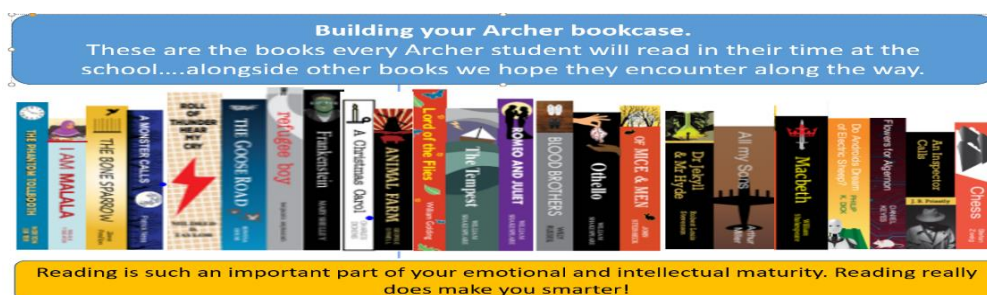


3rd December 2021

Dear all,

THANK YOU!

I have been so touched by the response of parents to our Big Give campaign, to raise additional funds to support our ambitious literacy programme at school. The Archer Bookcase has the potential to be such a rich and powerful element of our school life. We all know the power of books and the importance of reading for young people but we also know that can be a complex sell to them, with so many other distractions. The Archer Bookcase enables a series of shared, common experiences where we make the reading happen – and then we see and feel the impact on our young people, in the context of their academic studies, their understanding of the world around them, their happiness, their mental health and wellbeing. I do hope that if you haven't already, you will feel able to support us so that we can secure invaluable funds to enable this project to grow even more. Please follow the link to make a donation, for every £1 donated we will receive £2. www.tinyurl.com/archerbookcase



Friday 10th December will see an important charity day, led by students in Year 8 and Year 10. These students have been inspired to enable the raising of awareness of important issues and then to genuinely try and make a difference. All students will take part in a non-uniform day and are asked to bring £1 to school. Lower School students will focus on raising funds for Action Malaria, following their recent Thematic Learning Project. While, students in Year 10 will be supporting Mind and taking part in a series of activities, organised by them, to explore mental health and wellbeing. I am so proud of the young people who proposed their ideas to me and then set about planning these events. The power of student voice is a very special thing and I look forward to all I know they will achieve next week. This does mean that we have two non-uniform days relatively close together, as we always support Save the Children and their Christmas appeal at the end of term. However, I do hope parents will be able to support both these important efforts organised by our young people and the valuable impact their work will have on these charities.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: 'Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.' Barak Obama

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/>

December

Thurs 9th – Year 10 trip to Planetarium

Fri 10th – Non uniform day, bring in £1 donation, see details below

Fri 10th - Year 11 mock exams finish
Fri 10th – An Archer Christmas Carol
Mon 13th – Christmas lunch for students
Thurs 16th – Christmas Jumper Day, bring in £1 for Save the Children and chocolate coins for Finchley Foodbank
Thurs 16th – Last day of term, midday finish for students

January

Tues 4th – INSET day
Weds 5th – First day back for students. Please note this will be a staggered start to enable an onsite Lateral Flow Test for all students. Timings will be shared next week.
Thurs 6th – Year 11 parents' consultation evening 4.30pm – 8pm
Weds 19th – Year 8 parents' consultation evening 4.30pm – 8pm
Thurs 20th – Cultural Society trip to see Nutcracker!

February

Weds 2nd – Year 9 options evening
Fri 11th – school breaks up for half term
Mon 14th – Fri 18th – half term holiday
Mon 21st – School starts 8.30am
Thurs 24th – Learning Review Day 2

KEY INFORMATION:

Catering: We were delighted by the number of students who responded to our catering survey that we carried out before half term and are already starting to action some of the points that were raised. In the spring term, there will be more vegan options on the menu and students will find it a lot easier to recycle the compostable packaging that is used to serve our Grab and Go options in upper school. We will also be increasing the portion sizes in upper school and clearly labelling meal deals in lower school. A reminder that all chicken served in school is Halal and all other meat is Non-Halal.

It was lovely to see so many students enjoying the special Chanukah treat of donuts today!

