

5th July 2024

Dear all,

It has quite simply been a week of real awe and wonder here at school. I have been delighted by the way in which students have thrown themselves into such a rich programme of super curricular activities across our 'Empower Week'. I have seen such teamwork, leadership, analytical thinking, powerful debate and creativity across every year group. But also, quite simply a lot of fun, laughter and joy – which should never be underestimated. I do hope that your child has plenty of stories to share, please do ask them about their experiences and what has touched them the most this week.

I must extend huge congratulations to our junior and senior dance squads, for their performances at the London Youth Games and the national Great British Dance Off – firmly moving the achievements of our school into a national arena. The standard of performance was exceptional and our students showcased their incredible talents. Additionally, I was particularly proud of the performance of students at the Barnet Athletics Championships on Tuesday. There were so many individual triumphs. Well done to each and every student involved.

We very much look forward to reflecting on all that has been achieved this week and further building on the skills and experiences we have shared. I would like to extend my thanks to my staff for making so much possible for our students.

A reminder that the standard timetable resumes from Monday and students should bring their full equipment with them.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *"You've got to invest in the world, you've got to read, you've got to go to art galleries, you've got to find out the names of plants. You've got to start to love the world and know about the whole genius of the human race. We're amazing people."* Vivienne Westwood

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term dates for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and can be found here:

<https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/archer-calendar/>

Key dates over the next month:

July

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:
Facebook @TheArcherAcademy
Instagram @archeracademy
LinkedIn @archeracademy

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

THE ARCHER AUCTION IS LIVE – The Parents Association

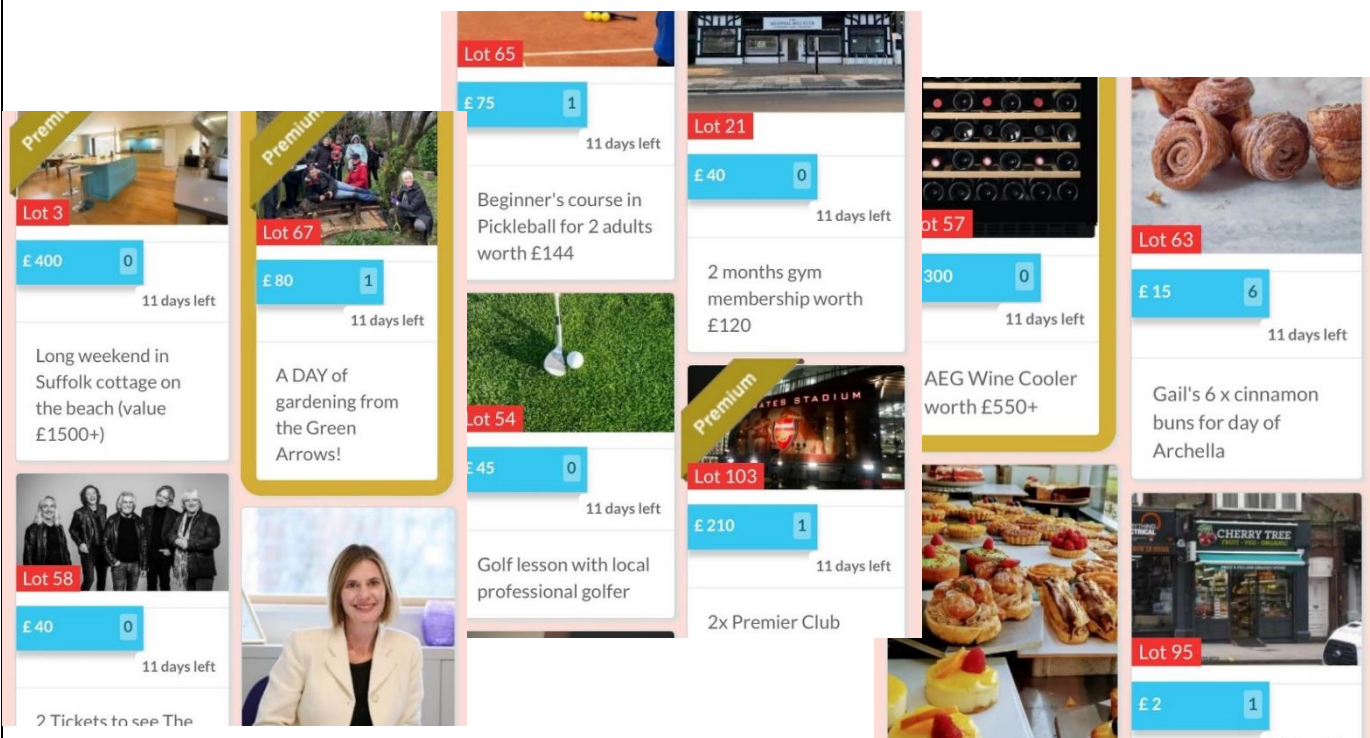
1st – 15th July

The Archer Online Auction is LIVE. Lots of amazing items up for grabs so get your bids in before 15th July! <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/archella2024>

