

11th March 2022

Dear all,

This has been a week of key events for our students and I have been incredibly impressed by the way in which they have thrown themselves into their different pursuits.

For our Lower School students our Wellbeing Week has afforded a rich opportunity to explore personal wellbeing and in particular resilience – the sense that we have all the power we need inside ourselves, but this does not mean that we do not need to practice and develop strategies to best support ourselves. Each day has begun with a set programme from the iHeart Foundation which has enabled a true common experience across the campus, this has then been expanded through a range of workshops and activities. Bringing the week to a close with our ‘superhero’ day (we are all our own superhero), to raise funds for our new wellbeing garden at the Upper School, has been great fun.

For our Upper School students, Year 10 have had the incredible opportunity of work experience and have made us very proud. It is so important for students to experience the wider world and how this can support them in aiming high for their futures – we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday and hearing all about their experiences. For Year 11, this week has seen their Ebacc Mock Exams and they have certainly demonstrated their resilience through this intense time. They have worked so hard and we know that this process will best position them to focus their revision and preparation as they move into the final stretch before formal examinations.

Thursday evening saw the first Welwyn Youth Drama Festival since March 2020 and our junior entry was performed to a standard that left the audience in awe. The students gave a stunning performance of Sophocles’s Oedipus, no mean feat, and the adjudicators final comment that ‘I feel Sophocles’s would have loved that’ was high praise indeed. A very proud moment for me, the CPA department, our students and their parents. Well done.

Next week we will be supporting the British Red Cross in their humanitarian appeal to help the people of Ukraine. Students in Year 9 and Year 10 will lead a series of fundraising events and are encouraged to bring small amounts of money to school. We will also host a non uniform day on Friday 18th March. Please know that we would never normally host two non uniform days so close together, but I wish to best support the students who have organised the week in raising as much money as possible for this important cause. Students should bring £1 to school next Friday. Thank you in advance for your support here.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *Success is only meaningful and enjoyable if it feels like your own.* Michelle 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/>

March

w/c 14th – Science Week, see article below

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 – SOLD OUT

Mon 28th – Managing your child's digital diet, year 10&11 parents with Sophia Davison, see details below

April

Fri 1st – Last day of term, student finish 12pm midday

Mon 4th – Mon 18th – Easter holidays

Tues 19th – Summer term starts 8.30am

Weds 27th – Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening, 4.30 – 8pm

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 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. We are currently recruiting for:

Parents' Quiz Night – Thursday 24th March 7.00 – 10.30pm

Archella International Festival – Saturday 16th July

Parents' Quiz Night – Thursday 24th March, 7 – 10.30pm, lower school – SOLD OUT

Tickets will be available for those who have reserved a place next week on Parentpay, you will receive an email to confirm.



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.

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

SCIENCE WEEK – Miss Keen



Science Week 2022

"Growth"



Lower

Upper

Things to look out for:

- Lab coat design competition
- Poster comp.
- Growing competition
- Form time fun
- Library antics
- Year 9 Dr Szydlo 'As if by magic.'
- Year 8 Making rocket cars with the Army.
- Virtual tour of the V&A labs.

Attend 1 activity every day for a chance to win your own science goodie box!

Day	Lunchtime activities	Room	Day	Lunch time activities	Room
Mon 14 th	-Growing competition	LG03	Mon 14 th	Growing competition	US03
Tues 15 th	STEM talk with <u>Erusa Adizie</u> (Sustainability engineer)	LG05	Tues 15 th	STEM talk with <u>Erusa Adizie</u> (Sustainability engineer)	US15
Inset			Inset		
Thur 17 th	Philosophy of Science	LG06	Thur 17 th	Raising demons	US15
Fri 18 th	-Who can make the tallest spaghetti tower!? Raising demons - Who can make the biggest bubble?	LG06 Out-side	Fri 18 th	-Who can make the tallest spaghetti tower!? - Who can make the biggest bubble?	UF15

Prizes to be won for competition entries and participation!

Science week 14-18th March

It's not long now until science week is here! This year's theme for science week is..... GROWTH.

