

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

Dear all,

I do hope that all Archer families had a wonderful holiday period. It has been superb to welcome students back to school this week and begin the summer term. There has been a real energy about the school, with students working hard and enjoying a range of wider opportunities.

We are hopeful for a much steadier term with the most normalised routines that we have had for some time. However, we remain very conscious of the ongoing reality of COVID. There are no longer any requirements on schools in relation to twice weekly LFD testing and schools are no longer being provided with testing kits. If your child is presenting with symptoms of respiratory infection, feels unwell or has a high temperature then they should not attend school and return once they feel better. If your child has completed a PCR/LFD test and the outcome is positive they are asked to self isolate for 3 days. It is important that we continue to be prudent here to best support the health of not only individual students but also the wider community. We are particularly mindful of wanting to protect the exam period for students. If you are unsure about steps to take if your child is unwell or presenting as symptomatic please do not hesitate to contact the Office team in the first instance.

It was a privilege to attend the Dance Showcase last night and witness the inspiring talents of our young people in action. For our students to have the opportunity to perform in a professional theatre and in such style was simply very special. A huge well done to all students involved and to the leadership of the staff who made this possible. The Showcase once again highlighted how much our students deserve a specialist space here at school and I very much look forward to sharing an update with you in the coming weeks, surrounding our Raise the Roof campaign to build a new studio at the Lower School.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison  
Headteacher

**Thought for the week:** 'Look after the land and the land will look after you, destroy the land and it will destroy you'. Aboriginal Proverb

## 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/>

### April

w/c Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Extra-curricular sports clubs start, see timetable below

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 parents' consultation evening, 4.30 – 8pm

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Parents' coffee morning – student safety book [here](#), 9.15 – 10.15am, lower school

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Archer Café 7SRA, 3pm, lower school

### May

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 one year to go exams start

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – HPV vaccines year 9

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – GCSE exams start

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – school breaks up for half term

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June – half term holiday

### June

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – INSET day, school closed for students

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> – School starts for students, 8.30am  
Weds 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 parents' consultation evening 4.30pm – 8pm  
w/c 13<sup>th</sup> & w/c 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 – 9 summer exam weeks  
Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> – GCSE exams finish  
w/c 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 summer exam week (Core Subjects only)

## KEY INFORMATION:

**Ramadan:** If your child is fasting for Ramadan, please make their tutor aware by email. We have sacred spaces at both upper and lower school for students who wish to pray, reflect or meditate during lunch times.

**Religious holidays:** The school needs to know in advance if your child will be absent from school to observe any religious festivals. Please could you email: [office@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:office@thearcheracademy.org.uk) and mark the subject of the email 'Religious Observance Absence Request'. Please detail each day your child will be absent from school and for which festival. Days of absence will be authorised for students to attend religious events in a place of worship in accordance with Barnet guidelines. Please assume your request for absence has been authorised unless you hear from the school.

**Parentpay:** Please ensure your child has a positive balance on their account for the summer term.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION – Jess Curtis, chair



## Looking ahead to Archella Summer Festival – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July



We are now recruiting for a team to lead on Archella Festival. If you would like to get involved please email [parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk).

Our events are run by parent volunteers and we need parents to come forward in order for them to go ahead.

## PARENT COFFEE MORNING ON STUDENT SAFETY – Mrs Scott



Miss Harrison would like to invite all Archer parents to join her for a parents' coffee morning on Friday 29th April from 9.15am - 10.15am, Lower School.

We will be welcoming our police officers, PC Dhunjar and PC Farthing, to talk about the subject of student safety, 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.

Please book your free ticket via Eventbrite to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/323087883557>

## **DANCE SHOWCASE – Miss Randall and Miss Harris**



We held our annual Dance showcase on Thursday evening and we would like to thank you for attending and supporting the students' achievement within Dance. The students worked incredibly hard and couldn't wait to share with you a wide range of exciting repertoire. Over 80 students performed, which really demonstrates their passion for dance specialism in our school.

Together, we directed and choreographed a range of ensemble, duet, GCSE, and A-Level pieces. The cast also created a range of pieces by the students themselves, a real testament not only to their performance skill but their creative talent too.

We would like to extend an extra well done to our year 11 cohort, for excellent work in their practical exam. The professionalism, dedication and creativity shown by the students was commendable.

