

18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear all,

This has been a busy and, at times, intense week for our students, owing to the range of exams and assessments being completed. However, all staff have been incredibly impressed by the maturity demonstrated. It is clear that students want to do well and are taking every opportunity to secure their academic progress. The completion of a full set of formally completed assessments will enable staff to have an in-depth picture of the progress of each child, further enabling our curriculum recovery and response planning following extended periods of online learning.

The Prime Minister's announcement, regarding the extension of lockdown restrictions, has resulted in a need for us to refine a number of our planned summer term events. The DfE published updated guidance for schools on Tuesday afternoon and this is being used to replan, and in many cases, scale back a number of whole school events. In most cases the events will hopefully go ahead as planned, but may be moved online or reduced in size to accommodate audience capacity for performances. Unfortunately, our Archella Festival will need to be very different and new initial details are outlined below. I am so incredibly grateful for all the work being led by the Parents' Association here. Whilst I appreciate this may be frustrating for parents, our primary responsibility must be the safety of all members of the Archer community.

Please may I remind all parents of the importance of their children completing Lateral Flow Tests on Monday and Friday mornings. These tests are a core element of our risk management.

It has been a pleasure to formally launch our Wonder Week this week. Owing to the way in which we have planned the week, there are no implications owing to renewed government requirements. We are so looking forward to enabling students to have a very different timetable of experiences. A reminder that there is a contribution of £20 for the week, which also includes the trip day and is required today via ParentPay. It is lovely to have something so exciting for us all to look forward to.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison

**Thought for the week:** *"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."* Søren Kierkegaard

## 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

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Year 9 summer exams

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Year 8 depth assessment fortnight

w/c 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 core subject assessments

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 9 into year 10 parents evening, 6.30pm

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 11 Leavers' assembly

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 11 Leavers' Festival

w/c 28<sup>th</sup> – Wonder Week

### July

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> – Trip day for year 7 – year 10

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – students dismissed after lunch for staff report writing

w/c 5<sup>th</sup> – Sports Week KS3 (taking place during regular PE lessons)

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> – Learning Review Day

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> – Archella Festival\*

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day\*

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> – Archer Adventure\*

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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 AUCTION

We are so disappointed but due to the new government guidelines, we will not be able to proceed with the live Archella Festival as planned this year, further details about refined programme will follow next week. Instead, we want to throw all our energies into the online auction and to encourage the entire school community to both donate and buy at least one item from the auction. If you haven't already donated an item to the auction, please have a think about what you could donate. We are looking for every Archer family to come up with an item.

### AUCTION ITEM SUGGESTIONS

#### Food

- International dish for a family meal
- Home baked cake
- Sushi dinner for 4 people

#### Community

- An evening of babysitting from an older teenage child (maybe an Archer Alumni student)
- Car wash voucher
- Gardening or lawn mowing help
- Cleaning/ironing voucher
- Lend your pet voucher (can you lend your family dog for a walk for a family without a pet who might want to bid?)

#### Work Experience/Lessons

- Are you a film maker, talent agent, lawyer, journalist, engineer or do you have a different job? Could you offer some work experience either virtual or in person to a student?
- Could you teach someone a new skill like origami/art/cooking/social media training?

#### Leisure/Wellbeing

- Are you a hairdresser/beautician/dietician or other therapist, could you donate a voucher?
- Cinema tickets
- Theatre tickets
- Do you have a special bottle of wine or something else you could offer?
- Holiday cottage weekend

#### Things

- Piece of artwork
- Designer handbag
- Jewellery

The above are just a few ideas to start you thinking about what you could offer. Please bear in mind that the school will not be able to raise money from the Archella Festival itself, so all the revenue for the school will come from the auction. That is why it's so important that we all support the school however we are able.

Please email: [archerauction@gmail.com](mailto:archerauction@gmail.com) with your family's suggested item for the auction by Wednesday 23rd June.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help with the organisation of the auction and can lend a few hours to the school, please email: [parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk) or join the Archella WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DftEUyuYeuY0GyYuqFGOKy>

**We need everyone on board to make this happen! Thank you!**

## WONDER WEEK – Ms Jouhal

# Wonder Week

Monday 28th June - Friday 2nd July 2021

The countdown is on! Only 1 more week to go until our first ever Wonder Week takes place.

