

21st January 2022

Dear all,

Thank you for your continued support of our approach to COVID risk management, following the national announcements. Students were superb across yesterday in maintaining the wearing of masks in classrooms. As outlined in correspondence yesterday, we will review our risk assessment over the coming week and update parents and students on next steps towards the end of the week.

We welcomed Lead HMI Inspector, Andrew Wright, to the school on Wednesday as part of the Barnet Borough Inspection of SEND provision. It was wonderful to be able to showcase our policies, provision and practice and the inspector was clearly impressed. Students took part in a forum discussion and were able to articulate their very positive and supported experiences of school; they were superb. Thank you to the parents who came into school to meet with the inspector, this was so appreciated by school and the Local Authority.

The coming week sees our first 'Free Week' and this has clearly been met with significant support from students. We look forward to exploring the importance of generating time and space at this key point in the spring term. Do see further details later in the newsletter.

Friday 28th January sees our first House Day to mark and celebrate the house system in school, enabling a focus on each of our House Icons – Ada Lovelace, Mary Seacole and Ignatius Sancho. We will hold a non uniform day and students are asked to dress in their house colours. Students should bring a £1 donation which will be directed to the House fund.

There are many points when I am reminded of what a privilege my job is. However, to finally be able to lead a Cultural Society trip to the ballet last night and host Afternoon Tea with Year 11 students this week was incredibly special. It was a pleasure to enjoy the company of such wonderful young people.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

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

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/>

January

w/c 24th – Year 9 choices assemblies

w/c 24th – Free Week

Fri 28th – House Day, non uniform day (students to wear house colours)

Mon 31st – Lower School parent workshop with Sophia Davison 6-7pm, [MS Teams link to join](#)

February

Weds 2nd – Online year 9 Curriculum Choices Evening, book [here](#)

Thurs 3rd – Covid vaccinations, please check email for details

Fri 4th – Year 9 Careers Day

Fri 4th – Archer café 7JRA

w/c 7th – Archer Adventures in Numberland Week

Fri 11th – school breaks up for half term

Mon 14th – Fri 18th – half term holiday
Mon 21st – School starts 8.30am
Tues 22nd – Year 9 & 10 HPV immunisations, letter sent out by email
Thurs 24th – Learning Review Day 2
Mon 28th –Upper School parent workshop with Sophia Davison, 6-7pm

KEY INFORMATION:

Covid vaccinations: The Barnet NHS team will be offering Covid vaccinations at school on Thursday 3rd February. An email was sent out on Thursday this week with all the details. If you would like your child to have either their first or second dose at school please complete the consent form on the email.

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 has a positive balance on their account for this term.

FREE WEEK – Ms Jouhal



Monday marks the launch of our first ever 'Free Week'. It's an opportunity to simply slow down a little and to enable us to focus solely on the core business of teaching and learning, the joy of deep and rich curiosity into the topics we are studying and to create some space to feel fully in control of where we are at.

No formal homework will be set for students next week. Students should check SMH carefully for moderated details around key dates for set tasks.

This week during tutor time students explored how to make the best use of their time in 'Free Week'. Students reflected on the following questions: *Are you ok? What is working for you? Where could more or different energy be applied? Would you benefit from any additional support? What are you really proud of that you could build on further? What*

practical steps could you take to feel more organised and confident in your studies? Free Week is the ideal opportunity to take healthy steps forward in meeting your child's goals.

Our staff members will also be enjoying their own version of 'Free Week'. Staff have carefully calendared time and space to reflect, reset and reposition themselves towards for the remainder of the term.

In two weeks, we will be sending out a student, parent and staff questionnaire to review the impacts of 'Free Week'. We look forward to hearing your views.

RAISE THE ROOF – Miss Harrison



Following on from our news earlier in the week, about our celebrity patron, Matt Lucas joining us to help Raise the Roof, I just wanted to thank parents who have got in touch regarding contacts in the theatre and arts world.

We are halfway to reaching our £300,000 target already and it is so exciting to think that building work may commence in the summer and our new studio be ready for September.

If you feel that you may be able to help in any way and if you have links to relevant trusts and foundations that might be interested in supporting the campaign, please contact my PA Jessica Bryant, jbryant@thearcheracademy.org.uk

Thank you

GCSE MOCK EXAM SUCCESS – Miss Harrison

I was delighted to be joined for afternoon tea by the top performing year 11 GCSE students of the recent mock exams. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate these moments with students in person. Well done to everyone who was invited and of course to all year 11 students for the hard work and dedication they have shown in the exams.



