

12th November 2021

Dear all,

This has been a busy and important week for students as they receive the final rounds of feedback from their recent assessments and teachers prepare for their autumn school reports. It is clear the level of importance students are placing on their assessments but it is essential that they continue to focus on the feedback more than the grade – where is their learning secure and what do their priorities need to be moving forwards.

It was a great pleasure to attend the Year 7 and Year 8 Poetry Recital on Wednesday afternoon. I was blown away by the quality of each and every performance. Students had clearly worked so hard and the effort and commitment shone through. I am very much looking forwards to hosting these students for an afternoon tea next week to celebrate their achievements.

As a whole school community, we marked Remembrance Day on Thursday with an online assembly led by the Year 9 and Year 11 senior students. The school fell silent at 11am as our community honoured the anniversary of the armistice. The beautiful and haunting sound of the Last Post echoed across the campus courtesy of our wonderful trumpeter, Henry. It was very special to do something so important, so well.

Next week will see our Pride in Our Work Week, details follow later in the newsletter, this is an opportunity for our students to focus on the high standards of their academic studies and for their teachers to celebrate their many and varied achievements. It is simply so important to enable this focus on effort and to be able to praise and recognise our students hard work; we look forward to celebrating their success.

Important communication surrounding Learning Review Day has been sent and autumn reports will be circulated prior to 25th November. We do intend to run Learning Review Day in person to enable important face to face contact for families and staff.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *“Silently, one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven, blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels.”*
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

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

Term dates for 2022 2023: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/term-dates-2022-2023/>

November

Mon 15th – Fri 19th – Pride in our Work Week

Weds 17th – Year 10 Core subjects Evening, 6-8m, upper school

Thurs 18th – Parents Association AGM 7-8pm, lower school, [book here](#)

Mon 22nd - Year 7 Parent Meeting on Mental Health & Wellbeing with Sophia Davison, 5-6pm

Thurs 25th – Learning Review Day/2nd hand uniform, revision guide and book sale, upper and lower

Fri 26th – School closed for Occasional Day

Mon 29th – Year 11 mock exams start

December

Weds 1st – Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening, 4.30pm – 8pm

Thurs 9th – Year 10 trip to Planetarium

Fri 10th - Year 11 mock exams finish

Fri 10th – An Archer Christmas Carol

Thurs 16th – Last day of term, midday finish for students

KEY INFORMATION:

Covid testing: All students should test on Mondays and Fridays to keep our community safe. [Upload your lateral flow result](#) before your child comes to school.

ParentPay

Please ensure your child's ParentPay account has a positive balance and pay for any outstanding items.

BIG DRAW WEEK – Mr Pearson

It has been a fantastic week of activities during our annual big draw week. It has been amazing seeing so many students getting involved in a range of workshops and activities throughout the week. During ADT lessons students have been taking part in numerous workshops such as calligraphy, embroidery, clay workshops, casting, mindfulness colour and many more! We were particularly proud to see some of our current Year 11 students lead activities for lower school students which included a cooking masterclass and demonstrations on using computer design software.



It has been fantastic to see so much engagement in art and design and we are very thankful to parents and community members who were able to join us in leading workshops. If you are interested in learning more, or would like to volunteer to hold a workshop next year please do get in touch with the ADT department.

ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOPS BY EDUCATION CHILD PROTECTION - Ms Martin

Today we were delighted to run workshops on online safety for all of our students from Years 7 to 11.

The purpose of the workshop is to support secondary school students with their digital literacy, positive decision making and equip them with the knowledge and tools on how to keep themselves safe online.

In the workshops, the speaker talked about how the internet allows us to do many positive things that haven't always been possible such as keeping in touch with family or friends abroad. As well as this, the session raised awareness on how to stay safe online and exposed online risks and how to keep ourselves safe. For more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.ecplimited.com/online-safety/online-safety-for-secondary-pupils.html>

The workshops were well received by students. Please do speak to your child about what they have learnt and their online experiences.