We are also very much looking forward to our Christmas lunch on the 13th December. Please make sure that your child's ParentPay balance is topped up so that they can enjoy the festivities.

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.

Data Collection Sheets: Students will be bringing data collection sheets home next week. Please review the information closely and notify us of any amendments that need to be made.

BUILDING THE ARCHER BOOKCASE – Miss Harrison

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss



As you may have read in my email on Tuesday, we're taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, a brilliant national campaign which doubles the power of any donations by giving us £2 for every £1 we raise. www.tinyurl.com/archerbookcase

This year, we're raising funds to support our *Building the Archer Bookcase* project, which includes providing books for students who don't have their own. The money will also fund author visits and other initiatives for all students, and special literacy sessions for those who need help to read fluently. Our aim is to boost all students' literacy skills, and unlock a love of reading – and maybe even inspire them to pick up a book instead of their mobile phone from time to time!

We are now just over halfway to our target. The campaign closes at midday on Tuesday 7th December, so if you would like to contribute and have not got round to it yet, there is still time:

www.tinyurl.com/archerbookcase

HEADTEACHER EXEMPLARY EFFORT AWARDS – Miss Harrison

Each week Heads of Year review the merits and achievements of each student and I then have the pleasure of celebrating this hard work. Each month, students are awarded the Headteacher Exemplary Effort based on their merits. Significant congratulations go to the winners for November, such an impressive achievement and students deserve to be very proud of themselves. Who might it be in December?

Headteacher lunches will take place in early January to mark and celebrate the accomplishments of these students.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Callum Y Shachar AK Nuria R Musadiq H Emma VS	Thaman F Lukash Z Zeb F Ella F Arwen B	Patrick C Zarah OA Zarah S Mujtaba C Bruno FC	Daniel C Sebastian C Sofia H Rina P Oscar G	Zack W Kitty E Evie F Sam L Jocelin M

PRIDE IN OUR WORK WEEK – Mrs Gillham



Congratulations to all students who were nominated for Pride in our Work Week and a special well done to our overall winners for each year group: Nathan H, Elena E, Rosie M, Matis E and Scarlet W who have all received a prize for their superb efforts.

LEARNING REVIEW DAY – Mrs Mahoney



Thank you to all parents who came to Learning Review Day on Thursday. We hope that you and your child found the meetings supportive and useful. If you did not have a chance to fill in the Parent Survey on the day, please complete it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/72T3F8H>

We really enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with you in the Archer Cafes and are planning to continue to run these as part of our Learning Review Day offer in future. We had a uniform sale, Archer Bookcase displays, curriculum displays and tea/ coffee on sale. If you have any suggestions on how we could improve or expand the offer in the cafes please email Mrs Mahoney with any feedback msimahoney@thearcheracademy.org.uk

NON UNIFORM DAY – Miss Martin

On Friday 10th December the students in years 7 to 10 will be taking part in a charity fundraising day. All students are asked to bring in £1 donation.



At lower school this will focus on raising awareness and funds for the charity Action Malaria led by year 8, following a recent project in Thematic Learning on diseases.



At upper school the day will be focused supporting the charity Mind. A group of students in year 10 have been exploring ways in which we can celebrate the life of the student we have lost, a very dear part of our community, alongside further raising the profile of mental health and wellbeing. The students have chosen Mind as their charity following careful research, particularly because of its focused work in supporting teenagers.

CULTURAL SOCIETY – Mrs Csaky



The Cultural Society is open to all students and our trips are led by Miss Harrison who takes great pleasure in taking Archer students to ballets, theatre and the opera. We are delighted that after a break of 2 years, the Cultural Society is back! Our first outing will be to see Matthew Bourne's production of Nutcracker! ballet at Sadler's Wells on Thursday 20th January 2022.

We have secured 20 student tickets at the amazing price of just £12.00 each. Please email Mrs Csaky for a letter about the trip:

justinec@thearcheracademy.org.uk

with student's name and class. We

have limited financial support available for families facing financial difficulties. Please contact Miss Harrison, Headteacher, in confidence if you would like to discuss this. We will ask parents to pay via Parentpay if their child secures a ticket.

