

25th February 2022

Dear all,

It has been wonderful to welcome students back to school this week following the break and particularly special to have the opportunity to meet with all parents yesterday as part of Learning Review Day. Learning Review Day forms such a core part of our offer, ensuring that all parents and students have in depth opportunities to meet with staff, to review holistic progress across the curriculum and set ambitious targets for the next stage.

I am delighted to announce that Matt Lucas, patron for our Raise the Roof Campaign, will be visiting the school for the first time on Tuesday 1st March, to meet with staff and students. Matt will be hosting a Q&A panel with Upper School students before exploring next steps in his role as patron. We are honoured that Matt is supporting us in this way and very much look forward to working closely with him in the coming months.

A group of Upper School students have been working closely with the Green Arrows (our incredible parent and community garden volunteers) to develop a new wellbeing garden at Upper School. This space is being designed in memory of the student we tragically lost last summer and to secure lasting development to the campus which can best support our students – it is set to be beautiful. Much more detail will follow but students will raise money to enable this project as part of our upcoming Wellbeing Week.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom."*
Aristotle

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/>

February

w/c 28th Anna Freud parental workshops, see email for full details

March

Weds 2nd – Year 8 Options Evening

Thurs 3rd – PA Student Social years 7-9, lower school 6 – 8pm, see details below

Fri 4th – Archer Café 7REV

w/c 7th – Wellbeing Week, lower school, see article below

Fri 11th – Non uniform day, lower school, dress as a super hero, bring in £1 donation for our Upper School Wellbeing Garden Project

w/c 7th – Year 10 Work Experience

w/c 14th – Science Week

Weds 16th – INSET day (students off school)

Thurs 17th – Cultural Society trip to see & Juliet, applications now closed

Fri 18th – Parent coffee morning with Miss Harrison and guest speaker, Dr Hugh Selsick, Consultant in sleep medicine and psychiatry, on the topic of teenage sleep, 9.15am – 10.15am

Weds 23rd – Spring Concert

Thurs 24th – Parents Association Quiz Night, details below

Mon 28th – Upper school parent workshop with Sophia Davison, **revised date**

KEY INFORMATION:

Job opportunity: Have you ever thought about becoming part of the Archer community and joining our friendly staff team? If so we are currently looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor to cover the maternity leave of the current jobholder. The role is for 9 hours a week and involves supporting our students during lunchtime. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity please have a look at the job description on our website <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/support-staff-opportunities-vacancy/> and reach out to Jessica Scott, HR Manager and Headteacher's PA JScott@Thearcheracademy.org.uk if you require further information.

Social media channels: Don't forget you can follow all the latest news and photo updates from the school on our social media channels: Facebook (The Archer Academy), Instagram @archeracademy and Twitter @ArcherAcademy. Why not join our Archer Academy LinkedIn network to connect with other members of the Archer community to share news, job opportunities and information. Click here: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9014166>

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.



We need YOU!!

Our events are run by parent volunteers and we need parents to come forward in order for them to go ahead. Please email parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk if you can lend a hand, either in the run up to the event or on the night itself. Please sign up to help so that we can go ahead! We are currently recruiting for:

Student Social – Thursday 3rd March 6-8pm

Parents' Quiz Night (one volunteer per table) – Thursday 24th March 7.00 – 10.30pm

Archella International Festival – Saturday 16th July



Student Social – last chance to buy tickets on ParentPay

Years 7 – 9, lower school, Thursday 3rd March
 Tickets £5 each – includes drink and snack, bringing spending money for SWAG.

All lower school students are invited for a Student Social at lower school on Thursday 3rd March from 6 – 8pm. Come and hang out with your friends, show us your moves on the dance floor or chill in the garden area and toast some marshmallows over the fire pit.

Thank you to all students who submitted their song choices for our DJ.

Parents Quiz Night – Thursday 24th March

Tickets £22 each – on sale next week on ParentPay, includes dinner

We are so excited that the Archer Quiz Night is back! This event is the parent highlight of the year and is always a sell out, so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



The event will be hosted by Avis Johns, Founder of the Archer Academy and general all-round superstar and local legend, MOBO award winning DJ Pat 'Have Mercy' Leacock.