CAN YOU HELP AT THE YEAR 9 CAREERS FAIR? – Ms Brami

We will be holding our annual year 9 Careers Fair on Friday 4th February from 8.30 – 10.30am at lower school. We are looking for parent or wider community contacts to speak to students and represent the following professions at the fair:

- Marketing
- Computer science/Artificial Intelligence
- Dentistry
- Entrepreneurs
- Law
- Politics/civil service
- Medicine

Each career discipline will have its own table and volunteers will speak with small groups of students as they explore the different areas on offer. This event is an important date in our calendar and year 9 will use the opportunity to interact with different professions from various sectors of the labour market.

If you can support us with this event, we will be very grateful, please do contact me on

Sbrami@thearcheracademy.org.uk for further information. Thank you to all parents who have already volunteered to help.

EXTENDED CURRICULUM UPDATE – Ms Le

EXTENDED CURRICULUM

ARCHER ACADEMY

Archer Arrow Awards:

Teachers have been nominating students in enrichment for the Archer Arrow Award. The award demonstrates students developing key skills of the Archer Outcomes within their enrichments for block 1.

Year 6 students from Martin Primary will be having their awards assembly on Wednesday afternoon, and Archer students will have theirs on Thursday. Students

will receive notification early next week if they have been nominated for an award. Winners will be shared in the newsletter next week.

Enrichment Block 1:

Students have now completed 8 weeks of their block one enrichment choices. Hopefully your child has enjoyed the experience and has been able to demonstrate the new skills they have learnt. Students will have a survey to complete on SMH to help us gauge their views on the enrichment provision and capture the highlights.

Enrichment Block 2:

Ms Le has been working hard securing an exciting new offer for block two choices. Enrichment booklets will be shared shortly with students and parents, and enrichment fairs will be taking place. Dates and details are below.

Y7-9 Enrichment:

The final block one enrichments took place this week. There is no enrichment next week as staff begin to prepare for block two. This means all students finish at 3.05pm on Tuesday and Thursday. Students will have their enrichment fairs on Tuesday and Thursday w/c 31st January until 4.05pm. Students will not have enrichment for the W/C 7th Feb whilst student allocations are organised. School will finish at 3.05pm. Enrichment for block two will begin straight after half term and continue for 8 weeks.

Y10-11 Archer Plus:

Year 10 and 11 annual enrichments will continue throughout this term.

Year 10 and 11 will finish school at 3.05pm on Thursday next week unless involved with an annual enrichment. Year 11 will have their enrichment fair next week on Tuesday.

Year 11 will begin enrichment w/c 31st Jan and continue this half term.

Year 10 will have their enrichment fair for their termly choice on Thursday w/c 31st January. They will begin their Thursday enrichment straight after half term.

If you have any questions please contact your child's tutor or Ms Le, Head of Extended Curriculum.

CALLING ARCHER ARTISTS FOR ROYAL ACADEMY – Ms Clarke



This is the fourth year that the Royal Academy has held an exhibition for young people aged between 4 and 19 years. Archer students have previously had three pieces selected for the online exhibition.

The Royal Academy of Arts is now calling for 2022 entries. If students would like to take part, make a piece of work from **any** material on **any** subject. The work will need to have taken considerable time and thought to produce. Please see the link for examples of work made by previous exhibitors. <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2021>. Deadline: Friday, 18th March. Enjoy!

Please contact Ms. Clarke with any questions: mssclarke@thearcheracademy.org.uk

ARCHER CAFÉ 7SMU – Ms Ogbaselase



It was wonderful to see a return of the ever popular Archer Café to school last Friday. Students from 7SMU provided some wonderful cakes and biscuits to give everyone at lower school a real treat for the end of the week. The Archer Cafes are a highlight for year 7s. Each form gets to choose a theme and makes cakes/biscuits to sell to the rest of lower school on a Friday afternoon at the end of the school day. These sales raise money for the school and give the form a chance to run and manage their own project.

The next Archer Café will be run by 7JRA on Friday 4th February, so students please get your thinking caps on and decide what you would like to bring in on the day to sell at your café!

CARPENTER CALL OUT - THE GREEN ARROWS



Calling out to any CARPENTER or BUILDER who can give half a day of their time to help train-up some of our elite Archer Garden volunteers.

We need a skilled tradesperson to teach our volunteers how to build a timber stud wall so they can go on to build a WC hut for the garden.

We are a great bunch, full of enthusiasm and good humour so the mentor is guaranteed a fun time. We come complete with several hammers and a well-used power drill! This project will be funded by the

Christmas wreath sales. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Can you help or do you know someone who might like to?

