

25th June 2021

Dear all,

It was a real pleasure to be able to host an al fresco Leavers' Assembly on Thursday evening and we look forward to more celebrations for our Year 11 cohort this evening. It is incredibly hard to say goodbye, especially in such complex circumstances, but so special to be able to do this together as a community.

Unfortunately, this week we have experienced two confirmed cases of COVID19 in our Year 10 cohort. We have carefully reviewed all of our risk management procedures, in liaison with the London Coronavirus Response Centre, and all have been judged to be secure. The health and well being of all students and staff is my most important responsibility and one I take very seriously. However, as we have come to realise throughout this pandemic, there is a collective responsibility to reduce the spread of the virus. We have revisited expectations as a staff and student body to ensure we all feel safe and secure. I would ask that parents redouble their efforts to ensure that twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests are completed, as this is such a protective factor. Face masks remain a requirement in communal areas in our school. Your child should have a set of face masks on their person at all times, but sadly this is not always the case; on one day this week we gave out 100 face masks. Most importantly, if your child is symptomatic do not send them to school, please contact us instead for advice and book a PCR test. I am aware that the reality of COVID19 is hard for us all, but if we are to ensure that we have safe and healthy students and staff in school, we have to be prepared to take all the preventative steps that are needed.

We are so looking forward to Wonder Week next week and all the incredible opportunities it will afford our school community. I cannot decide what I am most looking forward to! Please do check central and year group specific information, regarding plans and expectations for your child. We cannot wait to tell you all about it.

Finally, I am so incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support for the Online Auction and Haven Estate Agent boards sponsorship. The support from you, the parent body, for our school, is so special and appreciated. These projects all make such a difference, bringing much needed funds into our school to ensure the very best for your child. Simply, thank you for your support.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison

Thought for the week: *"I think us here to wonder, myself. To wonder. To ask. And that in wondering 'bout the big things and asking 'bout the big things, you learn about the little ones, almost by accident. But you never know nothing more about the big things than you start out with. The more I wonder, the more I love."* Alice Walker

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

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

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

Weds 14th – Learning Review Day

Sat 17th – Archella Festival – will not be running in usual format

Weds 21st – Archer Adventure*

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

*we hope to run this event but it remains dependent on government guidance

REMINDERS:

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

KEY INFORMATION:

PASS Survey: Across the week of the 5th July we will be asking all students to complete the PASS survey. This supports the school in understanding students' attitudes towards school and can help identify unknown concerns.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION – Mrs Csaky



ESTATE AGENT BOARDS – PLEASE SIGN UP!

Our local estate agent Haven, have agreed to donate £900 to the school and we now need 60 families to sign up in order to make this happen. Please email Justinec@thearcheracademy.org.uk if you would like to take part. Haven will put up a board outside your home from 5/6th July until 19/20th July. Unlike in previous years, you do not need to live in the N2 postcode in order to participate.

Details needed: Your name, Child's name, Address.

Thank you

ARCHELLA AUCTION

We have had an incredible response to our Archella Auction request for items. Just a few of the fabulous items donated so far include: Japanese cookery class, seaside holiday cottage, babysitting, Zumba class, language classes, cakes, dog walking, tooth whitening, magazine subscription, artisan cushions and a photo shoot. Please have a think about what you could rustle up!

If you have any last minute items, please let us know: archerauction@gmail.com . We would like all Archer families to join in.

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 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



Monday 28th June - Friday 2nd July 2021

What does wonder mean? Why is our theme 'Wonders of the World'?

For something to be considered a Wonder of the World, it has to be iconic. It has to symbolise a chapter of human history. A Wonder of the World must embody a sense of magic and mystery It should be a place that grows more intriguing with time. More broadly, wonder holds the key to a more fulfilling, prosperous and enjoyable future in the Dialogues of Plato, Plato writes, quoting Socrates, "Wonder is the feeling of a philosopher, and philosophy begins in wonder." This quote has been more popularly paraphrased as, "Wisdom begins in wonder"

We are so excited for students and staff to experience our first Wonder Week at school. On Monday, year 7 will take part in Portuguese lessons, play with robots and experience VR headsets to see life in Aboriginal Australia, whilst year 9 will experience a range of sports games including American football and Kabaddi. On Tuesday, year 8 will try out Zumba dancing, art workshops, and opera singing. Wednesday sees year 10 experiencing Samba and African drumming and a comedy workshop! On Thursday the whole school will be going to the beach! To round the week off on Friday, students will be watching our virtual Showcase and we will be announcing the winners of the house competition.

