

11th June 2021

Dear all,

It has been wonderful to welcome back all students and staff for the second summer half term, amidst beautiful sunshine. We have had an excellent start and absolute credit must go to Year 10, for the impressive and very mature way they have approached their exams across this week. This is a busy half term with formal assessment, but coupled with a range of superb wider experiences for our students. Both of these elements of school life feel even more crucial this half term, as we were unable to do them properly last summer.

Exams continue for Year 10 next week and begin for students in Years 7 to 9. Parents are asked to check the timetables shared with students on Show My Homework carefully, to ensure they are confident and well prepared to do their very best.

This week I was delighted to welcome Councillor John Hooton to the school to discuss wider community issues, but in particular the ongoing concerns surrounding safety in The Causeway. There has been extensive work led by groups of parents, to raise awareness of the need for increased lighting and CCTV in The Causeway. Coupled with a very constructive meeting this week, I am hopeful that positive change will be possible here. I shall keep you updated.

Next week we will share details with parents and students about our inaugural Wonder Week in the Wc 28th June. This will be our first Super Curricular Week, where students will have the chance to explore the central theme of 'Wonders of the World' through a rich range of opportunities across subject disciplines.

The week will see students off timetable and working in different groups, to take part in specialist workshops. It will also include a day at the beach for each year group, on Thursday 1st July. We will be asking parents to contribute £20 per child, to cover the cost of the trip and wider activities. Please do review the details carefully and make payment via ParentPay, there is so much to look forward to here.

I would like to thank parents for their support in the reorganisation of our INSET Days at the start of this week, to enable staff to complete the extensive requirements for GCSE grading. This time has enabled staff to complete this process to the highest of standards and protect the outcomes of our Year 11 cohort.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison

Thought for the week: *'Strength lies in differences, not in similarities.'* Stephen Covey

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Term dates for 2020 2021: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2020-2021/>

Term dates for 2021 2022: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2021-2022/>

June

Weds 9th – Fri 18th Year 10 summer exams
Mon 14th – 25th Year 9 summer exams
Mon 14th – 25th Year 8 depth assessment fortnight
w/c 14th – Year 7 core subject assessments
Weds 23rd – Year 9 into year 10 parents evening, 6.30pm
Thurs 24th – Year 11 Leavers' assembly
Fri 25th – Year 11 Leavers' Ball
w/c 28th – Wonder Week

July

Thurs 1st – Trip day for year 7 – year 10
Mon 5th – students dismissed after lunch for staff report writing
Weds 14th – Learning Review Day
Sat 17th – Archella Festival*
Mon 19th – Sports Day*
Weds 21st – Archer Adventure*

Thurs 22nd – End of summer term, students dismissed at 12 midday

*we hope to run these events but they remain dependent on government guidance

REMINDERS:

Covid testing: Please continue to test on Mondays and Fridays to keep our community safe.

Parentpay: please check that your child's account is topped up for the last half term.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION – Mrs Csaky



ARCHELLA FESTIVAL - PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP

Following our planning meeting on Monday, we are now looking for lots of volunteers to help produce the Archella festival. If you would like to help with the organisation and can lend a few hours to the school, please email:

parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk or join the Archella WhatsApp group:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DftEUyuYeuY0GyYuqFGOKy>

We need everyone on board to make this happen!

AUCTION LOTS NEEDED

If you can donate an item to our online auction such as concert tickets, a piece of art, vouchers for a restaurant, beautician etc. please get in touch with Simone or Natacha and let them know. The auction raised over £6,000 for the school last time email: parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk

HEADTEACHER'S EXEMPLARY EFFORT AWARD – Miss Harrison

Each week heads of year review and celebrate the merits and achievements of each student. The Headteacher Exemplary Effort Award is then awarded at the end of each month to the students who have received the most merits in their year group. Significant congratulations go to the winners for May, such an impressive achievement and students deserve to be very proud of themselves. Who might it be in June?