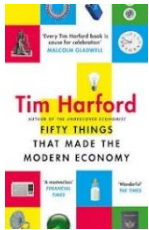
Please contact Rachael at greenarrows@Thearcheracademy.org.uk

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower School

Hiya Cats, and welcome to Library Corner!

New in the Lower School Library:



Y8 will find this book very helpful for their **Objects That Changed the World** Thematic Unit. In it, Tim Harford tells the stories of the ideas, people, and tools that had far-reaching and unexpected consequences for all of us. From the plough to artificial intelligence, from Gillette's disposable razor to Ikea's Billy bookcase, he recounts each invention's own memorable story and introduces you to the characters who developed them, profited from them, and were ruined by them.

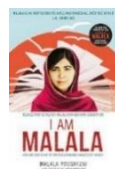
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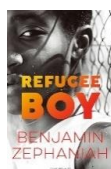
Building the Archer Bookcase

is hosting a competition to choose the best alternative book cover for each year group's Pastoral Reading Book! Draw upon what you've read in tutor time so far to create a cover that evokes the mood of the book and gives a hint of what's inside.

Can you beat these?



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10

Send your contributions to Msaappelquist@thearcheracademy.org.uk, or bring them in person to the Lower School (Y7,8,9) or Upper School (Y10) Library. Last submissions accepted **Monday 21 February.**

There will be prizes.

Reminder for Year 7s:



Please come to the Lower School Library to pick up your **BookBuzz Book** —there are still some unclaimed. Don't remember which one you chose? No problem—we have a record and can match you with your book!

Book Reviews:

Nathan H on *Private Peaceful*: A fascinating



read with attention to detail.

Ayan M on *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*: The story is fantastic and really adventurous.

Martha MS on *Lola Rose*: I recommend it to everyone! Love it!

Clara C on *Piglettes*: This is an emotional journey.

Amelia F on *Cat Kid Comic Club*: It is so good if you like comic books!

Thea B on *The Knife of Never Letting Go*: It's a good adventure and really fast!



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

Upper School



Come and 'Read all About it' in the Library - highlighting The Week Magazine - containing the best of British and International Media with the latest summaries, news stories, opinion columns with a broad spectrum of political views.



Thinking of Doing an Apprenticeship? Then this one is for you!

New in our CAREER's section...

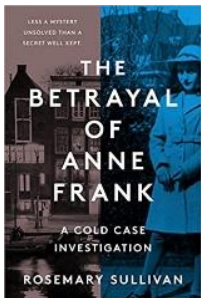
The Apprenticeship Guide published by Barker Books is a Reference Book (cannot be taken out) that includes many apprenticeship profiles, lots of practical advice, details of the training provided and a list of employers looking to recruit.



REMINDER: GCSE Study Guides are still available to purchase.

Macbeth, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Combined Science, English Language...

Priced from £3 to £5 – Please visit the library (Mrs Horwitz) to buy your guide/s.



Something of Interest – A book on the library's on-order list!

The mystery over who gave away Anne Frank's hiding place, could this be solved?

Rosemary Sullivan in her new book *The Betrayal of Anne Frank*, with an additional CBS Documentary outlines the research done by FBI Agent Vince Pankoke and his team to reach their conclusion to this mystery! Let me know what you think!

Mrsrhorwitz@thearcheracademy.org.uk

PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Miss Alcock

The following training sessions are open to all students in the relevant year group. Please do come along and join in.

PE - Training Timetable update:

Tuesday 7:30am - Year 7 & 8 Netball

Wednesday: 7:30 - Year 9 & 10 Boys Basketball

Thursday: 7:30 - Year 9 & 10 Netball Training

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr McSherry

Tutors are super busy with references now! Are there any more applications to be made?

Hoodies are not just creeping back in again; they appear to be in full force! I would like to reiterate that wearing any type of hoodie with their school uniform is not allowed. Students at the Archer Academy are permitted to wear their Archer hoodie but only when in PE / CPA kit.

Next week is 'Free Week' and I am sure you will have seen the information sent out by Miss Harrison. Next week I will be asking students to take steps to prepare for their 1-1 interviews with senior staff in the week beginning Monday 31st January, schedule to be published on SMH soon. This is likely to involve students locating and bringing to form the following items relating to their attainment and progress:

- Preparation Task for Interview - set on SMH on Monday next week
- Most recent Independent Learning Plan - from Learning Review Day task
- Most recent Progress Report – sent to all parents by email
- The notes from their previous 1-1 interview in September

I understand that this will be quite the organisational challenge for them. Although, if it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you. There will be a postcard home for any students that manages to bring all items listed above to form time on Thursday next week.