During the week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2021 our school community will embark on our inaugural Wonder Week, our Super Curricular week exploring a range of rich learning opportunities. Our chosen theme of this year's Wonder Week is 'Wonders of the World'. Despite our global challenges over the last year or so, our world is wonderful, inspiring, and beautifully complex. The week will explore key themes of diversity, inclusion, places specific studies, culture and music from the past, present and future of our wonderful world.

During Wonder Week the school timetable will be suspended as students will experience a range of interactive workshops led by both external providers and school staff. The workshops will vary from sports and music to arts and creative writing, all exploring our wonderful world. As a part of our minimum offer across the week, all students in years 7 to 10 will have experienced sessions in the performing arts, a trip to the beach, an author visit, physical team games, and specialist workshops from a subject professional.

A sneak peak of the sessions include:

<p><b>How did Greek theatre revolutionise the world?</b> <b>Greek</b></p> <p>This workshop explores the role theatre has played in Greece and the global impact it's had around the world.</p>	<p><b>What is Hip Hop and why does it matter?</b></p> <p>For decades hip-hop has spoken truth to power and challenge the status-quo. Hip hop can evoke the fight for racial equality and communicating socio-economic conditions that shaped the lives of many Black people. This workshop will explore the origins of hip-hop as well as practical dancing opportunities to learn the style of dance itself!</p>	<p><b>Can one person's trash be another person's treasure?</b></p> <p>This is a must for the environmentally conscious, so let us show you how to transfer waste materials, useless, or unwanted plastics into art. By using a method called polyfusion you will turn the unwanted into the must have. Using materials such as plastic bags, crisp and sweet wrappers, netting, rope and more you will produce your very own original artwork.</p>	<p><b>How can we express ourselves through Chinese Folk Art?</b></p> <p>Chinese folk art are artistic forms inherited from a regional or ethnic scene in China. Individual folk arts have a long history, and many traditions are still practiced today. This hands-on workshop will provide you with an opportunity to explore the origins of Chinese Folk Art and to produce your own pieces of artwork.</p>
<p><b>Will robots take over the world?</b></p> <p>Students will explore the world of coding to create their own robot using Cubelets, ClicBot, Ozobot Evo, and so much more. There will also feature many real-life robots!</p>	<p><b>Can linguistics help us understand our world?</b></p> <p>Simply put, linguistics is the study of language, how it works, how it is acquired, and how people use it to communicate. Although linguists can speak a variety of languages, linguists know more about how language works, rather than having the ability to speak and understand multiple languages. This workshop will explore the value of languages, with opportunities to learn a new language.</p>	<p><b>Trio of sports</b></p> <p><b>Can you throw a Frisbee across the Grand Canyon?</b></p> <p>Ultimate Frisbee has taken over the nation, but can you throw your Frisbee across the distance of the Grand Canyon? You will take it in turns to throw your Frisbee and record the distance travelled to see if it's flown further than the Grand Canyon.</p> <p><b>What's the difference between English and American Football?</b></p> <p>This practical workshop will explore the differences between English and American Football. You'll be split into two teams to play one another in an epic game of American Football.</p>	<p><b>In a world of 7+ billion people, who are you?</b></p> <p>During this workshop, students will reflect on who they are and what they can contribute to society as they grow through life. Students will reflect this in a visual Coat of Arms painting, engraving, and carving out on their own plaque.</p>

***Can you beat your opponents at Kabaddi?***

Kabaddi is popular in the Indian subcontinent and other surrounding Asian countries. Although accounts of kabaddi appear in the histories of ancient India, the game was popularised as a competitive sport in the 20th century. It is also the national sport of Bangladesh. You'll be split into two teams to play one another at a game of Kabaddi.

Over the course of the week students should wear sportswear, including appropriate running footwear as there will be multiple active sessions throughout the week. Students are welcome to wear their Archer PE or CPA kit or their own active wear clothing. Students should bring a water bottle and their regular school equipment including a filled pencil case.