There are some excellent resources for parents, including guides about social media and an information guide for parents about snapchat, please see links to these and a couple more below:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/a-z-guide/social-media/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/snapchat-2021?utm_campaign=WakeUpWednesday&utm_medium=email&hsmi=178444607&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8WRsO_XrMBMF86gKUCYG-za2rn1OOuEoR55ldUdy-Bm9PCNQQUL_IeSAyRr4D9Fv5dbPqZbHi2O-FwwgmeOO_LTDsW0j3X1TNoSIaQWWn3DeTIPW4&utm_content=178444607&utm_source=hs_email

PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM – Jess Curtis

AGM Thursday 18th November 7 – 8pm, lower school

It was so wonderful to see such a brilliant turn out at the Parents' Social Evening and we would really like to see as many as possible for our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18th November, 7-8pm at lower school. We will be reviewing the PA activity for the past year and discussing plans for the year ahead. Come along and have your say in the events you would like to see at school. Please ensure that all tutor groups are represented at the meeting.

Please **book** your free ticket here, so we have an idea of numbers:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-association-agm-tickets-209145960197>

We will also be electing positions on the PA: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in standing for any of these positions, please get in touch via email:

parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk for more information.

LEARNING REVIEW DAY – Ms Mahoney



Learning Review Day is coming up on Thursday 25th November. Emails with booking details were sent out yesterday, please do book your slot with your child's form tutor to review your child's progress.

We will also be holding a **Second-Hand Uniform Sale** in the dining rooms on both sites and running Archer Cafes where you can purchase a hot drink, a piece of cake and talk to staff. There will also be school books and revision guides on sale.

STUDENT LEADERS UPDATE – Ms Gunn



It has been a busy time for our student leaders this week. Our wonderful upper school team met on Tuesday to discuss the results of our recent student voice survey on food provisions within the school and had some fantastic suggestions to feed back to us.

Meanwhile, our lower school prefects began their first week in their new roles. With the support of our Year 9 activities prefects, from Monday, students in Years 7 to 9 will be able to use our new equipment at break and lunch time including: diabolo, tennis equipment, hula hoops, footballs and much more. Thank you to our brilliant student leaders for your support here.

Here are a few messages from our fantastic student leaders:

Hello, I'm Raffy and I am one of the Archer's Head Students. This week was the second week back from half term, and already we are back to being productive in lessons, and out of our holiday brain. In year 11, revision for the Mock Exams is in full swing, and many students have started to have their careers interview in preparation for applying for sixth forms and colleges; eager to begin our journeys beyond the Archer Academy. Next year, I am looking forward to studying Biology, Drama and Theatre and Geography at Woodhouse College, which will prepare me for taking a paramedic course at university and eventually become a paramedic. Raffy L - Head Student

Hi my name is Riya and I am the new Lead Prefect at lower school. I feel so honoured to say that and consider myself very lucky to have this opportunity given to me. I cannot wait to give back to the school while also adding to my own skills by being able to interact with the staff and my peers to make the school a better place than it already is. I would also like to thank Miss Harrison, Mr Constantinou and Ms Gunn for deeming me worthy of this position. Riya C - Lead Prefect

Hi my name is Mossy. I am the new lead prefect of lower school. I am extremely excited to have been chosen for this position and cannot wait to work closely with my fellow prefects and staff. One of my main goals as lead prefect is to make the school feel like a more safe and inclusive space for everyone. I am very grateful to be appointed as lead prefect and cannot wait to start and work with others and help the Archer Academy to become an even better place than it already is. Mossy S - Lead Prefect

ENRICHMENT UPDATE – Ms Le



Another exciting week for enrichment! Our extended curriculum offer was in full swing as all year groups were able to enjoy their weekly enrichment options; particularly as year 7 were in Kingswood last week.

Tuesday saw Mr Harris' enrichment taking a virtual field trip around the school building, learning to find creativity and happiness in our everyday surroundings.

Wednesday our Year 6s explored key skills in scouts and relaxing yoga moves.

Thursday saw our entire school community developing new skills or mastering the art of strong collaboration, resilience, creativity, reflection, articulation and analysis. Our year 10s thoroughly enjoyed their squash off-site enrichment.

We're looking forward to seeing what next week brings us!



Rock Climbing instructor needed

Ms Le is currently beginning to organise block two enrichment options. If any Archer families are aware of a local climbing wall instructor, please email Ms Le (MissSLe@thearcheracademy.org.uk).

Unfortunately, our long-standing previous instructor has moved from North London and can no longer work with our school. Thank you.

POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION – Miss Bailey



This year for National Poetry Day, Year 7 and 8 celebrated with the launch of a new poetry recital competition. Selecting poems from an anthology put together by the English department, all students across both year groups reflected on how they would perform their poems, and prepared a performance.