I am excited to see what happens. Do support your child, but not too much. Have a lovely weekend.



Arjun S and Kaleb A - for flourishing in core PE this week and committing to rugby!

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

Well done to the year group for their hard work over the last two weeks during the assessment fortnight. Teachers have mentioned just how much effort the students have put in in the build up to their assessments.

I have been working with students in year 10 to set up some activity spaces for break and lunchtime. Next week we will open a year 10 games room, where students can sign up to play on the Xbox. If any families have any old Xbox games they no longer use and would be happy to donate them to school please do drop them to the upper school reception.

Next week the students will have their Free Week. I would really encourage all students to take some time to get organised and if students have not already set up a work space/revision area they use this is the time to do so.

There has been an improvement in uniform this week, thank you for your support here. Please do make sure you order any new items of uniform or PE/CPA kit your child may need to ensure they are not given sanctions for wearing the wrong item. A reminder that students are not allowed to bring smart phones to school and any student found with a smart phone will have it confiscated.



Ethan C - for his positive attitude and mature approach to year 10
Alara - for her excellent contribution and discussion points in SPECC

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

This week saw the official launch of the options process for in preparation for year 10. The students had an assembly with Miss Harrison to mark this very exciting time in their school careers. I hope you are able to have some thoughtful discussions with them at home and that they are looking forward to tailoring their curriculum to suit them upon our transition to upper school.

A reminder of the schedule for the remainder of this term:

Virtual choice assemblies – w/c 24th Jan
Options booklet published - 28th Jan
Online options evening - 2nd Feb
Careers Fair – Friday 4th Feb
Learning Review Day 2 - 24th Feb
Final deadline for choices - 25th Feb

The focus running alongside this is all about careers, giving the students an opportunity to look at what they might like to do post education. This enables them to make informed and sensible choices as to the path they want to take through the remainder of their school careers. Please see the article above about our Careers Fair and do get in touch with Ms Bami if you can volunteer to help.

Next week is Free Week - students will not have an homework set for the week and there will be no extracurricular activities. This is a brilliant opportunity for students to reset and focus all their energies on the school day, knowing they can relax in the evenings.

Stars of the Week

Layla-Skye - for dedication in all subjects - I so enjoyed hearing about your DT designs
Jason - for making such a brilliant start to Archer - hardworking and polite –
a wonderful addition to the year group

Year 8 – Mr Wick

What an amazing week we've had. Students have completed their second week of merit competition and the results are in. With a whopping 383 merits 8MKE have won the form competition and are prized with a pizza party on Friday next week. They are closely followed by 8KCL who are getting a runner up prize of some lovely sweets for the form.

Students received their HPV vaccine on Tuesday which was done incredibly well. A big thank you to the medical team supporting Y8 here.

A shoutout to Ms Keen who is going to be restarting Games Club on Tuesday the 25th January in LG05. This was very well attended and loads of kids had so much fun! Looking forward to this again.

There are still a few spaces for Bushcraft available so please do speak with your child about this amazing opportunity.

On Wednesday year 8 had their Parent Consultation Evening. Feedback from students is that these conversations were meaningful and I hope parents are feeling the same. If you have follow-up questions please do email teachers.

This week's life-long learning has been about revision skills as students can now reflect on the work they completed for their assessment fortnight.

Please do pay attention to Mrs Harrison's information regarding updated COVID rules.

Stars of the Week

The stars of the week are the top merit scorers from MKE and KCL, bringing prizes to their forms!
Samal M received 30 merits for MKE, and Iris E attained 34 merits for the form!

Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

Another stellar week. On Tuesday, year 7 attended a virtual assembly with our Safer School's Officer, PC Dhunjar. As a collective, we explored the importance of decision making in addition to strategies on how best to stay safe in our wider community. Year 7 were exemplary and posed thoughtful questions to our SSO. I hope all found the opportunity helpful, feedback was certainly positive.

Next week marks Free Week: the aim of which is to provide an opportunity for us to slow down a little and create space to explore learning with a deeper curiosity. For students, no homework will be set; something that I imagine will be warmly received especially after assessment fortnight. I hope all families take the opportunity to slow down and share quality time together.

A reminder that we have completed block one of enrichment, therefore school will finish at 3.05 pm on both Tuesday and Thursday next week. We also look forward to 7REV leading our first tutor assembly next week. More information to come...

Stars of the Week

Nathan H in 7REV for demonstrating kindness to all and a real zest for learning.
Ketevan in 7JRA for being polite, kind and hard working. Well done for modelling the Archer Way.
Keep it up!