Students will also have the opportunity to try out different foods from around the world all week with themed menus each day from Olive Dining: Italian, Egyptian, Indian and Mexican.

You will have received an email with more information about Wonder Week. Please check for year group specific requirements and details about the trip day. £20 payment is available via ParentPay. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Jouhal MissSjouhal@thearcheracademy.org.uk

EQUINE THERAPY – Mrs Mahoney



We held our first equine therapy session in the outdoor classroom this week. Students across the school community were so excited to see the horses arriving on site on Wednesday morning. Many could simply not believe their eyes! The sessions allowed students to learn about the nature of horses and to pet and groom them. Fern and Half Pint were thoroughly spoiled, and students are very much looking forward to their next session on the 7th July.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Mr Carter

DRAMA COMPETITION SQUAD AUDITIONS

We held our drama auditions this week to take part in our junior competition squad for September. We had over 60 students take part. As a department we were overwhelmed with the talent, professionalism, and energy. The students were simply outstanding with their monologue delivery, it certainly made the picking process very hard! There will be a range of opportunities available to the students for next year to take part in drama performances.

Congratulations to the following students:

1. Felix B
2. Alex B
3. Alfie P
4. Sonny R
5. Chris P
6. Ella F
7. Rose D
8. Amy M
9. Arianna F
10. Matilda S
11. Melody M

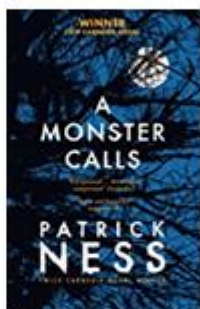
12. Isabella F
13. Luca S
14. Joseph C
15. Jacob B

BUILDING THE ARCHER BOOKCASE – Ms Vandervelde

Building the Archer Bookcase – Summer Reading



The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster



A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness



The Goose Road by Rowena House



Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? By Philip K Dick



Chess by Stefan Zweig

Transition Y6 to 7

Y7 to 8

Y8 to 9

Y9-10

Y10-11

We are keen to get all Archer students reading and the summer holidays is the perfect time to do this. This means every Archer will have read at least one book over the summer break! Each assigned transition text has been selected to build on prior set reading and will provide the foundation for English lessons in September. The expectation is that every student has a copy of their assigned book – emails from our librarians will follow soon with further details about how to purchase your child's book.

ARCHER FACILITIES HIRE – Michele Harrison



We are delighted to have been able to resume our external lettings 2 months ago and it is wonderful to see so many people enjoying our facilities once again in the evenings, at weekends and during the holidays. Do you know anyone who would like to run a club at our school using our facilities?

We rent out our 3G pitch, our astro, sports hall, dining halls, dance studios and classrooms. If you or anyone you know may be interested in setting up a new club please contact Michele Harrison via the office for more details Office@Thearcheracademy.org.uk.

We are particularly keen to increase the offer available to teenagers so that our students can benefit from some more local clubs.

DANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Miss Randall

DANCE COMPETITION SQUAD AUDITIONS

We held our dance auditions this week to take part in our junior competition squad for September. We had over 55 students take part. As a department we were overwhelmed with the talent, professionalism and effort. The students created some exceptional solos, it was certainly a difficult choice for the CPA team. There will be a range of opportunities available to the students for next year to take part in dance performances.

Congratulations to the following students:

1. Anna M
2. Nava I
3. Daisy H
4. Anouk M
5. Cara S
6. Elsie C
7. Amber H K
8. Maleeha M
9. Rosie M
10. Denisa D
11. Gabriela D
12. Rafael Q
13. Jasper Z
14. Theo F
15. Mujtaba C
16. Vivek N
17. Finley B
18. Rita F
19. Tyler S-G
20. Ashah C-W

YEAR 7 DANCE DAY



A group of year 7 students were selected to take part in a drop-down day for dance with Miss Randall. This was an extended opportunity for dance students to advance their skills and create a dance performance in a day. Their effort, commitment and enthusiasm was outstanding throughout. The piece will be performed in the KS3 Showcase which will be professionally filmed on Thursday 8th July and streamed to the audience.

ART DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Ms Clarke



Three members of our Art department visited Martin School year 6 on Thursday afternoon. We supported the Phantom Tollbooth project by making our 3D map with three class groups on a rotation. It was a pleasure to work with and get to know so many of our future Archers.