Students were encouraged to learn their poems by heart and perform them in their English lessons following the half term break: a challenge which many students enthusiastically undertook. After some beautiful recitations during English lessons early this week and last week, fifteen students were invited to perform their poems during a final recital on Wednesday 10th November.

The audience to this recital were treated to a range of performances and poems, with William Blake's 'The Tyger', Shakespeare's 'Sonnet 18', Carol Ann Duffy's 'A Child's Sleep' and Tupac Shakur's 'The Rose that Grew from Concrete' proving particularly popular amongst the finalists. Judging was made incredibly difficult by the passion and clear effort of all participants; however, winners will be chosen and announced in due course. Well done to all members of Year 7 and 8 for the enthusiastic way they approached this new challenge, and the English department look forward to repeating the experience next year!

Pride In Our Work Week w/c 15th November – Mrs Gillham

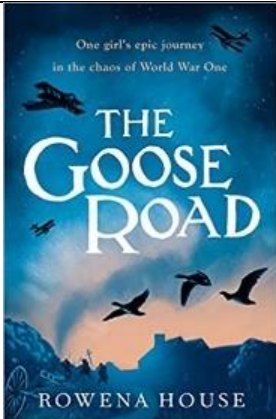
Next week will mark our annual autumn Pride in Our Work Week to enable our students to showcase and be recognised for their incredible efforts in their academic studies. Teachers will be guiding students to focus on four key elements of their learning, presentation, organisation, behaviour for learning and reflection. Across each lesson teachers will nominate students for Pride in Our Work Week recognition and these will be entered into a daily prize draw. This has always been a much-enjoyed opportunity for students and teachers to celebrate high standards in learning and provides a timely refocus on expectations. Emails will be sent home to parents each day to recognise students who have excelled – hopefully something for you to look forward to. We look forward to showcasing students' achievements next week.

Taking pride in our work – what do we expect to see?

<p>Excellent QMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neat and tidy handwriting Rulers used for underlining titles/dates and for sectioning off class work. Mistakes crossed out neatly with a ruler (no tippex!) Blue/black pen used for all class work. Peer assess in purple Self assess in red 	<p>Excellent Organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C/W, H/W, titles and dates at the start of each piece of work Worksheets stuck in neatly Correct equipment brought to all lessons Homework completed and handed in on time School diary out on desk
<p>Excellent behaviour for learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused and on task at all times Follow all instructions given straight away Contribute regularly and enthusiastically to classroom discussion Raise your hand if you want to speak Positive attitude to learning 	<p>Excellent Reflection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate your work - think about things you have done well and not so well. Suggest ways to improve your work Make the improvements to your best ability

If you achieve the above you will receive a teacher nomination. A prize draw will take place each day.

YEAR 9 AUTHOR VISIT – Ms Appelquist

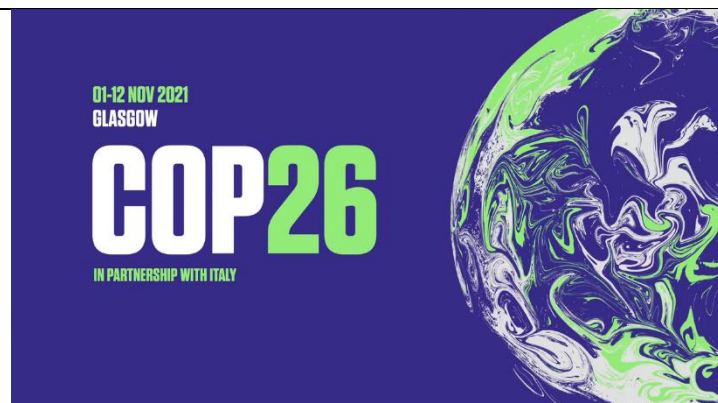


This week Year 9 had the privilege of a virtual visit from **Rowena House**, author of *The Goose Road*, their Summer Read. A harrowing tale set during World War I and touching on the start of the Spanish Flu pandemic.

The *Goose Road* follows its heroine across France as she tries to save the family farm. Ms House, a former Reuters foreign correspondent, described her journey to becoming a published author and answered some very intriguing questions about writing war stories.



COP26 GEOGRAPHY FORUM – Ms Thornley



Our Year 11 geographers are currently learning about the climate change section in their GCSE course. This has been excellent in equipping them with higher level theoretical knowledge and greater depth in understanding of some of the impacts from human induced climate change.