The students continually strive for excellence and the commitment they have shown to rehearsals has been fantastic. The dance studio has been a busy place since September, some students have even shown up when they are not required. The enthusiasm and passion for the subject is simply incredible.

## **YEAR 7 THEATRE TRIP – Mr Powney**



On Thursday year 7 travelled to Peckham theatre to see a production of The Bone Sparrow. Year 7 read and followed the main character Suhbi as he grows up in a refugee camp within their English lessons before Christmas. It was a wonderful opportunity to revisit these characters and see the story brought to life on the stage. The sunny picnic lunch outside was an added bonus!

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING – Miss Cronin

We have a great opportunity for 15 of our year 10 students to earn a level 2 qualification in Mental Health First Aid. Students will learn about what mental health is and the steps that we can all take to look after our mental health.

The course will run after school on May 18th and 23rd from 4pm-6pm. Assessment for qualification will happen across the school day on May 26th & 27th (each assessment taking approx. 30mins).

Application deadline is Friday 6th of May. Please submit all queries and applications by email to [misscronin@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:misscronin@thearcheracademy.org.uk)

## SCIENCE COMPETITION WINNERS – Ms Keen



A huge well done to all of the students that entered the lab coat competition for British Science Week. It was a very difficult decision to pick just a few winners. Every student that entered has received a postcard and the top designs have been put into a national draw to win the school some new lab coats. Fingers crossed!

Congratulations to:

1st place: Amber J (7SMU)

2nd place: Nina H (7JHA)

3rd place: Safya I (11WAU)

Runners up: Stan H (10AHU) and Hugo P (7SRA)

It's been lovely to have a variety of plants growing in the labs over the last few weeks at both campuses. We have no end of cress and a vast array of flowers sprouting through as well as a few runner beans. Congratulations to the following students for choosing optimum conditions for their seeds to grow.

1<sup>st</sup> Place at lower: Kulsoom K (7JHA)

1<sup>st</sup> Place at upper: Ash W (10LMC)

Please see Ms Keen for your prizes!

## MATHS CHALLENGE WINNERS – Mr Sun

Well done to the students that took part in the recent Maths Challenge, you were all amazing. A special well done to Kaelyn and Karo who were our winners.

I would also like to congratulate the following students who have participated in the UKMT Grey Kangaroo Maths Competition. Very well done to Jason N and Samson G who achieved Merit in the competition.

The threshold of achieving Merit status is 78+ this year.

Jason N	87	Merit
Samson G	85	Merit
Leo K	76	Qualification
Mujtaba C	73	Qualification
Jude D	65	Qualification
Keith R	60	Qualification
Maya S	58	Qualification
Matilda S	52	Qualification
Luca M	32	Qualification



## ENRICHMENT – Miss Le



It's hard to believe we have just completed week 7 of enrichment. Mr McSherry's Duke of Edinburgh enrichment was in full swing, as students worked collaboratively to prepare themselves for their expedition. Students participating in squash have also made excellent progress and have clearly impressed their instructors, with them moving swiftly into full context games now they have covered the core skills. With only 1 week of enrichment remaining, this only means we are moving closer to the Archer Arrow award ceremonies. Remember, winners of the Archer Arrow will get one of their first choices in the next block of enrichment, next year! The celebration assembly is a momentous occasion for all involved and I look forward to handing out more Archer Arrow badges.