Across the week, at both campuses, there will be tons of exciting talks, practicals, competitions and prizes up for grabs! Check out the schedule above for more information.

Competitions will go out on SMHW at the beginning of the week.

Students who attend an activity every day will be entered into a draw for a chance to win their very own science goodie box. Bring your enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity!

LOWER SCHOOL WELLBEING WEEK – Ms Martin



We have really enjoyed our first wellbeing week at Lower School with staff and students. It has been a busy week with lots to get involved with and there has been a real buzz around the campus.

All students have very much enjoyed their daily morning iHeart session and have been learning about personal resilience, how to maintain their wellbeing and how external factors are a huge contributor to how we think and feel.

On Wednesday, we welcomed the Growing Against Violence team to deliver workshops around social media, the impact it has on us and keeping safe online. These were so well received by both staff and students, and we are exploring ways to continue this important work.



Across the week we have also had workshops for students to sign themselves up to. We are so excited at the variety of activities our students have been able to experience and the different skills they have been able to gain. From learning breathing strategies to practising yoga and spending time in the garden learning how to plant seeds and start fires to cook with, our students have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into some new and different hobbies.

Across Friday we hosted a superhero themed non-school uniform day to raise money for our Upper School wellbeing garden.



The Archer Players have worked tirelessly and performed our adaptation of Oedipus last night to a sold out theatre in Welwyn Garden City. Well done everyone, you were brilliant. We can't wait to find out the results this weekend!

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.

WAR IN UKRAINE SESSIONS – Ms Devi

The war in Ukraine. Would you like to understand more about this? Would you like the opportunity to discuss and explore what is happening?



Aims of the session:

- To gain a better understanding of the origins of the current crisis
- To find out about what the British Red Cross is doing to help refugees and civilians impacted by the crisis (Year 9 and 10 are fundraising to support British Red Cross this week)
- To explore ways to cope with what we are seeing and hearing on the news/ on social media

All are welcome to attend one of the 15 - 20 minute lunchtime sessions next week as outlined below:

Lower School

Ms Vandervelde Monday 14th March 1.pm - 1.20pm in LF05

Upper School

Ms Devi Monday 14th March, 1.pm - 1.20pm in UG06

Mr Ruffles Tuesday 15th March, 1pm- 1.20pm UF05

URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE ROUND 2 – Miss Keen



On Thursday evening last week, 2 teams of our year 9 students travelled to Highgate Wood School for the 2nd round of the Urban Debate League.

Team A went up against Highgate Wood and Team B debated Bishop Douglas.

Both Archer teams put forward compelling speeches against the motion: THBT developing countries should ban companies with negative environmental practices from operating within them. All students worked together in a fantastic display of debating against strong competition. Well done to all students involved! Bring on the next round!

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Esme: "Debate mate has helped me gain confidence in public speaking."

Jon L: "It's helped me to argue with someone in a constructive way. Tonight has really brought us together as a team".

If any student taking part in the Debate Mate enrichment would like to get involved in the next round of competitions please speak to Ms Keen.

YEAR 7 THEMATIC LEARNING – Ms Vandervelde



The year 7s are fully underway with their Thematic Learning unit on The Island - a topic where they explore survival tactics and the moral dilemmas encountered by living in extreme circumstances. This week they designed model rafts and when put to the test the majority were buoyant!

For homework they need to read a novel on the topic. The most popular are Kensuke's Kingdom, Gone and Life of Pi. This provides a great opportunity to read for pleasure. Their Thematic teachers look forward to hearing about the adventures they have taken on the page.

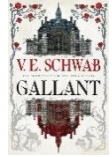
WRISTBAND WORKSHOP – Ms Gunn

Events:



Reminder: You can meet Elle McNicoll, author of *A Kind of Spark* and *Show Us Who You Are*, at the Children's Bookshop in Muswell Hill **tomorrow**—she'll be signing copies of her new book *Like a Charm*, an exciting magical fantasy!

Are you a VE Schwab fan? Tickets are still available for the [livestream](#) of her event on March 25th celebrating the publication of her newest book, *Gallant*.



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

Upper School

What better way to spend International Book Day than at the Book Shop!