Personal training sessions, holidays, summer camps, concert tickets, afternoon tea with Miss Harrison and more. All funds raised from the auction will go towards building our new performing arts studio.

Please share the link with your family and friends, there are some fantastic gifts and experiences.

Thank you to everyone who donated auction items. If you have any last-minute prizes, products or services you would like to donate to the auction, please email archerauction@gmail.com



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

The Archella Summer Festival - Saturday 20th July 12-3pm

The biggest family event of the year! Food, games, inflatables, drinks, live music, pre-loved uniform, BBQ, raffle, sports and more. Buy your £2 entry tickets on ParentPay.

How can you help?

1) Sign up to bring an international food dish and/or dessert:

Curry, quiche, salad, pasta, something sweet (nut free) for us to sell at the International Food Stall and Cake Stand. Click here to let us know what dish / dessert you'll bring, to help with our planning:

<https://form.jotform.com/241787413639365>

The more food we get, the more we sell, the more money we make to build our new performing arts studio at school!



**DONATE A POSH BOTTLE
FOR THE BOTTLE TOMBOLA AT ARCHELLA**



2) Bring in a posh bottle for the Bottle Tombola:

All Archer families are asked to donate a 'posh' bottle to our tombola stall. This could be a bottle of bubble bath, hand wash, wine, spirit, perfume or pink lemonade. It should be a bottle you would love to receive as a treat.

Please drop your bottles to lower school reception.

3) Volunteer at Archella:

We need more parent volunteers to help run stalls on the day. Please email parentsassociation@Thearcheracademy.org.uk to sign up to help.

Thank you so much for supporting this year's Archella Festival. Let's raise the roof and have some fun!



EMPOWER WEEK – Miss Harrison



This week we celebrated 'Empower Week', a super-curricular week with a range of learning opportunities centred around the theme of Empowerment. Across 'Empower Week' students identified the skills they need empower themselves and others, explored the rich diversity of our community and developed their active citizenship abilities.

Students took part in International Day, the Archer Adventure Sponsored Walk, and a range of residential trips, day trips and super-curricular days. Please see below for more details and photos from the week.



INTERNATIONAL DAY – Mr Carter

International Day on Monday was a wonderful day of celebration of the rich array of cultures, nationalities and traditions within our school community. Students and staff wore national dress and brought in international food. We learnt about each other's cultures and took part in various sessions about women refugees and international role models, voting and democracy. The day ended with a fabulous international food market, international games, a student fashion show and a 'festival of fun'.

Thank you to the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging committee for organising this superb day, and to the student leaders who supported them



ARCHER ADVENTURE SPONSORED WALK – Dr Morrison

The whole school took part in Archer Adventure on Tuesday, a sponsored walk across beautiful open spaces and local parklands. Each year group followed a different route ranging from 8-15 kilometres across Parliament Hill, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Woods, Finsbury Park and Primrose Hill. All sponsorship money is helping to build our new performing arts studio. If you didn't yet send in your sponsorship money, you can still do this by clicking this link before the end of term.

<https://tinyurl.com/ArcherAdventure> Thank you for your support.



YEAR 7-10 TRIPS – Miss Harrison

Year 7 had a fabulous day in Thorpe Park:



Year 8 got back to nature on their Bushcraft outdoor residential trip, learning skills such as setting up camp, camouflage training, first aid, cooking, and building fires:



Year 9 made the most of their action-packed trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre with some amazing activities on land and water:



Year 10 had fun in Southend-on-Sea:



YEAR 7 CHALLENGE DAY – Mr Raghuveer

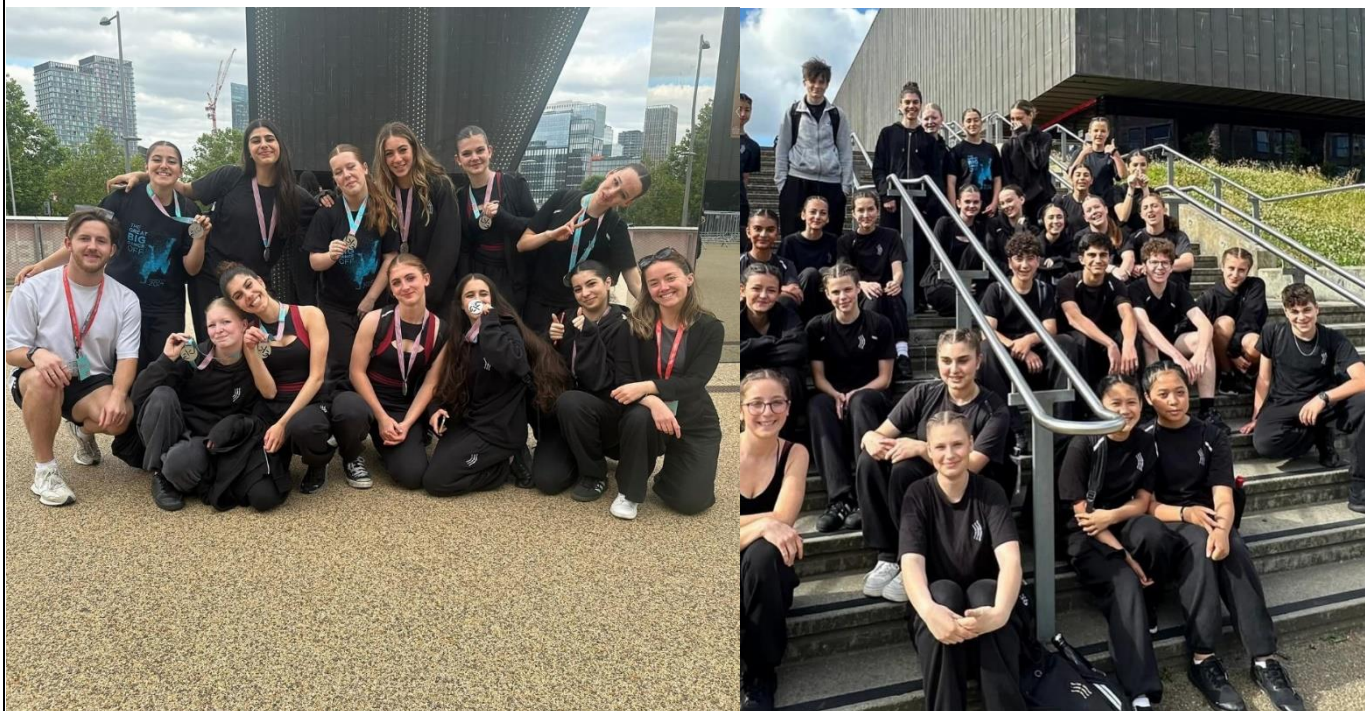
Year 7 enjoyed Challenge Day on Wednesday as part of Empower Week. A day designed to push us out our comfort zone and work together creatively through various team building exercises. Students took part in a circus skills workshop, orienteering, zorbing, building castles out of spaghetti, and 'the egg drop challenge'.

Well done to Year 7 for working collaboratively and respectfully throughout the day and developing your understanding each other and yourselves.



THE LONDON YOUTH GAMES – Miss Harris

The Senior and Junior dance teams smashed it at the London Youth Games Finals at the iconic Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Copper Box Arena last week. Archer represented Barnet and competed with school teams from across London. The Archer Seniors came in at an incredible second place! Congratulations to both teams for their stunning performances and hard work - so proud!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS – Mrs Ruback



There are some new pages on our school website which highlight our work with Alumni students: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/archer-alumni/>

Our Alumni students can find out how to keep in touch with the school and how they can support younger Archer students by sharing their knowledge and expertise. There is also a section entitled 'Alumni Spotlights' which shares some fascinating journeys that our students have taken since they left Archer. Please click here to read the Alumni Spotlights. <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/alumni-spotlights/> We would love more Alumni students to share their post-Archer stories with us to help inspire younger generations of Archer students. If you would like to take part, please complete this quick form here: <https://form.io/form.com/241224944520349>

Life after Archer Academy

Read our collection of journeys that Archer Alumni have taken since leaving school.

If you would like to share your own alumni story, please complete [this quick form](#)

[Emma Dexter-Smith](#)



[Marley Morris](#)



[Joe Collinge](#)



[Elsa Malazogu](#)



[Ellie Afek](#)



[Laurie Fletcher](#)



YEAR 9 PARENT PICNIC – Miss Le

Year 9 parents enjoyed a lovely picnic together on Monday as their time at lower school comes to end. We heard from students about their experiences in lower school and Miss Le talked about the many projects, trips and opportunities students have taken part in this year. We wish all our Year 9 students the best as they start their journey at Upper School and we look forward to celebrating with them at GradFest on 16th July.