The week will include a trip to the beach on Thursday 1st July.

You will have received an email on Monday this week with more information about Wonder Week, and payment is available via ParentPay.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Jouhal [MissSjouhal@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:MissSjouhal@thearcheracademy.org.uk)

**DANCE WORKSHOPS – Miss Hacking**



**Street Dance workshop**

On Monday, a small group of year 8s took part in a street dance workshop. The dancers were put through their paces, working on stamina and flexibility as well as street dance/house grooves. On the hottest day of the year so far, the group persevered and worked incredibly hard - and put together a performance piece created by the workshop leaders Alex and Immanuel. The piece will be performed at the upcoming CPA sharing on 8th July. Well done to all involved!



And last Friday a group of year 8 students spent the day working on a performance piece for the upcoming CPA sharing. Students worked so hard on an incredibly hot day. I was so impressed with their effort and enthusiasm throughout!

**LOWER SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK – Mr Clark**

The PE department will be running a lower school Sports Week during PE lessons from **Monday 5th July**. This is to take place of Sports Day this year. Students will take part in a number of athletics track and field events and a rounders tournament. Dust of the running trainers and loosen up those throwing arms, medals are on offer to the 1st place finishers in their year groups.



Although it is forecast to rain, please ensure students are coming to school with a water bottle and sun screen (or apply in the morning).

Good luck Archer Athletes!

## DONATE A PLANT TO THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM – Rachael Harvey



Our Archer garden team have been busy creating an amazing outdoor teaching and mentoring garden but there's something missing....the plants! Please sponsor a plant to make our garden a magical place where students can receive mentoring or engage with nature. Plants are available to purchase now on Parentpay.

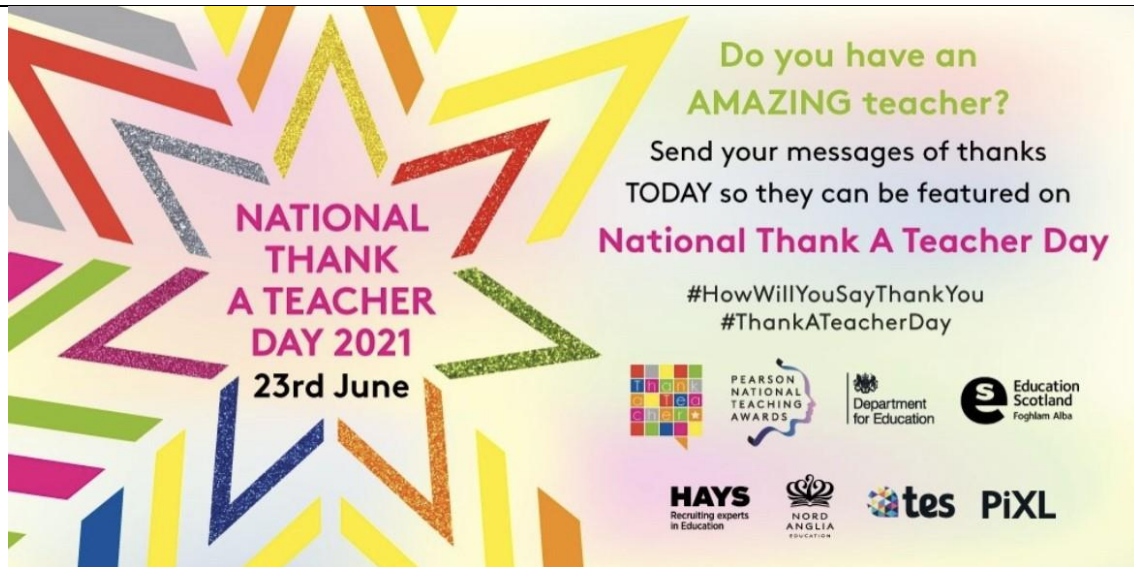
Please select a small plant £6, medium plant £12 or large plant £25. Or- 'wildcard donation' amount of your choice towards landscaping, irrigation or other items we might need.

We will combine all the donations and purchase the plants we need on behalf of the parents.