You can either purchase individual tickets or a table of 8. Please choose a meat or vegetarian meal when you select your ticket. If you wish to buy a table, please email

parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk and let us know the names of all the people in your group. Tickets are limited for this event.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Table Sponsorship

If you would like to promote your business, this year we will be offering parents/local businesses the opportunity to sponsor a table where your company name will be displayed on the night. Please email parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk to arrange.

Event Sponsorship

If you know of a company that would like to sponsor the event, please get in touch and let our treasurers Sara or Ella know: parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk

LEARNING REVIEW DAY – Mrs Mahoney

It was wonderful to see families for Learning Review Day. Our pop up uniform shops, bookshops and Archer cafés in both upper and lower school were really popular. Thank you to all our volunteers who baked cakes and helped out.

We would really appreciate it if both parents and students could complete the LRD survey. Here are the links in case you did not take part at school.

Parent survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6F627W5>

Student survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5ML5WBK>



LOWER SCHOOL WELLBEING WEEK – Ms Martin

We are excited to be running Wellbeing Week across lower school for staff and students in years 7-9 in the week commencing the 7th March. The aims of the week are to focus on building our resilience, confronting issues that affect our wellbeing and taking part in activities that actively promote a feeling of wellness. Each day will be themed as follows with activities across the week linking to the themes. All students will take part in daily resilience workshops at the start of session one with their class teacher.

Monday - connect with each other

Tuesday - be mindful

Wednesday - keep learning

Thursday - stay active

Friday – non uniform day/give to others, bring in £1 donation to raise funds for our new Upper School Wellbeing Garden

Friday 11th March – Non uniform day

The whole week will be themed around super heroes and we will be holding a super hero fancy dress day on Friday 11th March. Prizes to anyone who comes in super hero costume or has the best super hero accessory (staff included)!

The activities will be advertised across the course of next week and your child will have the opportunity to sign up to participate in sessions. Sessions include activities in the garden, yoga, breathing activities and lunch time workshops. Places are limited so please encourage students to do this quickly.

PARENTS COFFEE MORNING – Mrs Scott



Miss Harrison would like to invite all Archer parents to join her for a parents' coffee morning on Friday 18th March from 9.15am - 10.15am, Lower School. Please book your free place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-coffee-morning-teenage-sleep-tickets-276946784287>

We will be welcoming Dr Hugh Selsick, consultant in sleep medicine and psychiatry, to talk about the fascinating topic of teenage sleep, followed by a Q&A session.

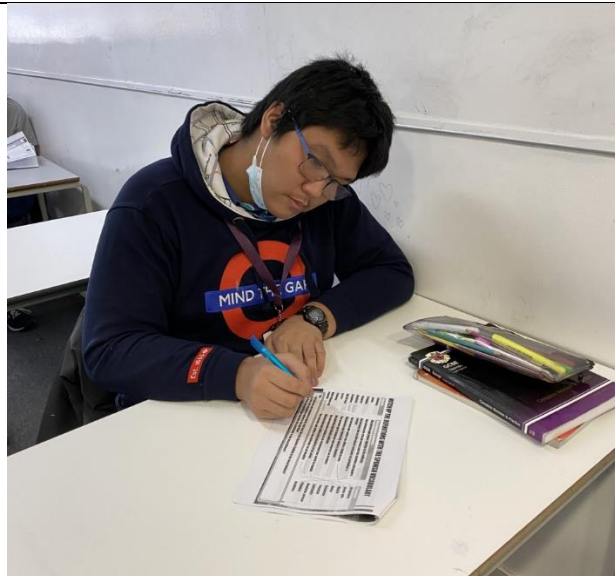
You will also have the chance to have a chat with other parents from different year groups and catch up with Miss Harrison.

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY OF THE ARCHER ACADEMY?