BRIGHT IDEAS TALK WITH ADAM WAGNER – Ms Jouhal



We welcomed barrister Adam Wagner to school last week for our final Bright Ideas talk of the year. Adam spoke to Archer students about human rights and public law. He made us think critically about the opposing sides to environmental protests, calling upon recent examples of the Stonehenge 'Just stop Oil' campaigners. He also shared his insights on his work on the public enquiry into the Downing Street parties during COVID-19. You can read more about his work and a future career path into human rights and public law in his 2022 book 'Emergency State: How We Lost Our Freedoms in the Pandemic and Why it Matters'.

Please keep a look out for next year's series of Bright Ideas talks, in which inspiring speakers come into school to speak to students about interesting topics, careers or issues that affect young people today. If you have a fascinating story or career path you would like to share with our students, please get in touch with Ms Jouhal or Ms Galliver.

GENERAL ELECTION LEARNING – Mr Ruffles

We held our very own Archer Elections this week, as part of our work on the General Elections, the UK's political system and the importance of voting.

Each student received their own Archer Polling Card. The Year 10 Citizenship students and the Year 9 student leadership team ran the polling stations with democratic zeal. Thank you to everyone who got involved and voted with such enthusiasm.

Poll card

YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT HANDBOOK IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE
 You will not be able to vote unless you show your student handbook to the Archer polling station staff.

Mock Election at the Archer Academy
 The purpose of the election is to represent the views of Archer Academy students, reflecting the knowledge gained in lessons about the local candidates and the national party manifestos

Date of Archer election: **Monday 01 July 2024**

Voting information

Archer Polling day: **Monday 01 July 2024**

Voting hours: 8.15am to 4.00pm

<p>Your polling station will be (Years 7-9): Archer Academy Lower School Campus Dining Room Eagans Close London N2 8DJ</p>	<p>Your polling station will be (Year 10): Archer Academy Upper School Campus Dining Room Beaumont Close London N2 0GA</p>
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Your details:
 Archer Academy Student
 Eagans Close
 London
 N2 8DJ

Electoral Registration Number: **ARCHER123**

You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote

Web: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk> Email: elections@thearcheracademy.org.uk Phone number: 020 8365 4110
 Please turn over

Year 8, 9 and 10 Politics/Citizenship students were lucky enough to visit the Houses of Parliament and participate in a workshop about the history of our democracy. The students were excellent: engaged, enthusiastic and impeccably behaved. The perfect trip to complement our Archer Elections this week.



THE GREAT BIG DANCE OFF NATIONALS – Miss Harris



We are so proud of our lower dance competition squad for reaching the nationals of the Great Big Dance Off competition this week.

Out of 23 schools who made it to the nationals, Archer came forth place, with the highest marks for a contemporary dance across all key stages. The students exhibited superb skill, professionalism, creativity and commitment throughout the process. Well done to the whole squad, Miss Harris and Mr Cassidy on this brilliant achievement.

ART DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Ms Clarke

Our Year 10 Art students enjoyed a bespoke workshop at Upper School on Wednesday. They learned to use oil paints and they tried their hand at screen printing with a visiting expert in the afternoon. The students were mature, original and productive. Some individuals may take these methods forward and make them a part of their unique projects.



The East Finchley Open artists group have selected some of our Year 11 Art and Photography pieces to exhibit on the East Finchley Open website. Please feast your eyes on the results here:

<https://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk/events/archer-academy.html>

SUCCESS AT BARNET ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS – Mr Clark

Archer Academy athletes took part in the Secondary Barnet Athletics Championships 2024 AT StoneX Stadium on Tuesday which included a range of track and field events. A fantastic day was had by all

and Archer came home with a total of 21 medals which included 9 Gold, 6 Silver and 6 Bronze. Congratulations Archer athletes!



SPORTS DAY – Mr Clark

Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 17th July at StoneX Stadium (Greenland's Lane, Hendon, NW4 1RL). The day is set to be a momentous occasion with all the children participating in a variety of fun sporting activities.

