

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear all,

Welcome to the 2024 2025 academic year. I do hope that all Archer families had a superb summer.

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our new Year 7 Archers to our school community, as well as our returning cohorts. It has simply been wonderful for students and staff to see one another and get on with the business of learning. We are also delighted to welcome new colleagues to our school.

Across this week, welcome assemblies have focused on what it means 'to be an Archer'. I do believe it is our strong sense of community and shared values that enables our young people to feel so confident and happy at school; therefore, making the excellent progress that they do. It is important to revisit this with older students and to support our new Archers in the first steps of their journey.

More broadly, we have explored the concept of 'habits' and the power of instilling good habits. We have introduced our new 'Archer Habits Framework', across our approaches to academic study and conduct and look forward to sharing this with you next week. It has been powerful to see how well this has landed with our students.

As we start a new year, it is always a good time to remind ourselves of the basic expectations of our community and I would ask all parents to ensure that they are best placed to support their child and our school:

- **Uniform** – guidelines are clear and I would ask that where any infractions have been noted, amendments are made by Monday. All students, for example, should carry the Archer school bag and wear black leather/leather look shoes (sports brands do not make shoes). Trousers and skirts must be charcoal. Skirts should be worn at knee length.
- **Equipment** – your child can learn best when they have everything they need. Do review the guidance sent last week. A reminder that all students are expected to carry a glue stick.
- **Routes to school** – please ensure that you do not drop your child off by car at Lower School on Eagans Close or Stanley Road. At Upper School, there is no access via Beaumont Close.
- **Mobile phones** – we have a simple smart phone ban in place, this rule has not changed. Students may carry a basic model mobile phone, details on the website, but this must be turned off during the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support of the above.

I very much look forward to seeing parents across next week for Parent Welcome Meetings. Do please review the key dates shown below and the website calendar for upcoming events for you and your children.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison  
Headteacher

**Thought for the week:** "I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed" Michael Jordan

## KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY – Mrs Ruback

Term dates for 2024-2025 can be found here: [Calendar | Archer Academy \(thearcheracademy.org.uk\)](https://thearcheracademy.org.uk)

Key dates over the next two months:

### September

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 parent welcome meeting 5-6.15pm, lower school

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Parent welcome meeting 5-6.15pm for Year 9 (lower school) and Year 10 (upper school).

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> – School photos for Year 7 and 10. Parent welcome meeting 5-6.15pm for Year 8 (lower school) and Year 11 (upper school). Enrichment starts.

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Open Evening for prospective families 5.30-8.30pm. School closes at midday for students.

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – late start for students. Students to arrive in school for 10.45am.

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 11 Geneva trip

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Late start for students (10.45am)

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 baseline testing

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>- PTA parent social event.

### October

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – INSET day, school closed for students

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Depth Assessment Fortnight

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 Settling In Evening, 4.30 – 8pm

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 11 core Subjects Evening, 6-8pm

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 7 Kingswood residential parent meeting, 5-6pm

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Prize Giving Evening (by invitation), 7-8.30pm, lower school

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – School finishes early at 1.25pm

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Half term

## KEY INFORMATION – Miss Harrison

### Attendance and punctuality

We are very aspirational for our students and have high expectations of them all. We have a school attendance target of 97% and hope to ensure all our students are in school on time and ready to learn. Good attendance gives students the best chance to meet their academic targets and we want to support each and every student in achieving their very best. To this end, a 15-minute attendance/ punctuality and equipment detention (Code 15) runs at break time on both sites every day. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's tutor in the first instance. We are very much looking forward to supporting your child in achieving their very best this academic year.

### School photographers

Next week, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, individual and group photos will be taken of Year 7 and 10 students. Please ensure students are wearing full, correct school uniform on that day.

### Religious holidays

The school needs to know in advance if your child will be absent from school to observe any religious festivals. Please could you email: [office@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto: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.

### Catering

This week our amazing Kitchen Manager, Gary, has been preparing delicious recipes from our new autumn menus which are available on our website and can be viewed [here](#).



Please remember to check your child's ParentPay balance is in credit and kept topped up so that they can purchase food from our dining room.

### Communication



To see photos and follow school news, follow us on:  
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)

## PARENT WELCOME MEETINGS – Miss Harrison

All parents are invited to attend welcome meetings next week, which will be held from 5-6.15pm.