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Gene N	Mei Li S	Stan H	Sam L	Archie B
Princess Sheimah	Safia A	Zara S	Eve Angelita F	Izabela K
Melania S	Griella C	India N	Anthony D	Olimpia C
Elsie C	Rosie M	Aras Y	Molly P	Calvi DC
Amelia O	Christopher P	Nkumbu C	Zack W	Maya W

HELP THE SCHOOL IN JUST 3 CLICKS – Mrs Csaky

There are many ways to get involved with life at the Archer Academy, whether it is joining the Parents Association or donating through our Parent Contribution Scheme. But here is another way you can help in just 3 clicks:



Simply do your online shopping via Easyfundraising and they give the school money! It takes seconds and if lots of us do this, it brings in significant amounts. We currently have 169 supporters so there are many more parents who

could join up. Click here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/archeracademy/?invite=JRIQF9&referral-campaign=s2s>



If you shop on Amazon, choose 'The Friends of the Archer Academy' as your Amazon Smile cause, and when you shop via Amazon Smile, the school benefits at no extra cost to you.

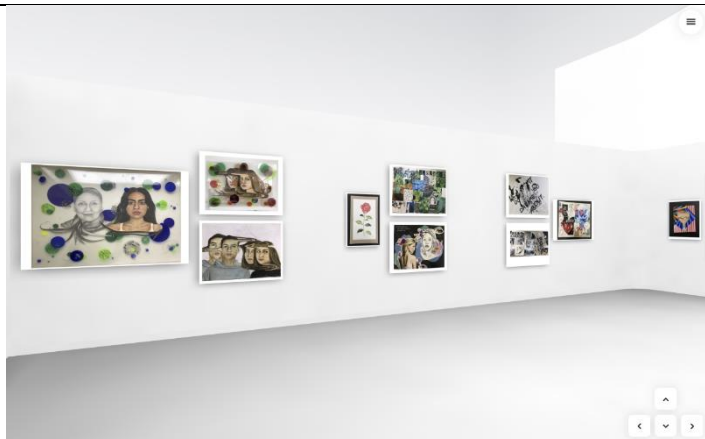
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Join our Archer Academy LinkedIn network to connect with other members of the Archer community to share news and information.

Click here: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9014166>

Don't forget you can follow all the latest news and photo updates from the school on our social media channels: Facebook (The Archer Academy), Instagram @archeracademy and Twitter @ArcherAcademy.

ART DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Ms Clarke



Each year, in June, the Art department holds a live exhibition of our GCSE work. Due to the pandemic, we have made a virtual gallery instead! Here is our first Archer Academy Virtual Art Exhibition, and you are all invited to the private view.

It's a shame for viewers not to be able to leaf through the entire body of work in the stunning sketchbooks, but this virtual tour adds a bit of fun. I hope that you enjoy it! Please follow the link:

<https://artspaces.kunstmatrix.com/en/exhibition/6666671/archer-academy-gcse-2021>

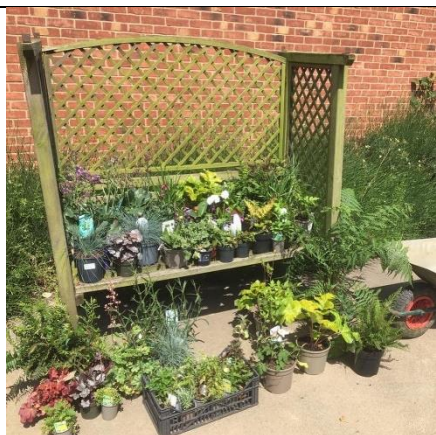


Also, We are excited to announce our first East Finchley Open gallery page has launched with some varied photography pieces. Please keep an eye on our EFO page, we will be adding work to it on a regular basis. The first piece to feature is by Amelie C, in the style of Joshua Davidson.

I do hope that you enjoy both events.

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

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM – Rachael Harvey



Our amazing volunteers have had a busy half term, getting the outdoor classroom ready for action. We now have a bright and beautiful wheelbarrow in the front garden and a rolling vegetable planter in the back garden.

If you would like to volunteer, please email volunteer@thearcheracademy.org.uk

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower school library:

Hello Cats, and welcome back to Library Corner!

Library Re-opening:

Although we've suffered a few hiccups along the way, the Lower School Library is due to be back open next week! The days will remain the same for each year group bubble, but you will be able to come in during breaks on your day.