General information:

- Students are required to make their own way to the Stadium for 9am on Wednesday 17th July.
- Students need to bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink (there is a drinking tap for refilling). Free school meal students will be provided with a packed lunch at the Stadium.
- Students are required to come in their full Archer PE kit and bring a sun hat / sun cream
- 3:30pm dismissal from the Stadium - students are required to make their own way home or be picked up from the Stadium.
- For students unsure on how to get to the stadium or if parents are unable to take them to StoneX there will be three meeting points where staff can assist. Please refer to last week's email for further information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Clark on mrkclark@thearcheracademy.org.uk

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

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 and 6:30pm

Tickets are £10. Please contact Ms Chase, Finance Director, or Miss Rodford if you require financial assistance. We look forward to sharing the very best of Archer's drama, dance and music with you.

SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION – The Green Arrows

**adopt a flower
for a fiver**

* Donate £5 on ParentPay to adopt a sunflower and support the Archer Garden.

* Check our sunflower website to keep track of the wellbeing of your adoptee:

archersunflowers.wixsite.com/competition



In support of the Green Arrows:

- Donate £5 on ParentPay to adopt a sunflower and support the Archer Garden
- Email your name and form to ArcherSunflowers@gmail.com (think of a nickname for your flower or use your own name)
- The Green Arrows will plant and water your sunflower (and occasionally sing it a song)
- Check this website regularly to keep track of the wellbeing of your adoptee <https://archersunflowers.wixsite.com/competition>
- And: Watch them grow in lower school's front garden!

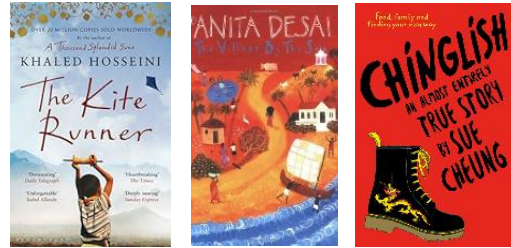
Winner: whoever has the tallest sunflower at the start of the Autumn term!

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist

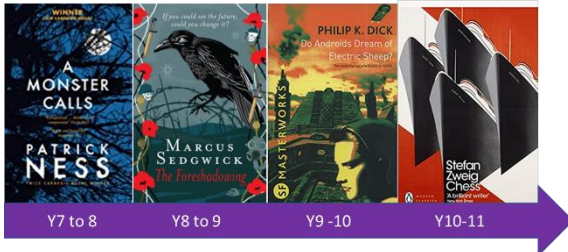
Empower Week:



We kicked off Empower Week with **International Day**, a time to celebrate the diversity of our school community. Come to the LS Library to find a book from a culture that's new to you!



Required Summer Reading Books Year 7-10:



ParentPay for the Summer Reads has now closed, and the books will be distributed next week. If you haven't purchased one, see the information below to copy and paste into Waterstones', Foyle's, or Amazon's search engine to buy online.

Y7-8 *A Monster Calls* ISBN 9781406361803

Y8-9 *The Foreshadowing* ISBN 9781444011067

Y9-10 *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* ISBN 9780575094185

Y10-11 *Chess* ISBN 9780241305164

Remember, this is **required** reading over the summer - there will be a quiz in September! Check Teams for more info. Email Mrsappelquist@thearcheracademy.org.uk if you have any queries.



If you need more books to read over the Summer, remember your local library! [Libby](#), the free online reading platform, enables you to check out thousands of library books from Barnet and other councils to read on your phone, computer, or tablet. No library card? You can apply for one [online](#)!

You can even get an [e-membership](#) to be able to start reading books and listening to audiobooks online right away. See [this](#) page for examples of some YA audiobooks available.



Dr Bike is running free sessions in Barnet, run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check. Click here to find out more details of locations and dates: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/roads-and-pavements/transport-and-around-barnet/cycling/free-dr-bike-sessions-barnet>

BACE are running free summer holiday fun activities. Find out more at [Barnet Youth](#) and check out our [summer brochure](#). There are a limited number of spaces across all activities, so you must book as soon as possible to secure places.

Positive Activities offers a range of free sports and fitness, music and media to arts and cooking and so much more for young people who live or attend school in Barnet. Booking here: [Positive Activities](#)

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 10 – Mr McSherry

What a week! Non-school uniform every day of the week... At least the students enjoyed it!

Empower Week has been great, so nice to see so many Year 10 students proudly showcasing their countries, cultures and customs during Monday's International Day. The Archer Adventure followed this on Tuesday with the year group walking a much further distance than ever before. Then some unique experiences across Scholars Day and the Southend trip. Scholars Day activities felt truly aspirational as the students were encouraged to discuss and explore their future options, and the icing on the cake, an insight to Post-16 study at Woodhouse College. The year group conducted themselves wonderfully well throughout the week, resulting in the greatest number of Year 10 students listed for the Highstreet reward lunch on Wednesday next week.