It's a Nutcracker! like no other, adored by critics and audiences alike. With family sized helpings of Bourne's trademark wit, pathos and magical fantasy, Nutcracker! follows Clara's bittersweet journey from a darkly comic Christmas Eve at Dr. Dross' Orphanage, through a shimmering, ice-skating winter wonderland to the scrumptious candy kingdom of Sweetieland, influenced by the lavish Hollywood musicals of the 1930s.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY/FINCHLEY FOODBANK – Mrs Mahoney

Christmas Giving – Thursday 16th December



This year we will be supporting both Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day and the Finchley Foodbank on the last day of term. All students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/accessories and to bring in £1 donation for Save The Children and a packet of chocolate coins to be donated to the Finchley Foodbank. We would like all children whose families use the Foodbank to have a packet of chocolate coins to enjoy over the holidays from the Archer Academy.

Thank you for your support.

AN ARCHER FESTIVE CAROL – Ms Humphrey



We are delighted to be holding our annual winter concert, The Archer Festive Carol, next Friday December 10th at Lower School.

Tickets are currently restricted to the families of participating students, whom will have received a letter via email inviting them to register. Requested tickets have now been added to ParentPay. Any remaining tickets will be made available on December 6th, to purchase on ParentPay. Performers and attendees will be asked to take a Lateral Flow Test on Friday 10th, as part of our safety measures surrounding the event.

Student performers should arrive at school by 5.45pm, the concert itself will begin at 6.30pm. The Parents Association will be serving festive fayre in the Dining Hall, so please do pop in and support them by eating a mince pie and/or doughnut and perhaps a glass of mulled wine!

WOODHOUSE MATHS MENTORING – Mrs Williams



We are so proud of the 80 year 10 students who joined us after school this Wednesday for their first Woodhouse mentoring session.

Students worked through maths past papers with their sixth form mathematician mentors and it was lovely to welcome some Archer alumni back to school.

LIVING IN THE DIGITAL AGE – Mrs Mahoney



On a cold Monday evening, Sophia Davison, our school child and adolescent psychotherapist presented a truly superb and thought provoking presentation to year 7 parents on how to support children in managing and understanding their use of screens, the internet and social media. Topics included ideas on how to set boundaries regarding screen use and the impact of screen time on development, to how to talk to your children about inappropriate imagery they are unfortunately highly likely to encounter. This is the beginning of a supportive and preventative strategy we hope to expand across our parent community, so we can all work together to have a shared understanding of positive virtual and in person social skills, whilst appreciating our young people are growing up in a very different world.

STUDENT LEADERS UPDATE – Ms Gunn

Our student leaders have worked exceptionally hard this week. Firstly, our Year 8 student receptionists have supported departments across the school with various tasks this week and have grown in confidence. You have been a great help to your teachers and support staff, thank you all!

Our recent prefect meetings saw us discuss ways to make stronger links between upper and lower school students and our student leaders have some fantastic ideas we are keen to put into action. Well done, team, another fantastic week.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART UPDATE – Ms Clarke

Year 9 photographers have been playing with torches and playground swings to test out a variety of camera settings. They are creating high quality pages this term. Their work has been technical, inventive, and visually descriptive.



East Finchley Open, the artists and craft group from our local area, have updated our Archer Gallery page on their site with some exciting work. I hope that you will agree that our year 10 texture pages are inventive and diverse. <https://www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk/events/archer-academy.html>

YEAR 6 ENRICHMENT LEADERS – Alex K, year 8



My name is Alex. I am one of the Year 6 enrichment leaders. There are four options you can choose: Scouts, Yoga, Dance and Multi-Sports. I enjoy helping the Year 6 students in their activities and answering any questions they might have about the Archer Academy. It is nice to share our school spaces with year 6 as they get to use our dance and astro facilities. Other year 8 enrichment leaders and I are really enjoying supporting Miss Le, Head of Extended Curriculum, to deliver year 6 enrichment. This week I helped organise reward cards for the year 6 and went round enrichments to award them for their hard work.

ARCHER CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS – Rachael Harvey

Final call for orders of Archer Christmas trees and wreaths. All items will be available to buy on Parentpay until Monday 6th December. Help support the Archer Garden and order one of our beautifully handmade, Archer foraged and compostable seasonal wreaths. Each wreath is unique, examples below and made with love by the Green Arrow team. The wreaths are a limited edition, so first come first served on Parentpay, select either large or small on your child's account.