Do you know the founding journey of the Archer Academy? Miss Harrison unveiled a permanent installation at school to illustrate the Archer timeline and we were joined by some of the school's original founders. Please come and take a look at the early sketches of the uniform, as well as the logo ideas that didn't make the final cut!



ARCHER ACCELERATE – Dr Morrison



Well done to the year 11 students who attended Archer Accelerate at half term. Over 100 students participated over the three days attending a mixture of subject specific revision sessions, study skills (delivered by Elevate Educations) and walking, talking mocks led by experienced external examiners. Feedback from the students was excellent.

More walking talking mocks will be offered in the run up to the EBacc exams (w/c 7th of March). Details of the next Archer Accelerate opportunity during the Easter holiday (Monday 4th April to Thursday 7th April) will be shared shortly.

ENRICHMENT – Miss Le



This week students across years 7-9 started their block two enrichments. Students were engrossed in new enriching experiences from karate, kickboxing, balloon modelling, embroidery, hockey, architecture, trampolining, rock climbing, power walking, fencing and so much more. A reminder enrichment will continue for 8 weeks.

92 students across years 7-11 achieved the Golden Arrow award following the successful completion of block one. These students have been awarded their first choice option for one of their enrichments for block two, as well as featuring on our wall of fame display. Congratulations.

We have been overwhelmed by the number of Archer Ambassador applications we've received from students in years 8-10. Ms Le will be in touch this week updating the status of your application. The Archer Ambassador role will allow students to develop their leadership skills by supporting the enrichment programme across all year groups.

This week also saw the launch of block two enrichment for our year 6 students from Martin Primary school. Students will visit the Archer Academy every Wednesday afternoon from 4-5pm to take part in a range of enrichments including dance, scouts, yoga, and multi-sports. We are also delighted year 6 students will take part in rock climbing as well.

DRAMA GCSE PERFORMANCES – Miss Randall



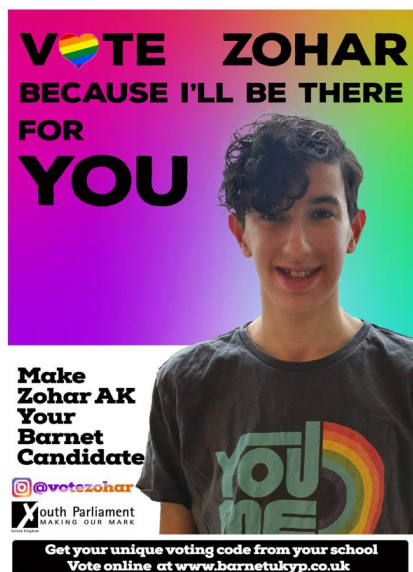
Well done to our GCSE drama students on your brilliant performances this week. You have really demonstrated the Archer Way with your hard work and dedication. Bravo! Please see Facebook and Instagram for more photos.

10x CHALLENGE FOR YEAR 8 – Mr Barrow

Year 8 are taking part in the 10x Challenge from the 28th February to the 21st March. The 10X Challenge is a national competition for young people aged from 11 – 19 years. The Challenge is free and run by Young Enterprise, the UK's leading enterprise and financial education charity. From the 14th March we encourage students to bring in no more than £5 to support the year 8's in establishing successful businesses. Thank you in advance for your support here.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS – Zohar A-K

My name is Zohar. I am standing for the UK Youth Parliament seat in Barnet. I am standing for this position because I care about Barnet and want to make a positive impact in my neighbourhood. I am



campaigning for better recognition and more tolerance for LGBTQ+ issues because they are issues that matter to me. Even if you are straight, I hope you agree that a more tolerant and equal society is better for everyone. To achieve these goals if I am elected, I will push for the celebration of LGBTQ+ History Month in schools every February, the allocation of more gender-neutral toilets in schools and the use of pronouns in school registers and communications. I also plan to create an LGBTQ+ and ally network across schools in Barnet so we can raise awareness and collaborate on local events and campaigns. In addition, I will advocate for better access to counselling in schools, as the mental health of all young people has been greatly affected by COVID – 19. If I win, I will represent the young people of Barnet at regional, national and possibly international events, including a debate at the House of Commons with the rest of the Youth Parliament, and I will work to give the youth of Barnet a voice. Voting started on Monday 21st February and ends on Sunday 20th March. People aged 11 – 18 in Barnet can vote using a unique code to access the website:

<https://www.mi-event.info/event/barnetukyp2022> where they

[can cast their vote. I hope the students in the Archer Academy will give me their vote.](https://www.mi-event.info/event/barnetukyp2022)

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Lower School

Calling all avid readers!