Applications for Senior Student Leadership will open soon... I am looking forward to as many applications as possible. More information to follow.

If you have not yet been able to send in your sponsorship money for the Archer Adventure walk, you can do so before the end of term here: <https://tinyurl.com/ArcherAdventure>

One more thing, the final Learning Review Day of Year 10, have you got the date in your diary? Friday 19th July.



Stars of the week

Charlotte B – for supporting others during a team building at during Scholars Day
Rose B – for giving everything at the Barnet Athletics Championships this week

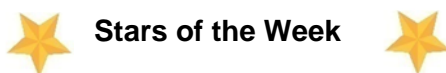
Year 9 – Ms Le

Empower Week has brought a range of exciting experiences for students this week. Monday's International Day was a true celebration of our community's different cultures. On Tuesday, students across the school spent the day walking together for the Archer Adventure Sponsored Walk. Year 9 walked from school through Highgate Woods to Finsbury Park. If you haven't been able to send in your sponsorship money yet, you can do so here: <https://tinyurl.com/ArcherAdventure>

During the second half of the week, our students embarked on an unforgettable adventure at the Stubbers Activity Centre, and they truly exceeded all expectations. They tackled challenging activities with enthusiasm, displayed remarkable teamwork, and demonstrated admirable resilience in the face of new and unfamiliar tasks. I couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments and the positive spirit they exhibited throughout the trip. These experiences have undoubtedly helped them grow and develop important life skills that will serve them well in the future.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, I know that Mr Constaninou is very excited to lead this fantastic year group and I am confident that he will provide exceptional guidance and support to our students. Next week, the students embark on transition week to prepare them for the academic step up next year. This is mostly based at upper school. Please refer to Mr Constaninou's email earlier this week for further details.

Don't forget to buy your GradFest tickets on ParentPay so Year 9 students can celebrate the end of lower school together on the evening of Tuesday 16th July. And a reminder of the Year 9 into Year 10 parents evening on Wednesday 10th July at 6.30pm.



Stars of the Week

Leo G (9BDA) – for being so resilient throughout the Stubbers residential
Naama H (9JHA) – for being so kind and caring

Year 8 – Mr Hilton

We are camping! We've had an absolutely fantastic time on our Bushcraft residential trip and the students have been brilliant. Building fires, cooking burgers, building shelters and even saving their teachers with their newly learned first aid skills! A big thank you to all the staff who supported. Please see above for photos.

International Day and Archer Adventure this week have also been a huge success, with a celebration of our community's diverse cultures, plus a lovely day walking together through Parliament Hill, Hampstead Heath and Highgate Woods. If you have not yet been able to send in your sponsorship money for the Archer Adventure walk, you can do so before the end of term here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ArcherAdventure>



Stars of the week

Rupert R - for showing incredible resilience. He attended Bushcraft on crutches!
Nancy S - for always being polite and helpful.

Year 7 – Mr Raghuvver

What a week for Year 7; in our first Empower Week we have sought adventure at Thorpe park, we have collaboratively tested our architecture skills by building castles and egg containers, creatively moved; embraced our diverse community; and finally we've also started what I hope will be a wonderful community project in the next academic year.

Our aim for Year 7 this week was to build collaboration, to work on our empathy and to understand each other more. Writing this from Thorpe Park, students were responsible, attentive and they always respected one another and their staff and that makes me proud.

Next week is a return to normalcy, lessons will continue as per the curriculum and your child will begin the process of exam redrafting. It is important that your child continues to apply themselves as best as they possibly can until the end of the year so that we are able to end on a positive note.

Please do ensure that you book your Learning Review Day meetings either with myself or your child's form tutor so that we are able to reflect together on their achievements this year and discuss what personalised targets will be needed going forward in Year 8.

Finally, if you have not yet been able to send in your sponsorship money for the Archer Adventure walk, you can do so before the end of term here: <https://tinyurl.com/ArcherAdventure>



Stars of the week

Sasha, Georgia, Tharwat, and George – for their outstanding speech at the Year 6 parent meeting.
You were all brilliant.

DATA PROTECTION – Michele Harrison

Our data protection policies are available on our website including our Privacy Notice for Students and Parents which explains how we hold and process your personal information. Please contact Michele Harrison dpo@Thearcheracademy.org.uk if you have any questions in relation to these policies.