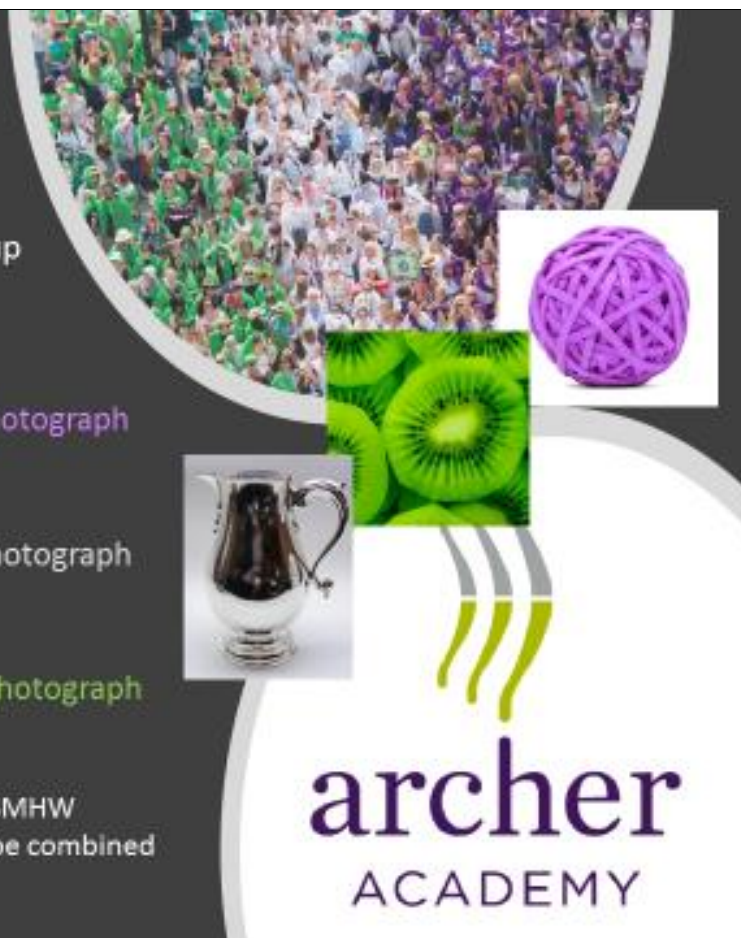
## HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION – Ms Clarke

### Summer Term House Photography Competition

**The Challenge:** Take a close-up photograph of an everyday object, let it fill the frame.

- If you are in Seacole house photograph something purple.
- If you are in Ignatius house photograph something silver or grey.
- If you are in Lovelace house photograph something green.

Please upload your entry onto the SMHW assignment by the 27<sup>th</sup> May. It will be combined into a collaborative piece of work.



## YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP – Ms Clarke



Our year 11 photography group popped briefly out of school at the end of last term for a trip to the Photographers' Gallery and a picnic lunch in Soho Square.

It was a pleasant break from routine and will hopefully be the first of many future visits.

## GREEN ARROWS OPEN THE GARDEN GATES – Green Arrows

# THE ARCHER GARDEN

## Welcome!

Come inside and see our garden  
we made it to share :)  
Bring a picnic and relax on the  
lawn, help our volunteers, or just  
pass through and say 'hello'.  
Green Arrows Team

**LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**10am-12pm**

Well behaved dogs on leads welcome

[greenarrows@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:greenarrows@thearcheracademy.org.uk)

**GRANGE** The Archer Garden  
Funded by Grange Big Local  
to promote learning and  
learning community

## Breathwork session

Breathing comes so naturally that we often forget its power. It literally keeps us alive, but it can also enhance our lives when we know how to use it with purpose. It can calm, balance or energise us to help reach a more optimal state of well-being, anywhere and anytime.

Interested to know more? Join us in a free introductory breathwork session.

**Where:** Archer garden, Eagans Cl, N2 8GA  
**When:** Sunday 8 May at 11am

**Places are limited (12 only) so book quickly by emailing Marjolein at [info@marjoleinbroers.com](mailto:info@marjoleinbroers.com)**

This community initiative is supported by the Archer Academy Green Arrows



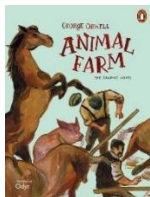
### MOSAIC PROJECT

Stan and Daniel have been collecting bottle lids from the upper playground across last and this week for Green Day. They feel very passionately about reducing plastic waste and looking after our school environment and the Green Arrows will be creating a mosaic for the garden with the lids.

## LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

### Lower School

#### New in Library:



George Orwell's dark, timeless fable has been turned into a graphic novel for the very first time, illustrated in full colour by the renowned Brazilian artist Odyr.

When Kikuzato loses his leg he resigns himself to never achieving his football dreams. But will a new prostheses enable him to conquer the track instead?



#### Book Reviews:

**Noélie** on the **Spy x Family** series: *My favourite part is when they get a dog who can see into the future!*

**Matilda** on *Witch Week*:...not only hilarious and imaginative, but pleasingly chaotic. It's fun, easy to read, and has the feeling of a secret shared among friends.

**Iris** on *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*: It shows that even if you are poor you can still succeed in life.

**Nina** on *Dork Diaries: Crush Catastrophe*: One of the coolest relationship dramas out there!

**Imogen** on *Maximum Ride*: My favourite character is Max because she cares and gives great love to her family and never gives up.