On Thursday 3 March our Library Monitors visited the House of Books in Muswell Hill to choose and buy a book of their choice. They had to choose one book to read and add to our library collection. For many, this was a difficult ask, as there was so much to choose from.



"It was such fun and we wanted to buy every book in the shop!"

"It was really so good and so many options to choose from!"

"It was Fantastic!"

"I enjoyed it a lot and chose *Death on the Nile*"

"What a great opportunity to pick your favourite books and share the experience with others!"



PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Mr Clark

BOYS FOOTBALL – Mr Mezies

Year 9 boys football update: we won 2 - 1 away at London Academy in the Barnet Schools League cup. After a tough, physical game the year 9 boys are through to the semi-final of the competition, and will face Wren Academy in the next round. Goals from Alex B and Bruno F secured Archer the all important win.

Well done to: Jesse H, Theophil H, Nathan L (man of the match), Rafael Q (captain), Lucas BV, Bruno F, Mehran M, Alexander B, Jamie RJ, Manzwi C, Jonah BR, Hayden O, Luca S, Alfie H, Jonah



GIRLS FOOTBALL – Miss Le

This year our Y8 & Y9 girls football team WON their mini league at St James School. They progressed into a tournament with other league winners to determine who will be overall champions. Knowing that we were facing the best of the best, the girls were a bag nerves to start with until they finally found their stride.

Out of 3 games the girls won 2 and drew 1, meaning they topped the league table but narrowly lost out, on a goal difference of 2. This was hard to take, after dominating and leading their last game, just before an equaliser in the final seconds of the game with Saracens High School. Aaliyah M made some wonderful saves which the

competition organisers commented on during the medals presentations.

The girls close their season off with runner-up silver medals and an unbeaten run. What an achievement! Congratulations to all involved.



VOLLEYBALL – Mr Clark

Last week, Archer Academy had their first ever Volleyball match. The Year 10 boys took on King Alfred's School after much anticipation. Harry P put the team through a rigorous warm up, which helped them get off to a great start winning the first 2 sets. King Alfred's found their rhythm in the 3rd set pulling 1 back. However, after a team talk and some superb diving clearances from Sam H. The boys were deserved winners finishing the game 4-1. The team had been working hard in training organising their serving, sets, spikes and blocks which they executed excellently in the match. Well done!

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr McSherry

I hope you're well and that this week has been manageable for your child. It has been a challenging week full of exams and I do hope your child has stayed on top of their preparations.

Teachers will now be reviewing all exams and of course marking and providing feedback. This is all the more crucial at this stage.

You'll know from the weekly Year 11 Bulletin how much time remains until the final Summer GCSE exams.

Does your child know how much longer they have?

A reminder that we are able to accommodate any students wanting to continue with work and/or revision at the end of the school day in our Upper School library and computer facilities.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Thursday 23rd of June
Highgate Golf Club
7pm - 10.30pm

This is the final date for the Year 11 Leavers' Ball.

More information will follow with regards to purchasing tickets.

Finally, information will be out soon regarding the purchase of year books and leavers' hoodies. All information will come via a letter and the payments will be created on ParentPay. It is important to note

that the deadlines set will be hard deadlines owing to the need to confirm orders and allow plenty of time for production and delivery.

I'll be in touch. Have a lovely weekend.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Nathan R - For encouraging others to take part in important lunchtime opportunities, promoting well-being

Diya P - For being well prepared and as a result, confident going into exams this week!

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

It has been a very quiet week at Upper School with the year group out on work experience.

Students started their work experience placements on Monday and have just come to the end of a very exciting and eye opening week.

Student placements have been based all around London and even some further afield. Students were tasked with finding their placements and the majority of the year did very well to find and secure their own.

Across the course of the week, staff have conducted placement visits to as many students as possible.

The feedback has been incredible and it is clear that the students have thrived in the work environment. The year group have been a credit to the school and I couldn't be prouder.

Next week the students will come together for a return to school assembly on Monday 14th, they will then complete reflection activities in tutor time and SPECC, along with writing a thank you letter to their placement provider.

I imagine there will be some very tired teenagers this weekend. Rest up year 10 and be ready to return back to school for the remaining 3 weeks of this term.