OLIVE DINING UPDATE – Michele Harrison



Following feedback from students we have introduced new additions to our catering offer in both upper and lower school. We are now serving frozen yoghurt which is a very delicious and much healthier option than ice cream. We also have a new drinks machine from which we are serving hot chocolate to students.

Next week is Wonder Week when the students will be exploring a range of extra-curricular activities. Please ask your child to look out for our themed lunch menus on offer each day and make sure their ParentPay accounts are topped up so that they can enjoy culinary delights from a number of different countries such as Mexico, Italy, Egypt and India.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM – Mrs Mahoney

Thank you to everyone who donated a plant to our outdoor classroom. In typical Archer fashion, the appeal target was met within a couple of days and the plants have now been ordered. This is fantastic news for the garden and we will let you know when you can come and plant your donation soon.

The outdoor classroom has been busy this week with our new equine therapy session and we have also had students helping to plant seedlings and watering them in. We can look forward to crops of tomatoes, sunflowers and cauliflowers.



Thanks to Erini Rodis for the photos.

If you would like to get involved in this project, please email: volunteer@thearcheracademy.org.uk

EAST FINCHLEY OPEN GALLERY – Ms Clarke



The East Finchley Open gallery website page has now been populated with year 11 GCSE work. Here is the link if you would like to take a look.

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

SCHOOL DOG RUFUS – Ms Vandervelde



We are very pleased to welcome our volunteer dog handler, Nadine Azizollah, to the Archer. Nadine will be facilitating some therapy dog sessions with students across the next few weeks. Nadine works part time at London Zoo and has completed training with Rufus.

These sessions will be 30 minutes long and will run during the school day on the school site. Students will be in pairs and able to walk, pet and read with Rufus during their time with him. If you feel your child would benefit from a session with Rufus please email their Head of Year.

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower school library:

Read:

[This](#) article about how English Heritage are confronting the racism and colonialism of their honourees.



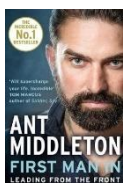
The Young Adult Literature Convention (held digitally this year) is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the publication of Malorie Blackman's ***Noughts and Crosses*** this year. They're welcoming video submissions describing how the series has impacted you. [Check it out](#) to participate--the deadline is June 29!

Listen:

Chosen by the Children's Book Review, here's a [list](#) of some of the best audiobooks for young adults this summer.

To the A Good Read [episode](#) exploring ***A Monster Calls*** by Patrick Ness. Caution: Spoilers!

Book reviews:



Tomas B on ***First Man In***, by Ant Middleton: *It is exciting!*

Yigit D on ***CHERUB: Maximum Security*** by Robert Muchamore: *It has quite a lot of features some people aged about 13 would like to see in a book, such as lots of action/ fighting in the prison.*

Thank you to incoming Y7s for their amazing book reviews for the VIP Zone: **Nathan H, Leonardo, Rose, Nuria, Shachar, Shemekar and Taran!**

Next week is Wonder Week, exploring the theme: Wonders of the World! Here's a selection of books to help you explore the wonders of the world from the comfort of your own home:

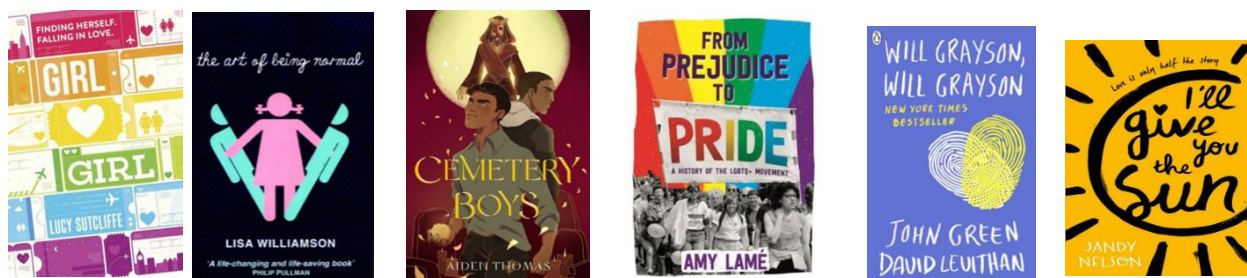


All available in the Lower School Library!