Do you know your Magic Tree from your Magic Key? Do you know your Sarah Crossan from your Gillian Cross? Is picking up a book the first thing you do when you get up in the morning? If so, you may be a Reading Champion.

Ms Appelquist will select 4 students and one reserve from year 7 and year 8 each to pit themselves against other north London schools in the National Literacy Trust Reading Champions Quiz on 11th March.

Interested? Contact Ms Appelquist in the Lower School Library to register your interest and for a copy of the practice quiz!

Year 7 students—select your Thematic Learning The Island Unit book—available in the Lower School Library now!



Are you a fan of *Oliver Twist*? Take a look at the characters from another angle with the BBC adaptation, [Dodger](#). Darkly comic, the series focuses on the pickpocket The Artful Dodger.

Book Reviews:

Laila on *The Crowfield Curse*: My favourite character is the hob because at first he's quite clueless!
Matilda on *It Devours!*: Just read it. Just do it. (Please)
Mehrub on *Chinglish*: Simon is my favourite character because he doesn't just not do anything when his family is getting bullied.

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

Upper School

Year 11 Examination Preparation

Students are invited to enjoy some quiet revision and/or study time @ the Upper Campus Library/Computer Lab

What to expect:

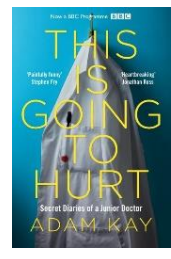
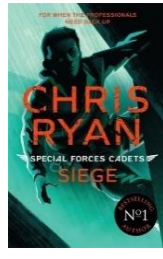
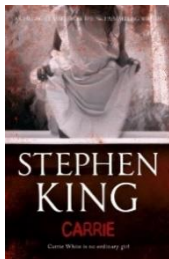
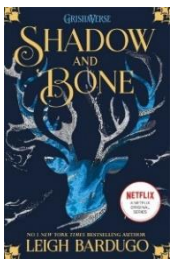
- A Quiet Space for small group and individual study
- Minimal conversation (softly)
- Electronics – library computers available

Open Every Afternoon after school until 5pm and 4pm on Fridays.

Reading Reduces Stress

Did you know that Reading something for leisure during exams, can be a stress release? According to [this article](#), reading reduces stress and relaxes the body. A ten-minute reading break - just enjoying a book of your choice, can help you manage your stress levels.

So, visit the library, where a world of books awaits you, to make your choice. Some popular title suggestions:



PE UPDATE – Miss Alcock



Year 7 took part in the first Borough netball tournament of this year, the girls played excellently winning one game, drawing one game, and losing another. Unfortunately, they did not make it to the final round but it most certainly has given them some areas to work on. Well done everyone.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Outdoor Club

For looked after children in Barnet

Try different activities helping on a farm, learn how to use tools and knives, cook on a campfire, swing in a hammock, cuddle a chicken, make new friends and have fun!

At GROW, Totteridge
Academy, Barnet Lane,
London N20 8AZ

Starts 26/2/22, 1pm-3.30pm
Every Saturday for 6 weeks
FREE
For ages 11-17

To book or for more info:
suzu.barber@liveunlimited.org.uk / 07907 694674

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr McSherry

I hope you made best use of your appointment time at Learning Review Day on Thursday. The Archer Accelerate Programme was a great success with over 90 students in attendance across all 3 days. We are gathering momentum.

In next week's assembly I will be sharing all information with the students regarding their core subject exams, which begin of course on Monday 7th March 2022.