Trees



Christmas Tree options:

Norway Spruce The Traditional Tree (drops needles)
80-100cm high £38

Nordmann Fir (keeps its needles)

Small 80-100cm high £45

Medium 100cm high £50

Festive Bay Tree Gift:

Medium - £50

Large - £75

Wreaths – large £10, small £5 (examples below, all wreaths handmade and unique)



How to Collect

Collection from the Archer Garden 10.30am – 2.30pm either 4th or 5th December or on Sunday 12th December.

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower School

Hiya Cats, and welcome to Library Corner!

The **Rise and Read** programme got off to a great start in the Lower School Library on Wednesday morning -- we're reading a very spooky ghost story in instalments and enjoying breakfasty snacks and hot chocolate! Check your email to see if your **Y7** has been invited.



Learning Review Day last week was a great opportunity to showcase our **Build the Archer Bookcase** initiative in the Archer Café. Parents and students enjoyed finding out more about the programme designed to build cultural capital and give each student a shared reading experience. You can support us here:

www.tinyurl.com/archerbookcase

Book reviews:

Maisie W on *The Fault in Our Stars*: *If you like romance and some comedy you'll definitely like it, but brace yourself for a sad ending!*



Imogen B on *Maximum Ride, Graphic Novel Edition*: *I recommend this book because it has a lot of surprises!*

Arwen B on *No Matter How I Look at It, It's You Guys' Fault I'm Unpopular*: *I love the flashbacks in this book.*

Danyal N on *Frostheart*: *It teaches you to be independent and never give up.*

Neave K on *Emerald Star*: *It's about Hetty, a girl in the late 1800s and she just wants to be free!*

Zara N on *The Simpsons Annual*: *Funny and enjoyable!*

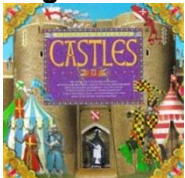
Angelina R on *Heart Stopper*: *A captivating romantic narrative.*

Ruth A on *What We're Scared Of*: *A novel about sisterhood, coming of age, religion and history. I really enjoyed reading this book.*

Maryam A on *Making Friends*: *This book is really good-we should have more like this one!*



Neglected Book corner:



A great little resource for anyone interested in medieval life, with fold out diagrams and some grisly illustrations.

*Remember, you earn **20 merits** for a review on this book!*

New in the Lower School Library:



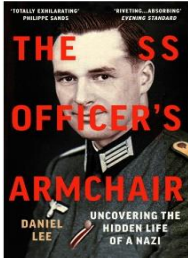
These and many others available now!

Overdue Library Books:

Please, please check under the bed, in your bookshelves at home, and in your schoolbags — we are trying to recover a huge number of overdue library books — some from as long ago as 2019! Some books have also gone missing without being officially “borrowed” — if you’ve picked up a book from the library in a silent reading emergency, please bring it back!

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

Upper School



REMINDER to book your SPACE!

Invitation extended to Year 10 History Students!

A FANTASTIC Opportunity for Year 10 and 11 History Students to meet Daniel Lee, author of **THE SS OFFICER'S ARMCHAIR**

'It began with an armchair. It began with the surprise discovery of a stash of personal documents covered in swastikas sewn into its cushion.' This is a gripping investigation into the life of a single SS Officer during WWII encapsulating the tragic experience of a generation of Europeans - An 'unputdownable' book which is directly linked to paper 2 Germany 1925-55. He will visit **Upper School Library** on **Tuesday 14 December 2021**. Sign up with **Mrs Horwitz**

ASAP! Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk


Pastoral Reading Books @ Upper

Every Year 10 student should have a copy of *Flowers for Algernon*!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch!

mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk

PASTORAL READING BOOK YEAR 10




Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
(ISBN 9781857989380)

REMINDER

- Compulsory to have by 5 November 2021, during FORM TIME!
- Letters went home to parents to order through ParentPay
- If **Not**, please source the book outside of school, at a supplier of your choice!