Anyone wishing to plant their donation will be given a plant at a weekend volunteer session priced closely to their contribution. Details of planting dates will follow.

If you would like to volunteer and get involved with the outdoor classroom project, please email [volunteer@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@thearcheracademy.org.uk) thank you.

## NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY – Ms Jouhal



National Thank a Teacher Day is coming up on Wednesday the 23rd June and you can get involved!

Join the likes of Pixie Lott, Nadiya Hussain and Sir Michael Morpurgo in celebrating Britain's greatest teachers by sending a free Axel Scheffler thank you e-card to anyone working in a school, whether it's for an individual or a whole school team by visiting [www.thankateacher.co.uk](http://www.thankateacher.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can click on the Microsoft Forms link here <https://forms.office.com/r/FENTxDYYPt> where we'll be collating responses within our school and sharing it with our wonderful staff on Thank a Teacher Day next week. Our school staff absolutely love hearing your messages of appreciation.

Maybe you want to say thanks for the hard work teachers have put in virtually teaching during school closures, making classroom lessons so enjoyable, marking class or homework, for being a supportive form tutor, or perhaps just for making students smile or keeping students safe. Either way, let's show our gratitude for the amazing teachers we know this Thank a Teacher Day!

Deadline to complete the form <https://forms.office.com/r/FENTxDYYPt> is Tuesday 22nd June.

## **UNIFORM 4 KIDS SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS**

# UNIFORM4KIDS

## Operational Plan for Back to School 21

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope this communication finds you well and in good health. From **1st June–14th August** our stores are operating on an appointment only basis.

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We continue to follow government guidelines with regards to social distancing to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our customers and team:

- Our stores are equipped with hand sanitising stations, physical floor markings and PPE equipment
- **Open by appointment only from 1st June–14th August**  
Book now: [www.uniform4kids.com](http://www.uniform4kids.com)
- **Late night opening until 8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1st July–12th August**, by appointment
- **Back to School extended opening hours: week commencing 23rd and 30th August:**  
Monday – Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday: 9am-5.30pm
- Card payments only
- **60 day** Exchange/Refund policy
- **Back to School offer: Free delivery** on orders over £100 in June and July. Shop early, avoid the rush!
- Click & Collect service offered from all our stores
- Live Chat available online, during working hours
- Order by **9th August** to ensure uniform is delivered by the start of term
- If your child is starting a new school, we suggest booking a uniform fitting with our experienced sales advisors so we can offer you a smooth and efficient experience

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The **Uniform4Kids** team

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t 020 8804 3627

**Pullens**  
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## LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

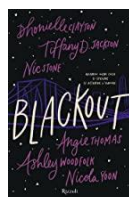
### Lower school library:

#### Listen:



To this [interview](#) with Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé on writing her debut novel, which has earned her a million-dollar book deal whilst still at university! ***Ace of Spades*** is a boarding school thriller for fans of ***A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*** and ***One of Us is Lying***, and it's available in the Lower School Library now!

#### Events:



Waterstone's is hosting an online [event](#) with six of the biggest voices in YA as they celebrate ***Blackout***, the blockbuster YA romance of summer 2021 that celebrates Black love stories (there is a charge for this event).





The Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Medal Winners have been announced! The Carnegie winner is **Look Both Ways**, by Jason Reynolds. That's the book that the Barnet Carnegie Event participants voted *least* likely to win! However, in line with our predictions, Manjeet Mann's **Rebel, Run** was voted Shadowers' Choice. Come to the Lower School Library to get a look at the whole Carnegie shortlist and see what you think!

### Read:



June is Pride Month, and Epic Reads has released an excellent [list](#) of books with LGBTQ+ protagonists. Encompassing sci-fi, thrillers, fantasy and graphic novels, this list is only missing one of my favourites: the zombie apocalypse-set **Wranglestone**, by Darren Charlton. Enjoy!



As the summer continues, more of us will find joy in nature. This [article](#) explores the nature books that inspired today's most popular writers.

### Book Reviews:

Leo R on The Hunger Games: My favourite character is Peeta because he is very conflicted.  
Sophia F on Run, Rebel: I love the ending because !! spoilers!!