Have a great week everybody, and *keep reading!*

Upper school library:

I am so pleased to welcome students back to the library at upper school. We are celebrating Pride Month and we have lots of titles to choose from:



Library opening times are:

Monday 8.30am – 5pm
Tuesday 9.30am – 5pm
Wednesday 9.30am – 5pm
Thursday 9.30am – 5pm
Friday 8.30am – 4pm

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 10 - Mr McSherry

The year 10 cohort have returned to school focused and ready to learn. They are certainly looking forward to Wonder Week! There are lots of things they have to look forward to, which I shared in my welcome back assembly on Monday morning:

Wonder Week
Southend
GradFest
Yoga

I wrote to you separately this week about the yoga sessions. A great wellbeing opportunity if you ask me, and something I would encourage your children to at least try. If you are interested in your child giving it a go then please do contact me as soon as possible.

Also, the application pack for our senior student leadership team was published on Wednesday this week. The deadline for all applications is Friday 2nd July, 4pm. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Please do review this information with your child and support them in their applications.

If they have any questions, please do encourage them to see me.

Have a lovely weekend.



Kitty May E - for impressing Miss McDonagh with her work ethic in maths
Kurt U - for impressing Mr Gillo with his practical work in science

Year 9 - Miss Alcock

It has been an excellent second week of exams for year 9, the hard work and effort by students in their exams has been mentioned to me by several staff. If a student has missed any assessments, please let me or the subject teacher know as we would like to make sure all exams are sat by the end of next week.

Next week the students will be taking part in their first ever Wonder Week, students will be taking part a range of activities and will be able to wear their own clothes for the whole week. As part of Wonder week on Thursday, year 9 will be spending the day at Camber Sands. I would ask that all students arrive at school for 7.30am with a packed lunch. We are aiming to be back at school at 4.45pm. Please can all parents make sure they have returned the Camber Sands permission slip and paid the payment for Wonder Week on Parentpay.

There has been a huge sign up from year 9 for the dance and drama auditions, however for any students who have not yet signed up, there is still time to do so!

On Wednesday, students joined our first ever equine therapy session, the horses were a hit and will be back in school in 2 weeks to work with more year 9 students.

Our Transition to Upper School launch is from Wednesday 7th July, all details were shared last night in our Transition Evening. Students will be given a timetable of activities in tutor time on 6th July. All information will be shared on MS teams and Show My Homework.

We have 19 students who have collected over 300 merits this academic year, meaning they are top of the year 9 Honour Roll. Names were shared in tutor time this week - well done all of you!



Seren - for always being resilient and demonstrating the Archer way in everything she does
Amelia D and Mia T for their excellent effort in PE this week

Year 8 - Mr Constantino

This week saw the finale of the Scholars' programme. The groups presented their projects to Archer staff including Miss Harrison and Mrs Gillham. They did not let this faze them and the students were absolutely fantastic. Their projects were well researched and their presentation skills were confident and composed.

Over 80 students got involved in the drama and dance audition process. It has been reported that the bar has been set high, congratulations to the select few who made the teams.

A reminder that Prefect applications are due at the end of this weekend. This will be a very competitive process but I very much looking forward to holding the interviews with students over the coming weeks.



Joe H - for demonstrating such resilience in all he has done this week
Denisa D - for always being positive and full of energy

Year 7 – Mr Wick

What an incredible week! Year 7 have had so many different opportunities to interact with a variety of natural beings.

A selection of lovely students had the chance to hang out with some miniature horses on Wednesday aimed at mental health and connections to living things.

On Thursday students worked in the outdoor classroom, planting flowers and veggies; again to connect and ground themselves with the verdant patch Archer is developing.

In Thematic students have been working hard at developing their communication and creative skills by creating a theme park. Students have had to think critically at where to build the park based on weather patterns and road access, what rides to include in the park, what theme to have in their parks and of course some beautiful iconography representing the park's soul.

Finally, students have been preparing for all the amusement that Wonder Week will be providing next week! They are so lucky to have all these opportunities to learn, play, and debate some of the most cutting edge concepts during this week. From talks about the latest conundrums to VR experiences, students should truly be able to explore their wonder of the world. On Thursday, we also have a brilliant experience planned as the whole cohort will make their way to Broadstairs beach! So much to look forward to.

 **Stars of the Week** 

This week's stars are the excellent two new students who have joined us: Camelia and Iris E, who have shown excellence through the bravery of joining a school, making new friends, and throwing themselves into lessons.
Well done!