Book Reviews:

Thank you to the incoming Y7s for all their amazing book reviews:

Patryck D, Mae W, Nathalie M, Nathan H, Martha MS, Nora FC, Luca K, Sienna, Nuria R, and Neave K I'm looking forward to meeting such an impressive cohort of readers and thinkers!

Carnegie Shadowing Event:



Our Y7 group took part in the Carnegie Shadowing programme, where we read ***On Midnight Beach***, and gave a presentation to a group of other Barnet schools. There was a quiz and we had the opportunity to hear Manjeet Mann, author of ***Run, Rebel*** speak. We're looking forward to participating in person next year. Many thanks to **Ilgaz Y** and **Sophia F** for their hard work on this project!



Listen:

Are you a fan of **Nicola Yoon**, author of ***The Sun is Also A Star*** and ***Everything, Everything?*** [Listen](#) to her discussing magic and romance in her latest book, ***Instructions for Dancing***.



Upcoming Events:

[Book now](#) to see **Phil Earle** (author of ***Demolition Dad***) online in conversation with **Katie Tsang** (author of ***Sam Wu is Not Afraid***) to discuss his new book ***When the Sky Falls***.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BARNET AUTISM ADVISORY TEAM has sent round the following message for families of autistic secondary school aged students in Barnet. If you would like to take the survey please click follow this link: [Microsoft Forms](#)

Best wishes,
The Barnet Autism Advisory Team And Barnet Inclusive Next Generation (BING)

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 10 - Mr McSherry

Impeccable. This is how the year 10 cohort have been described by the lead exam invigilator this week. Their punctuality, attention and focus during top tip sessions, their conduct and general approach to their exam period has been exemplary. I am very proud.

Please do continue to review the schedule closely and ensure your child is best prepared. You too should be very proud of them this week.

Do ensure these messages are reinforced at home as well.

Impeccable!



Scarlett W - for demonstrating great resilience with regards to exams
Tobin H - for showing great commitment to his exams, and working hard despite the challenges / barriers.

Year 9 - Miss Alcock

It has been wonderful seeing year 9 return to school, the year group have been very respectful around the year 10 exams. Next week year 9 start their exam fortnight, a copy of the exam timetable can be found on MS teams or SMHK. Students will be sitting their exams in their lesson time.

We have a busy half term ahead and I very much look forward to all the events the year group have in store.



Om - for his excellent performance in rounders
Nimrod - for always being upbeat and having a positive attitude

Year 8 - Mr Constantino

I am finding it hard to accept that we are into the last half term already, but somehow, we are! The students have come back with their usual style, diving straight into their lessons with enthusiasm and dedication.

Assessment fortnight starts next week, I know the students have been working hard with their revision, you will hopefully have received a timetable for the exams. This is a very important time for the year group, but also quite exciting. The students missed their opportunity to demonstrate all they had learned in Year 7 due to lockdown last year so to see their drive to accomplish as much as they can is fantastic.

This term seems to have so many exciting opportunities. Wonder Week, prefect applications and CPA performances to name but a few. Please do encourage your child to take part in as many of them as possible. These are the things we have missed most over this difficult period and it is so important that we embrace them now that we can.



Sabrin S - for not missing a beat and coming back to school with her ever present desire to learn
Luca M - for his constant positive attitude and effort in all he does

Year 7 – Mr Wick

This week year 7 have had a lovely return to school. It seems they have had such interesting half terms! From lazy days to trips to the zoo, going to restaurants and exhibitions; it is wonderful to hear what the year group have gotten up to.

With assessments looming, it has been heartening to hear so many year 7s have started their revision in earnest. This week in tutor time, students will have the chance to work on ways to revise; to better understand themselves and how they learn best. We'll be following the three-part method of:

1. "Identify" what you need to know
2. "Revise" what you need help on
3. "Apply" your knowledge using practice questions

This week we will also be focussing on LGBT+ month, and the positive impact diversity has on the world. Please do reach out to me at mrjwick@thearcheracademy.org.uk if your child is feeling concerned during this month related to this theme or you if have any concerns about the forthcoming core subject assessments.



Mudasir H and Ilgaz Y for their steadfast work ethic this week