Due to the year group all being on work experience I will select an additional 2 stars next week.

Well done year 10!



Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

I am exceptionally proud to be Head of Year 9, sometimes I may not say it enough. As mentioned last week in the newsletter, often time is spent ensuring students meet expectations (they may say nagging). However, this week I want to mention just a few of the things that have happened that really have made me infinitely proud of this wonderful year group.

Monday

After my very thorough explanation of Year 9 getting back to basics, I was so happy to see the entire year group listen and come to school ready to focus on their learning. Watching them tying their hair up as soon as they got to the gate, not seeing the endless wave of necklaces and rings that have been on display in recent weeks and a remarkable lack of white trainers. They came prepared, understanding that meeting these expectations will enable them to have positive interactions with their teachers, and will enable them to successfully transition to upper school in the best possible position to tackle their GCSE's head on.

Tuesday

The boys football team, with Bruno desperate to tell me of his 90th minute winner. A hard fought game at London Academy, getting the boys through to the semi finals. Their consistent application in training and the lovely relationships they have built as a team is evident whenever they step on a football pitch.

Wednesday

Rita, Emma and Finley, taking it upon themselves to propose a series of fundraising activities to support the British Red Cross in their support of all those suffering from the conflict in Ukraine. Their generosity and proactiveness really highlights the brilliance of this year group and I know Miss Harrison was truly impressed.

Thursday

I had the great pleasure of seeing the Junior Archer Players, a cast made up of predominantly year 9s perform a spectacular rendition of Oedipus. To say the judge sang their praises would be an understatement, I can't wait to see what the students do next and am looking forward to seeing many more performances over the next two years.

I could have mentioned many more proud moments through the week, but I must stop somewhere. They should be proud of all they do and I am confident that they will continue to shine as they progress through the remainder of year 9 and transition to upper school.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Rita, Emma and Finley - for their care and thoughtfulness, but also their preparedness and determination to accomplish what they wanted.

Year 8 – Mr Wick

Week 2 of our charity week has gone by so well!



Pictured are 8CBA who raised nearly £50 for Cancer Research UK through a lovely and very well stocked tuck shop at break and lunchtime. Last week JBA raised nearly £75 for Water Aid! Incredible work. Well done!

Next week will be 8SGUs turn, with a lovely idea of pieing a teacher in the face! What a brilliant idea to raise money for charity.

This week I've seen students washing cars, shining shoes, selling bracelets, buying teachers hot drinks and so much more for their 10x challenge. Please do support your child with implementing and setting up

their business.

This week during lesson 1, students have had the opportunity to watch videos and answer questions about mental health and wellbeing. Many students have found this incredibly useful.

Friday 11th marks the final deadline for year 8 to 9 choices. Please do support your child in making their choices to ensure it is done in time! Form

here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2tMZ2aRla0GLHFq8h_noGaQbdrGaAkhDpu3wV5zBJIJURVUwVUtSSkozTERPUUFESDZLMUZTRFNTOC4u

Students have been invited to come to school in their own clothes to raise money for heroes in the world (Friday 11th) and people of the Ukraine crisis (Friday 18th).

Finally, please watch this space for an update on the great events due to take place in next week's Science Week!

 **Stars of the Week** 

Tina T who has been incredibly supportive of positive relationships this week, and Joey D for his immense excellence in his merits this week.

Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

It has been wonderful seeing students take full advantage of this week's wellbeing focus. From yoga to canine therapy, students have immersed themselves in the offer. Well done to all for making the most of the opportunity. Equally impressive has been the effort and creativity students have demonstrated in lessons! A particular well done must go to 7y1 for their board games in Geography. I was incredibly impressed!

Next Monday marks Take My Child to Work Day. With the vast majority of students out with parents I look forward to hearing about our students experiences upon their return. We do have a small group of students who will be in school for the day; however, as a community we will collectively enjoy a day around careers with an additional offer in school. More to be shared next week!

Have a lovely weekend.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Jessie in 7JHA and Kyle in 7SMU for being a role model to your peers and demonstrating excellence in all you do. Well done!