continue to train hard in the following weeks in the lead up to his competitions. Good luck Leo and well done!

## SUMMER TERM HEADTEACHER EXEMPLARY AWARDS – Miss Harrison



Each week Heads of Year review the merits and achievements of each student and Miss Harrison then has the pleasure to review this information and award the Headteacher Exemplary Effort Awards to students. Congratulations go to the winners for April and May, such an impressive achievement and students deserve to be very proud of themselves. Headteacher celebratory lunches for these students will take place in the week of 24th June:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Bonnie M Sophia A17 Elisa ST Mona H George M Alba PF Max B Reuban J Sasha B	James A Harry L Joseph W Arman M Vera D Colin F Sophie C Aliza C	Jessie N Alvaro G Solomon F Marus C Nikolay K Ahmedzaki F Max P Theo G	Felix B Amelia O Elena A Angelina CF Luca O Maisie B Amy M Mehrzad Z Ashley B

## YEAR 10 GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP – Ms Jouhal



Year 10 geography students spent a day in Stratford, East London this week studying the impacts of regeneration on the local people and environment. They conducted interviews, environmental quality surveys and other primary research methods to investigate the varying quality of life.

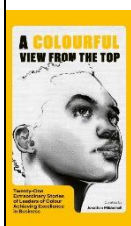
## LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist

### Pride in the Library: Graphic Novels



Arguably a modern classic, **Heartstopper** is a romantic story with well-drawn (get it?) characters.

Family, fantasy and charming art come together in this atmospheric coming-of-age story, **The Girl From The Sea**



### New in Library:

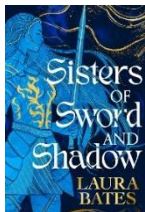
A vital anthology of 21 voices who are at the top of their game in business and beyond. With specialisms in advertising, tech, law or art, each luminary offers unique lessons and affirmations to draw upon time and time again. Useful for all aspiring entrepreneurs.

### Book to TV:

Before you watch the new **Geek Girl** series on Netflix, come to the library to get Holly Smale's hilarious groundbreaking book – then come tell me which you like better! See [here](#) for Smale's rationale on her choice about including a main character's neurodiversity in the TV adaptation (spoiler alert!).



### Author visit Year 9:



Year 9s are soon to have an exciting visit from Laura Bates, who will be launching her new book, **Sisters of Sword and Shadow**, an Arthurian retelling about a group of female knights in a world of ancient feuds, glorious battles and deadly intrigue. Buy yours on ParentPay, where it's available at the reduced price of **£8**, to be signed on the day.

### Events:

Do you love books in verse? Head to Waterstones Piccadilly on 25<sup>th</sup> June to see Lizzie Huxley Jones, Ashley Hickson-Lovence, Manjeet Mann, and bestseller Joseph Coelho explore the power of storytelling in alternative forms. They'll be discussing their books and signing them! See [here](#) for tickets.



**To read:** An interesting [story](#) about book bans in schools in the US.

## HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

### Year 10 – Mr McSherry

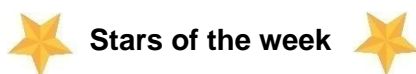
Another outstanding week for Year 10. Thursday's Biology exam presented a wonderful opportunity for students to show just how great they can be. They were once again very attentive and super focused, determined to give the paper their very best.

I continue to be impressed. I am determined to do all that I can to ensure this does not change as we go into next week's 'fuller' schedule.

A reminder that the timetable is available on MS Teams for your child to view, as well as a much more detailed breakdown of exactly where they need to be and when (this was also covered in Friday's form time with tutors). Your child was asked to write the details of their exam schedule in their handbook.

Please do take a moment to say 'well done', and importantly 'keep going', it will all be worth it in the end.

There are some exciting events coming up including the Archer Adventure walk and International Day (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July): Please see more details in the newsletter above.



**Isabella DS** – for a huge improvement in punctuality to school, well done!  
**Arianna F** – for operating outside of her comfort zone and achieving significant success.

### Year 9 – Ms Le

#### Congratulations Year 9!

You've all done an incredible job on your end-of-year assessments, impressing your teachers with your hard work and dedication. Seeing you spend your breaks and lunches doing some extra revision reflects your commitment to doing well. Take this weekend to rest and recharge – you've definitely earned it!

Looking ahead, there's so much to be excited about:

1. **1-1 Interviews with Mr. Constantinou:** These will begin next week. Check MS Teams for more information
2. **Archer Adventure Walk and International Day (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July):** Exciting events to look forward to! More details above in the newsletter.
3. **Gradfest (16<sup>th</sup> July):** If you haven't got your ticket yet, **please purchase it through ParentPay**
4. **Stubbers (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July):** The kit list has been posted - make sure you have everything you need

I can't wait to spend the rest of this term celebrating all your achievements and successes at the lower school.

A reminder about the important Information Evening for parents on Wednesday 10th July, 6.30- 8.00pm at Upper School to talk about the transition to Upper School. This will include homework, the timeline to GCSE exams and meeting Mr Constantinou, your child's new Head of Year, and Mr Gillo, the Head of Upper School. Please confirm your attendance via <https://form.jotform.com/241422297501349>



Shira B 9TDY and Yael 9JHA – for arriving early to school and using this time to revise together.  
Well done.

### Year 8 – Mr Hilton

As mentioned last week please continue to praise your child for their excellent efforts during our Assessment Week. With English and Maths on Monday, our year group really rose to the challenge and they should be proud of their efforts.

Your support in regard to uniform and dress code would be really appreciated. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's form tutor if you have any queries.

A reminder of our upcoming Bushcraft residential on 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July, please expect information early next week. Please ensure you make final payments over the weekend to support planning our trip. Students are set to have a fantastic time. We also have the Archer Adventure walk and International Day coming up on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, further details are above in the newsletter.



Mika Y – for her honesty this week  
Abrienda D – for her consistent hard work during Geography

### Year 7 – Mr Raghveer

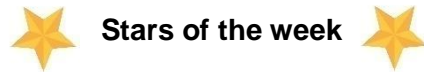
This week, Year 7 have been discussing the following topics: personal and collective identity as well as personal and collective responsibility. As part of developing ahead of Year 8, please have conversations with child about what this might mean for them. Where have the successes been in Year 7? What might need to be the focus for the next few weeks to end the term positively?

There has been an excellent response with regards to the reward trip to the High Road on Fridays. So far, 40 students have been selected for this opportunity, and every week there are so many more deserving students. Please congratulate your child if they do receive this opportunity, and encourage those that haven't been chosen yet, to strive for this in the coming weeks.

Thank you to the parents that have already made the payments for our Thorpe Park Trip on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please look out for the email with further details about the trip. Students will need to arrive in school at the earlier time of 7.45am on 4<sup>th</sup> July and will need a packed lunch. If there are any questions, please do direct them to your child's tutor in the first instance. If your child is not attending the trip, please do ensure you have returned the form so that we know how many students to expect at school.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June has been earmarked for a Year 7 Celebration event from 3-4pm, where students will be able to speak about their Year 7 experiences thus far and there is a chance for some refreshments

for parents and discussion with myself and other staff. Please do look out for a letter to confirm your attendance if possible, I hope to see you there. We also have the Archer Adventure walk and International Day coming up on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, further details are above in the newsletter.



**Stars of the week**

Jeremy BC – for excellent work in Humanities this week  
Gabriel G – for working hard across multiple subjects this week

**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](mailto:dpo@Theacheracademy.org.uk) if you have any questions in relation to these policies.