These important meetings will provide information about the year ahead, details of our curriculum and assessment structures, and the opportunity to spend time with your child's form tutor. Please note the date of your year group meeting:

- Year 7:** Monday 9th September (lower school)
- Year 8:** Wednesday 11th September (lower school)
- Year 9:** Tuesday 10th September (lower school)
- Year 10:** Tuesday 10th September (upper school)
- Year 11:** Wednesday 11th September (upper school)

We look forward to seeing all parents at our welcome meetings.

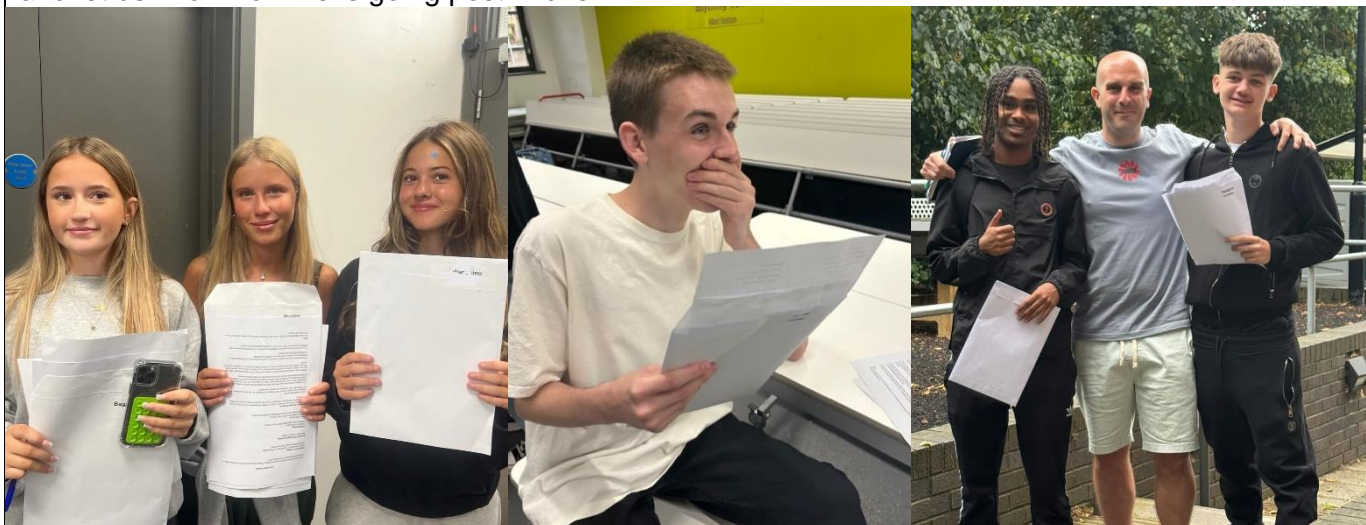
## ARCHER GCSE RESULTS 2024 – Miss Harrison

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 on a superb set of GCSE results!

Our students worked exceptionally hard, achieving our best ever GCSE results at Grade 7+, further solidifying our position as a top performing school.

Each and every student deserves to be so proud of what they have achieved – well done! A huge thank you to parents and staff for their ongoing support. Please click here to read more about our GCSE results this year: [GCSE results 2024 | Archer Academy \(thearcheracademy.org.uk\)](https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/gcse-results-2024)

We wish the Class of 2024 all the very best with their next steps and encourage them to keep in touch and let us know how life is going post-Archer.



## ENRICHMENT AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – Ms Jouhal

## **Enrichment**

Our enrichment programme is one of the highlights of life at Archer – allowing students to discover and develop their talents, passions and skills.

The enrichment programme will take place every Wednesday afternoon, beginning on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Students will take part in two separate enrichment activities: the first session will run from 1:25pm - 2:25pm, followed by a 5-minute movement break, and the second session will run from 2:30pm - 3:30pm. The school day ends at 3.30pm on Wednesdays.

Students will be informed of their specific enrichment activities on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September during form time. This information will also be posted on MS Teams. Students will stay with the same enrichment activities throughout the Autumn Term. In November, they will have the chance to choose from a new range of activities which will start in January for the Spring Term.

If a student is participating in a physical enrichment session, they should bring their PE/CPA kit into school on Wednesdays and change at lunchtime.

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Extra-curricular clubs will begin the week commencing 9th September. Clubs will be after school and lunchtime, as well as sometimes before school. They will cover a range of options including sports, music, debating, chess, homework, LGBTQ+, drama and more

An initial timetable of clubs is attached. Further clubs including performing arts, English and languages will be shared next week. Students do not need to sign up to attend clubs. All clubs are free. If you have any questions, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.



## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7 ARCHERS – Miss Le**

It was wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 Archer students to school on Thursday. Well done on a fantastic start to life at Archer! We wish you all a brilliant year ahead.



## WELCOME YEAR 10 TO UPPER SCHOOL – Mr Constantinou

A warm welcome to Upper School for Year 10. It was lovely to see you all get off to a flying start this week. Good luck for this exciting step up in your Archer journey.



## **OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES – Miss Harrison** **Thursday 19th September 2024**

We offer a range of opportunities for parents and students to visit us before applying for a place at our school. Please click here to find out more: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/opportunities-to-visit-us/>

**Open Evening (for all prospective parents and students):**  
Thursday 19th September 2024, 5.30-8.30pm at lower school

Miss Harrison's talks can be pre-booked here:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/64061?embed>

**Taster Lessons (for Year 6 students):**  
Tuesday 1st October 2024, 4.30-6pm at lower school

Tickets can be booked here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/64093?embed>

**Small group tours (for Year 6 students and their parents):**  
These will be held on various dates in September and October from 9.15–10.15am at both lower and upper school. Further details are on our website. Places can be booked by calling Sharon Walsh on 020 8365 4110.



## **FUNDRAISING UPDATE – Mrs Ruback**

During the last week of the summer term, there were two fantastic fundraising events at Archer – the Archella Summer Festival and the Archer Adventure Sponsored Walk. These were not only lovely events for our community, but also raised over £12,000 for our school, helping to bring us closer to building a new performing arts studio at lower school.

Thank you so much to all parents, students and teachers for supporting these events.

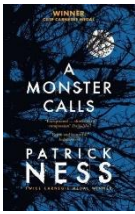


## LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist and Miss Livingstone

Hello Cats, and welcome to the first Library Corner of the year!

Welcome to the new Year 7s, who have been learning about the Lower School Library this week. Remember, you can come at break and lunch to read and play chess and you can borrow any book for two weeks! Not sure what to read? Ask Ms Appelquist for recommendations!

**Pastoral Reading:**

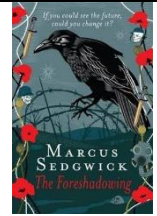


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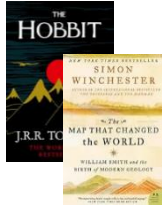
### Your Essential Summer Read!

Year 8-9→

Each year group was **required** to read the same book over the Summer— have you finished yours? Look out for a **quiz on Teams** due on 18tg September to test your knowledge and earn prizes!

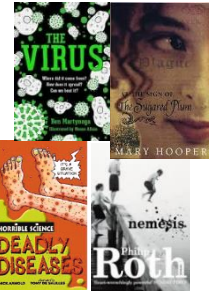


### Thematic Learning:



**Year 7:** There's a host of books to explore relating to your first Thematic Unit—**It started with a map...** A mix of fact and fiction to get your imagination going.

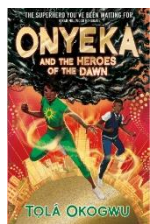
**Year 8:** Check out the **Diseases** books to support you in your first Thematic Unit of the year!



### Events:



On **14<sup>th</sup> September**, Anna James, author of the beloved *Pages & Co* series, will be signing copies of her brand new series, *The Chronicles of Whetherwhy* at the **Children's Bookshop** in Muswell Hill.



If you happen to be visiting Bath, the **Bath Children's Literature Festival** will be in full swing from the **27<sup>th</sup> September**, featuring children's and young adult writers like Robin Stevens, Katherine Rundell, Tolá Okogwu, Piers Torday, and Michael Rosen. See [here](#) for more information and tickets.



### Call for Parent Volunteers:

If you can give an hour one morning a week, please consider joining the Parent Reading Scheme at Archer, where a trusted adult listens once a week to a Lower School child who may not be reading at his or her target level. We are hoping to resume the program in the next few weeks, as we determine which children would benefit most. Contact Ms Appelquist for more information about participating in this valuable part of Archer school life. [Mrsaappelquist@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:Mrsaappelquist@thearcheracademy.org.uk)

### Upper School Library opening hours:

Please note that the Upper School library is open every day until 4:30pm from Monday to Thursday and 4:00 pm on Friday.

Have a great weekend, everyone, and keep reading!

## HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Head of Year updates will resume in next week's newsletter