**This week choose a book to celebrate Earth Day:**

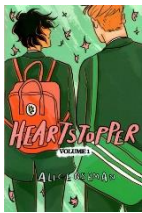


*These and more are available in the Lower School Library!*

### Upcoming Events:



On April 28<sup>th</sup>, join Mary Watson and Katherine Webber at Waterstones Piccadilly to celebrate the publication of their Young Adult supernatural thrillers *Blood to Poison* and *The Revelry*. See [here](#) for tickets.



Grab the popcorn, because everyone's favourite graphic novel romance is about to hit the small screen **tonight**, with Netflix's adaptation of the much-loved *Heartstopper*. This LGBTQ+ coming-of-age story is already garnering rave reviews.



**Attention:** The **Carnegie Shadows Club** has been moved to lunchtime: See Show My Homework for details!

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

## PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

**SUMMER TERM EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS – Mr Clark**



April 25 <sup>th</sup> - July						
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school 7.30 – 8.10	ASTRO					
After school	ASTRO		Athletics Y7/8/9 KCL	Athletics Y10	Cricket all years JRA	
	MUGA					
Before school 7.30 – 8.10	SPORTSHALL				Basketball Y7 MCO Basketball Y8 (lunchtime)	
After school	SPORTSHALL	Volleyball Y10/11	Badminton Y8/9 SLE		Badminton Y7 KCL	

### Extra-Curricular Club Guidelines

1. Those students who do not have PE on the day of their club will be able to change into their PE kit at the end of the day. They must not wear their PE kit during the day
2. Please be prompt to your training session
3. You will need to bring a water bottle
4. All sessions are 1 hour long

### **FOOTBALL UPDATE – Mr Menzies**

I am pleased to say that the Year 9 boys won their semi-final match at the end of last term against Wren Academy 8-5, securing a spot in the final of the Barnet Schools Cup. The boys showed tremendous team spirit and resilience to maintain an early lead against determined, physical opponents. Goals from Alex B (3), Bruno (2), Hayden (2) and Jamie were enough to earn Archer the win. Well done to the boys involved, and good luck in the final: Luca S, Theophil H, Nathan L, Rafael Q (Captain), Lucas BV, Bruno F, Mehran M, Alexander B (Man of the Match), Jamie RJ, Sammy G, Zsadany F, Hayden O, Connor R.

## **HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES**

### **Year 11 - Mr McSherry**

I hope you are finding the correspondence useful. I know it can be extensive, sometimes.

I wrote to you this week providing you with the most up-to-date version of the summer GCSE exam timetable. I also wrote with a nudge about leavers' hoodies. Admittedly I might have specified that this email went to everyone, whether payment had been made or not. My oversight. Rest assured if you have made the payment at this point you will not be disappointed, your child will certainly not be. Your child will receive their hoodie on results day!

My newsletter next week will enable me to simply replace the words 'leavers' hoodies' with 'yearbook'. Please do ensure payment is made to avoid disappointment, for all.

In Tuesday's assembly I will sharing with the year group some key numbers.

They will include, how many school days there are left before the exams, how many Mondays are left, how many more assemblies they can expect and how many Wednesdays....Do you know?

There is not long to go, and my message is to maximise every moment left, to ensure your child is able to begin their exam period full of confidence and able to apply themselves fully.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Sonny F and Luke W - for watching attentively whilst Mr McSherry and Mr Clark play badminton

**Year 10 - Miss Alcock**

It has been lovely to welcome year 10 back to school this week and it sounds like the students made the most of the holiday period, with revision well underway.

This week we have spent some time talking through the importance of sleep and making sure students are preparing themselves to make the most out of the opportunity ahead when sitting their 'One Year To Go Exams'. Students have received detailed information on the logistics for their upcoming exams and tutors will also go through this information again with students next week. Students who are sitting their exams at Upper School due to personalised access arrangements have been informed.

I would encourage all students to continue their revision and make sure they have put together a clear and structured revision timetable.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Alex G - excellent contribution in SPPEC  
Nile - for his diligence in Science this week

**Year 9 - Mr Constantinou**

Welcome back, it is hard to believe that we are in the final term already, with it comes our final term at lower school. The focus as we come to the end of the year is preparing our students to flourish as they transition to our GCSE campus at upper school. This is a big step in their school journey and I would ask that we work together to ensure that they are best placed for success. My priority is that we are maximising our lesson time, in order to do this I ask for your support in ensuring your child comes to school prepared with the correct equipment and the right uniform.