After reading articles and watching news highlights about current COP26, our students have been able to share an informed opinion

about some of the proposals being put forward by different nations. Just like the real conference, there so far has not been full agreement amongst our students! See below a link that outlines how important a geographer's role is in the future of climate change

policy: <https://www.rgs.org/geography/news/cop26-standing-on-the-shoulders-of-geographers/>

ARCHER FACILITIES HIRE – Ms M Harrison



Adult Women's Netball club

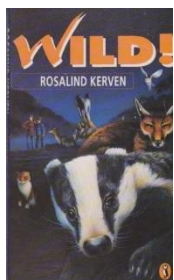
It is amazing to see so many clubs and activities in action at the Archer after hours. One of our latest clubs on offer is adult women's netball, dreamt up by our Founder Chair of Governors, Avis Johns. If you would like to join in, please contact Sophie.Johnson@englandnetball.co.uk or just turn up. The sessions cost £5 and take place on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30pm each week. This week with 25 players taking part, the club is becoming so popular that an additional session might be called for!

New clubs/activities

We rent out our 3G pitch, the astro turf, 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.

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower School



Neglected Book Corner:

The animals of Old Mountain are in danger—can the Rushing family save them with the unlikely help of the charismatic pop star, Wild Man? For fans of **Because of Winn-Dixie** or **Rain Reign**.

Remember, you'll earn 20 merits for reading and reviewing this book!

Book Reviews:

Arwen B on **Spica**: *it's really adventurous--about a young girl not wanting to give up on her dream.*

Joey S on **The Beano: The Ultimate Dennis and Gnasher Comic Collection** *It's all around funny and interesting and delivers what was promised.*

Nina H on **The Book of Nonsense**, by Edward Lear: *This book is very weird!*

Luca O on **Wonder**: *My favourite part of the book is the ending because it is emotional.*

Joaninha on **Nimona**: *My favourite part is the end because it is very dramatic!*

Maisie on **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince**: *I would recommend it because it has so many clever twists and turns as well as quirky side plots.*

Remember, each review earns 10 merits!

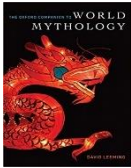
Have a great weekend, everyone, and *keep reading!*

Upper School



The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates (F)

Hiram Walker has superhuman powers and a photographic memory, but cannot remember his mother. He has a secret and a 'war to win' for the right to Freedom!



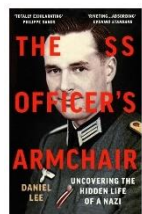
Oxford Companion to World Mythology by David Leeming (NF)

This book covers all aspects of mythology. A comprehensive guide to mythology around the world.

Remembrance Day



Three Poets of the First World War (NF), Ivor Gurney (1890-1937), Wilfred Owen (1893-1918) and Isaac Rosenberg's (1890-1918). Poems about the experiences of war and the trenches, through the voices of the soldiers.



The SS Officer's Armchair by Daniel Lee (NF)

'It began with an armchair. It began with the surprise discovery of a stash of personal documents covered in swastikas sewn into its cushion'...an unputdownable book tracing and uncovering the hidden life of an ordinary family man on the surface, but also a Nazi belonging to the Nazi Party. (R. Horwitz)

Review: Radia M: I read 13 Minutes by Sarah Pinborough – A murder mystery which I enjoyed making me feel happy and sad at the same time. I liked the surprise ending and I recommended it to older students who like murder mysteries.

PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Mr Clark

The Year 11 football team travelled to Bishop Douglas on Monday afternoon for a physical encounter with strong opposition. Thankfully, they rose to the task and gave an excellent account of themselves. Led ably by Victor, the boys really did 'get stuck in' and compete. Nathan R, Matthew and Firas were excellent defensively and they really set the tone. All that was missing in the first half was a little composure in front of goal and in possession. - Mr McSherry



The rugby evenings are back! Year 7 started off playing, Saracens School, Wren Academy and Wrenfield in a round robin tournament. This was a great opportunity for the students to play on Saracens very own pitch and meet one of the Saracens first team players.

Archer got off to a great start scoring 7 tries in their first game. The opposition however got tougher as the evening went on and we found it difficult to break down defences. Great running by Merveil, Tino and Easy scored the majority of tries. Kuba and Musadiq put in a strong defensive show making great tackle after tackle. Great effort boys well done! - Mr Clark.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr McSherry

How did your weekend conversation go? Do you remember the question? I hope so!