PASTORAL READING BOOK YEAR 11

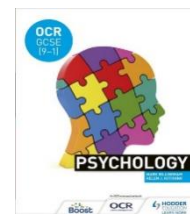
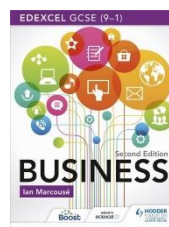
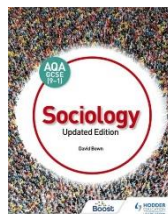
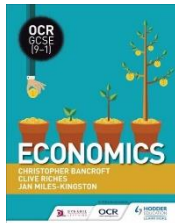
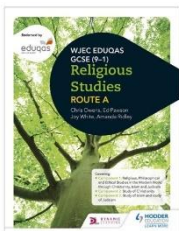


ALL MY SONS by ARTHUR MILLER
(ISBN 9780141189970)

LAUNCHING AFTER MOCK EXAMINATIONS

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON...

Herewith the latest offerings in the Reference Section, where books may not go out, but used for research in the library instead!



PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



On Tuesday 23rd November, Miss Le selected an U13 girls football team to compete in a 6-aside EFL tournament at Goals at Wembley. A total of 26 schools across west London totalling a staggering 210 participants. The girls breezed through the group stages, topping the table with 9 points - 3 games/3 wins/6 goals.

We successfully reached the quarter finals where we faced a strong west London side, I must admit, this was difficult to watch from the sidelines. Emotions were running high and the opposition took a lead with a well-placed shot to the left of Thea B (Archer

GK). Little could she do to save this goal. Trailing 1-0, our girls never gave up as Eleanor got on the end of a loose ball as the final whistle was blown. The ball rattled the net and Archer were level in the dying seconds of the game. Our girls used the momentum from their equaliser to win 6-5 on penalties,

sending them into the semi-finals to play Hurlingham (Chelsea) Academy School. Our girls fought hard and stayed level until the very last few minutes. A deflection from our player had awarded Hurlingham the goal they needed to secure a place in the finals.

We finished 4th out of 26 schools. Thea B was nominated player of the tournament by us all and received one of the Women's QPR football shirts as a prize. Well done for playing with style and getting as far as you did. Congratulations. - **Miss Le**



On Wednesday 24th November, the Year 8 boys rugby team had their first Archer fixture. An occasion they were all very excited for, after having missed out on the chance last year. This took part at the StoneX Stadium, home of the Saracens. The evening started with 2 warm up games against Wren (Enfield) and Wren (Barnet), a win and a loss respectively to ease the boys into the round robin tournament where they played Whitefield and Mill Hill. Prior to this they had a personal chat with Saracens and Scotland player Tim Swinson, who gave them a few pointers. Also, the boys got to ask him some questions. One question being how he'd managed to keep his ears in good condition playing as a lock for 15

years. Mazy runs from Satchel and Maks, bulldozing runs from Alex and Joe, swift passing from Will and Tomas ensured our attacking play was very hard to defend against. As a whole, the team played with desire, resilience, and comradery, winning both of their games in the round robin tournament. Well done year 8! - **Mr Clark**



The year 9 rugby team had to demonstrate resilience even before any rugby was played having to deal with team members missing due to covid and injuries. After they overcame this, the 12-man team played 4 matches in succession at the new Stone-X Stadium. They managed to start with an encouraging 2 wins but unfortunately losing the next by the thinnest of margins. The Archer team had one game to go and were assembled to beat the best team in the tournament so far, after many aches and pains from previous games, we started our hardest game yet. Sadly, the team lost their last game, but morale was high as the team gathered for a post-tournament picture and were already thinking of the next tournament to come in January.

Well done to those who participated: Captain Jasper, Hayden, Connor, Lucas, Rafael, Bruno, Abdul, Sammy, Chris, Mujtaba, Nathan and Alex Br. And of course, Mr Clark who without it wouldn't have been possible. - **Alex Br 9SLE**.

Celebration Post: A massive congratulations to Harry P for attending trials and getting into the England Volleyball U17's and to Anna M for getting into the London Pulse Netball team. Well done!



HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr McSherry

We're halfway through mock exams. We said time flies. I wanted to make you aware that there will be no Year 11 Bulletin for the next two weeks. Please can I ask you to take a moment this weekend to review the feedback below from staff and lead invigilator, and discuss with your child as to whether there are any areas that require attention -

Celebrating the positive:

Students appear to be well prepared with regards to bringing revision materials
They are taking it seriously - Top Tips have been very successful
Students are working throughout the duration of the exams
Students are punctual
Students in full school uniform when completing exams
Entry to the Sports Hall is swift, efficient, and most importantly silent

Areas that may need some attention:

Equipment - some students without calculators and other equipment specific to maths/science. This causes a delay to the start of the exam

All students should have pens and pencils for each exam

Toilet breaks - Please encourage your child to go to the toilet before the exam.