Thanks to future Archers: Joey, Nathan, Nuria, Aidan, Luca and Rowan for their excellent reviews for the VIP Zone.

Have a great weekend everybody, and keep reading!

## HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

### Year 10 - Mr McSherry

Impeccable. That's right, we have completed a second week in exams, and we are still very much impeccable.

Considering the last time Year 10 did formal examinations was in Year 8, I am such a proud Head of Year. The students have conducted themselves with great commitment and dedication, they prepared well, arrived on time, and been equipped to give every exam their all.

I am looking forward to sharing this information with them all on Monday morning in our welcome back assembly. I will share feedback from the exam period as well as identify some key events coming up in our calendar, such as GradFest, the Southend trip and student leadership opportunities.

I am also pleased to announce that we will be running a Year 10 summer school from 26th July-30th July. This exciting opportunity will be funded centrally by the government, and we will share details on how to sign up next week.

There is plenty to look forward to!

Please do afford your children a well-deserved rest this weekend and I look forward to seeing them all on Monday.



Anna S - for demonstrating great commitment to her studies despite some challenging circumstances.  
Marlon F - for demonstrating the Archer Way by putting his words into action, he has impressed Mrs Au.

### Year 9 - Miss Alcock

Year 9 have made an excellent start to their exams. The students have applied themselves excellently, over the weekend I would recommend students check their timetables and make sure they have a good balance of revision and relaxation.

We have Wonder Week to look forward to at the end of it with a variety of different activities. This is a perfect opportunity for the students to unwind and enjoy extra curricular activities that have been sorely missed over the last year and a half.



This week I met with the year 9 prefect team to start planning Gradfest, the team have got some excellent ideas, watch this space!

I had great pleasure popping into several CPA lessons this week and was blown by the immense talent the year group has.

Ms Martin, Mr Gillo and I have been putting together the year 9 transition timetable, I look forward to sharing more details with you next week in our parent meeting.



Leah P - for her excellent contributions in SPPEC this week. Mr Constantinou was very impressed.  
Thomas Y - for undertaking his role as a prefect so conscientiously

#### **Year 8 - Mr Constantino**

The first week of the year 8 assessment fortnight is completed. It has been lovely to see the effort students are going to to ensure they do their very best. I have been extremely impressed with their work ethic and determination, with it being their first end of year assessments. I really do feel they have handled the exams so well. A reminder the exam timetable can be seen on Show My Homework so you can see what they have coming up next week.

We have Wonder Week to look forward to after assessment fortnight finishes next week. You should have received an email about this on Monday with details of the week. Please note the payment is due for next Friday (25th June) on ParentPay, this covers the entire week, including the trip to the beach! I hope the students are looking forward to this as much as I am. It really does feel special to be able to offer such a wonderful week, especially as we have been unable to offer our normal extra-curricular activities and trips for so much of their secondary school life.

Some students have been taking part in dance and drama days in upper school, by all accounts they have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. It is wonderful to see them interacting with Archer Alumni students and preparing for their performances.



Mehran M - consistently calm, always polite and works exceptionally hard. A model student.  
Sabrin S - a real passion for learning, a joy to have in the classroom.

#### **Year 7 – Mr Wick**

What a lovely second week we've had!

This week our amazing year group have been working hard at their core subject end of year assessments. Teachers across departments have praised our students for their professionalism and resilience during this challenging time, which is a testament to how seriously the year group have taken their exams.

Students have had the opportunity to debate and develop their oracy skills in thematic learning this week. They have devised, discussed and argued their opinions on a number of topics including "Will AI take over?" and "Is it ever right to take a life?" It has been invigorating to see students articulate their points so well and with such vigour! I can see a number of excellent communicators in the future. The next prime minister perhaps?

This week and last week the Archer has welcomed year 6 students into the school to support their transition into year 7 life. It has been such a joy to see year 7 Archers helping so wonderfully with showing students around, helping them find their way around school, and of course being incredible assistants to the teachers during their sessions.



Ela E and Evie O'G - for their incredible resilience