This week we are preparing for a day at Woodhouse College with all the A-Level taster sessions. Students have made choices this week and are all set for Tuesday next week. Whether they intend to go to Woodhouse, or study A-Levels, it is a valuable experience to be in a college / sixth form environment. Again, the Year 11 tutor team and I are so grateful to be able to afford the students opportunities such as this again.

We marked Remembrance Day this week, and so well. The Year 11 students were reflective and thoughtful during form time and of course, exemplary during the minute's silence on Thursday.

Two school weeks to go now until the Year 11 mock exams. I will attach the timetable again for your information - with the Bulletin.

Have a lovely weekend.



Firas A - for an outstanding performance in this week's football match against Bishop Douglas
Sophia T - for a very proactive approach to sixth form applications.

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

It has been a great week for Year 10, with a number of teachers commenting on how hard the year group have been working since returning after half term.

Last week students got to start their Thursday Enrichment for this term, it has been wonderful to see students taking their education seriously when making their enrichment choices to give themselves a balanced curriculum.

The year group had their first trip on Friday with Mr Ruffles going to visit the Wellcome Collection.

The year group also took part in their first e-safety of the year - well done for your conduct in the session.

Work experience:

Students should be contacting possible placement options to check availability. Work experience takes place from Monday 7th March - 11th March. Work experience should be in line with the students' normal school day timings 8.30am - 4pm.

Students need to enter the below information into their connectED app:
Company name, contact full name, email address and contact number.



Isak - for superb effort in PE
Callum, Oscar and Pepper for going out of their comfort zone leading their year group in PE

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

Our Year 9 prefect team got started in their new roles this week. Congratulations to all those who applied, it was such a competitive application process. Ms Gunn, Miss Harrison and I spent a long time making the decisions, in no small part due to the excellent effort all put into their presentations. A special well done must go to Mossy and Riya as our lead prefects of lower school and Anna and Maleeha as their deputies.

This week in Lifelong Learning the students continued their SRE unit, looking at healthy relationships and beginning to explore the subject of consent. We also marked Remembrance Day through tutor time resources as well as marking the silence. The students did this brilliantly and a special mention

must go out to the wonderful trumpeters. On Friday the students began the pastoral reading project, starting *Of Mice and Men* in form time. Please get in contact with your child's form tutor if you are still struggling to get a hold of the book.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Csenge T - for being a supportive member of the year group with both staff and peers
Jiyan A - for his enthusiasm and effort in all his lessons.

Year 8 – Mr Wick

With our second week back after half term students are getting back into the swing of things. It is lovely to see Enrichment bursting into life and students getting into all the new opportunities on offer.

This week we have been focusing on Remembrance Day in Lifelong Learning - researching and discussing the impact the war had on us and civilisation.

We have also started our pastoral reading project in earnest this week, starting our book of *Refugee Boy*. Students have said how grateful they are to have the opportunity to learn about this important experience.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Leron B who has been always kind and courteous to all staff - as pointed out by the lunch staff.
Takuya T for getting a whopping 32 positive points this week. Incredible effort!

Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

What a stellar return year 7 have made following half term and our residential trip. From meeting Avis Johns, our founding governor, to Big Draw Week and E-Safety Workshops; students have thrown themselves into their learning and seized opportunities as they continue going from strength to strength.

In assembly this week, Mrs Gillham explained our flightpath model to students. Parents, you will have received further information on how our aspirational assessment model works, offering students a blend of challenge and support. Whilst we have our first Learning Review Day on November 25th, please may I ask you reach out to me ahead of this date if you have any questions so that I can offer you support in this key aspect of your child's learning: misaogbaselase@thearcheracademy.org.uk

This week marked our annual Big Draw Week, and it is wonderful to see so many students get involved in wider opportunities. Equally fantastic was seeing students get involved in the English department's poetry competition. A special mention must go to Shachar, Nuria, James L, Alvaro, Mikail and Liam – well done for your efforts.

And last but certainly not least, well done to Zac B, Merveil, Gerardas, Kyle, Tino, William, Easy, Mohammed A, Timur, Archie and Jakub and Musadiq for your efforts in this week's rugby tournament. You have done us all very proud!

 **Stars of the Week** 

Rowan in 7SMU and Ineza in 7SRA for demonstrating kindness to others and a zest for learning. Well done for consistently mirroring the Archer Way. Keep up the superb effort!