- Pencil case with black or blue pens, purple pen, red pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, glue stick, highlighters, maths set.
- No trainers - except on PE or CPA days. No white trainers.
- No branded hoodies or tracksuit bottoms
- No makeup
- No jewellery except a single stud in each ear.
- No smart phones at school.

Detentions will be given for students who are not able to meet these basic expectations so please get in contact if you need any support in putting them in place. If we can make these a habit before we move to upper school it will ensure your child's teacher is spending all of their time focussing on the important things at school, your child's education.

There are so many exciting things to look forward to this term. See some key dates below.

9<sup>th</sup> May – HPV vaccinations

30<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> June - Half term

13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June – End of year assessments

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Welcome to year 10 evening at upper school

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July – Stubbers trip

13<sup>th</sup> July – Learning Review Day 3

★ Stars of the Week ★

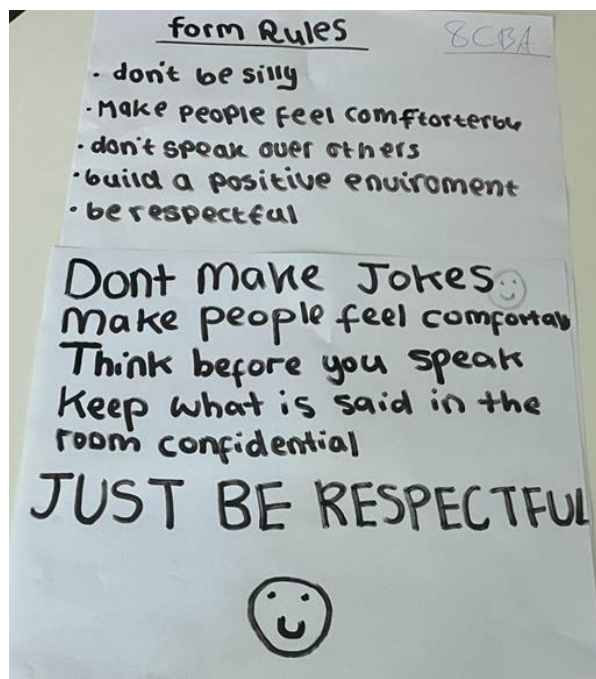
Arina K - for hard work and dedication in every lesson  
Jamie RJ - for his early rising to support the year 7 training session in the mornings

**Year 8 – Mr Wick**

What a brilliant first week back after our lovely Easter break.

It seems that some of the year group have enjoyed incredible adventures during the break, including camping, beach holidays and some lovely family time at home.

Students have been getting back into the swing of things with some excellent work produced in all subjects. In Lifelong learning, students are beginning their "Identity & Relationships" topic for the term. Here we'll be discussing Relationship and Sex Education (RSE), focussing on personal safety and understanding boundaries. On Thursday students had an introduction on why we are going through this subject, and were given the opportunity to create form group agreements about codes of conduct. See 8CBA's brilliant group agreement below!



★ Stars of the Week ★

Jahkeil P for demonstrating excellent focus and being inquisitive in lessons and Nesma R for her excellent prior knowledge and engagement

**Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase**

An excellent start to our final term. It's been wonderful hearing all about our students' Easter adventures which have taken them far and wide. Students also seem to have grown in confidence over their holidays - no doubt putting them in good stead for a strong finish to what has been a superb year.

Our trip to see the Bone Sparrow on Thursday was well received and a lovely experience for all. As a core text of our Archer bookcase, I thoroughly enjoyed sharing the experience with students and colleagues. Do discuss this with your child over the weekend - what did they learn / enjoy and perhaps how did seeing a live interpretation shift their understanding of the text? I imagine students will have a lot to share.

Next week Year 7 will have the experience of an author visit - Michelle Paver. Holy Trinity students will also be joining us which I'm sure will add to the excitement. Please do revisit the letter sent earlier this week for additional information.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of expectations around school uniform. Unfortunately, black trainers seem to be creeping in. Please do ensure your child is wearing black, leather look school shoes. Equally, trousers and skirts are bespoke. If you have any questions about uniform, do contact your child's tutor.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Calum in 7JHA and Iris in 7NAS for modelling kindness in all you do. Well done for all your efforts.

And of course, an additional well done must go to students involved in the Dance Showcase. Well done for showing commitment and resilience - keep up the stellar work!