Overall, it has been a largely positive picture, please do encourage your child to be prepared, ensuring they have everything they need to maximise this opportunity!

★ Stars of the Week ★

Chloe T - for showing tremendous resilience this week

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

It has been an interesting week for the year group, being able to have the upper school building to themselves whilst year 11 are on study leave for their mocks. The year group have settled into the routine well and have adapted well to the changes required while the exams take place.

It was lovely to see parents last week at Learning Review Day, please do make sure you are having conversations with your children about their progress and their new targets for the next term.

On Friday 10th December there will be a non-school uniform day and all students in Year 10 are asked to bring a £1 donation for Mind. Students are asked to dress in way that enables them to express themselves and their personalities, as long as it is appropriate anything goes.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Harith for always conducting himself in the best possible way
Umar for his incredible effort during his English cover lesson

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

This Wednesday was year 9 parents' evening, I hope you found it useful and enjoyed meeting your child's subject teachers. For those who were unable to make appointments, or if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or the teachers directly. You will find their email address on our website. Part of the focus was on final choices for the GCSEs, with that in mind please see below some key dates to keep in mind.

10th January - depth assessment fortnight 2
24th January - GCSE choices assemblies begin for students
2nd February - Year 9 options evening
24th February – Learning Review Day 2
25th February - Final options submission

In lifelong learning over the past few weeks students continued their SRE curriculum, learning about honour based violence, FGM, contraception and pornography. These are all quite challenging concepts, please do get in contact if you have any questions about the lessons.

A reminder that next week sees our drive on the brilliant basics of behaviour. Please support your child with ensuring they come to school in the correct uniform and with all the right equipment.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Nicholai E - for always trying his hardest and having a positive attitude
Evie R - for her excellent work ethic and the fact she is always smiling

Year 8 – Mr Wick

I am so impressed with the year 8s this week who have continued to show resilience so near to the end of term. As temperatures have dropped, students have raised expectations by continuing to perform well in lessons and enrichment.

In Life Long Learning we have the opportunity to discuss physical wellbeing together and how it can be recognised and improved. Some key ideas students and staff have shared relates to ensuring basics are completed such as: drinking water, eating healthily, and getting good sleep.

We are lucky to have a special guest for our assembly this week as we are joined by Ms James who has worked on the sets of Alexandra Palace Ice Rink for when they do live shows, so interesting for us all to learn about different careers.

Next week on Friday 10th December, some of our amazing students have organised for us to raise money for <https://www.againstmalaria.com/> by having an own-clothes day! Students are encouraged to bring in £1 donation and some money for the bake sale to support the charity project!

 **Stars of the Week** 

Aleksander K, Magnus H and Eddy Z for organising the charity event next week

Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

An excellent fortnight! Students have busied themselves with sport fixtures and virtual workshops in addition to their efforts in the classroom and beyond.

It was wonderful to meet parents twice last week; first, for our 'Digital Diet' talk with child psychotherapist, Sophia Davison. Parent feedback has been overwhelmingly positive – thank you to

those of you who attended. Most have completed our online survey, however, if you are yet to do so, please click [here](#). This will help us consider how we can evolve our practice and wider offer to support parents.

It was equally lovely to meet with families for our first Learning Review Day as a year group collective. I hope you found the time with your child's tutor purposeful. I have enjoyed perusing your child's targets and look forward to revisiting these as we move into the spring term.

Today Year 7 took part in a virtual workshop on road safety. More will be shared on this next week, but for now, perhaps the following points might enable a conversation on this over the weekend:

1. What factors did the workshop lead you to consider?
2. How might you reflect on your own road safety moving forward?

Next week sees our last full week before the Christmas holiday. It's been a whirlwind of a term, but I look forward to seeing each child secure a strong end to what has been a fantastic term.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Zara N in 7REV and Phoenix in 7SRA for being polite, hardworking and kind. Well done for being a role model to your peers and demonstrating the Archer Way in all you do. Keep up the superb effort!