I have talked and talked about preparation and maximising opportunities. Please relay these consistent messages with your child at home and encourage them to pay attention to the details of the timetable to ensure they are best placed to achieve their potential at this important monitoring point.

Have a lovely weekend.

★ Stars of the Week ★

All year 11 GCSE drama students - for preparing well and delivering an outstanding performance

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

It has been lovely to welcome the year group back this week and it was wonderful to meet with students and parents at Learning Review Day to discuss the academic progress of the year group. Please do make sure that your child is completing their ILP and submitting it online by the deadline Monday 28th February.

Planning ahead, next week students will be working during tutor time on work experience preparation. Students will receive a booklet that they will need to complete over the course of the week. Please start to have conversations with your child to make sure they are confident with all the details for their week of work experience. Students will finish the week with a Careers Day organised by Ms Brami, this is to ensure students are feeling ready to launch into a week of working life.

Next week year 10 start their Thursday enrichment options, students have found out today their allocation. Please can I ask that students check what they are doing and what equipment/kit they may need for the sessions.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Lily and Safia for helping clear up the maths equipment from the sports hall

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

A very busy and important week for the year 9s. It has been a pleasure to talk through their options choices during LRD - I hope you found the slightly longer appointments useful to be able to talk through their decisions. Please note the deadline for submissions has now passed, if you are yet to fill in the form, please get in contact with your child's form tutor or myself so we can support in ensuring their choices are recorded. You will receive a confirmation letter in the coming weeks, please check this carefully and inform us if the choices were not what you were expecting. Now that their GCSE options are submitted it is time to start preparing for the next steps, this is an exceptionally exciting time in their Archer journey, moving onto their transition programme to upper school. More details will follow in future newsletters.

In Lifelong Learning, students are coming to the end of their SRE and moving onto their social issues unit, with the first topic being racism. This will hopefully enable the students to have some thoughtful discussions with you at home. As ever I encourage you to ask them what they have been learning about.



Emma W - for being so supportive to her peers when they were feeling overwhelmed.
James G - for his excellent effort and behaviour in Debate Mate.

Year 8 – Mr Wick

What a wonderful week back at school! Seeing the year 8s coming back after the holiday has been lovely. I've heard about some incredible adventures from travelling abroad to enjoying time at Brent Cross.

This week we have started the journey of students learning about the choices they can make in year 9. These choices need careful consideration as we want students to enjoy their year 9 curriculum.

As you are aware, on Wednesday 2nd March we will be enjoying an in person Open Evening at lower school where all these choices will be presented by teachers and advertised. Please do come along. There will be assemblies led by Mrs Harrison at 6pm and 6:40pm. Please do refer to wider communications for specifics of the event.

In thematic learning, Year 8 have begun an incredible opportunity called the "10x Challenge." This is where students get into groups and start a business idea to turn £10 into profit by whatever means students decide. So far ideas have included bake sales, coffee and hot drink runs for teachers, and even car washing services. I'm incredibly excited to see how students' progress here.



Lukash Z for his incredible work in science
Shauna O'M for her incredible efforts in school

Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

Year 7 have made a stellar return to school this week. A personal highlight was visiting Mr Harris' English class on Monday where students read aloud extracts from their creative writing pieces. A special mention must go to Nalia, Easy and Naama for sharing their ideas.

On Wednesday, year 7 took part in our Safer Schools Day. A key aspect of our Lifelong Learning curriculum, here students were afforded the opportunity to explore key topics around internet safety, fake news and knife crime. They also took part in a mock magistrate's trial and it was wonderful seeing our students in action. Do talk to your child about this experience – what their thoughts and feelings were and perhaps what they consider to be key take aways. It was equally wonderful to meet with parents on Thursday to discuss your child's progress. I hope all families found this event purposeful.

Next week, we look forward to hosting our Take My Child to Work Day parent meeting. A reminder that this event will take place via Microsoft Teams between 5 – 5.30 pm. I look forward to meeting families then.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Matteo NB in 7JRA and Amber in 7SMU for being role models to your peers and demonstrating excellence in all you do. Well done!