

6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear all,

This week has seen Year 10 students begin their 'One Year To Go Exams' and formally start the summer examination season at school. The students have acted with real diligence and maturity, impressing all staff. We look forward to supporting students through the upcoming week and then getting into the important business of marking, feedback and building steps to support them in truly realising their potential.

Around the business of exams, last Friday saw our Year 10 Drama group perform as part of the National Theatre Youth Connections project and their performance was simply incredible. The quality and standard of the work produced was a pleasure to watch and the impact on the audience tangible. Then, this Wednesday our Spring Soloists' Concert enabled the most wonderful and diverse evening of music to beat through the school – the confidence, pride and joy that students displayed in their performances was wonderful. Thank you to every student who took part in these events, providing us with such special experiences.

Last Friday, our Parent Coffee Morning saw a talk led by our school's Police Officers and led to a series of discussions surrounding social media and the risks to our young people. Parents are guided to the two websites below to ensure that they are best placed to support their young person in keeping safe.

<https://www.o2.co.uk/help/online-safety>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

I must remind all parents about expectations surrounding arrival and drop off at our Lower School Campus. Parents should not drop students at school on Eagans Close, this has always been part of the planning expectations of the site. Furthermore, parents are asked not to use Stanley Road as an access point. It is important that students are safe and that we are good neighbours. As far as possible students should walk to school or use public transport. If a car must be used parents are asked to use Market Place and the Five Bells pub car park on East End Road. Your support here is much appreciated.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison  
Headteacher

**Thought for the week:** *'Perhaps the most significant thing a person can know about himself is to understand his own system of values. Almost everything we do is a reflection of our own personal value system. What do we mean by values? Our values are what we want out of life.'*  
Jacques Fresco

## 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/>

### May

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> – Free Breathwork session, Archer Garden, 11am, see information below

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Vaccines year 9: DTP and Men ACWY, see information below

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – PA Archella Summer Festival planning meeting online, 8-9pm, join [HERE](#)

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  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Parent coffee morning, Healthy Eating and Body Image, 9.15 – 10.15am, book [here](#)  
Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> – GCSE exams finish  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – INSET day, school closed for students  
w/c 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 10 summer exam week (Core Subjects only)

## July

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> - Learning Review Day 3  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> – Archella Summer Festival  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Archer Adventure  
Weds 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term, students dismissed at 12pm

## MEDICAL AND PASTORAL INFORMATION:

**Year 9 vaccinations:** On **Monday, 9th May**, immunisation boosters against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY) will take place at lower school.

Please take up this opportunity to boost your child's immunisation against these diseases.

**Consent forms should be completed by next Friday on a computer please, not a smartphone.**

Please have your child's NHS number to hand (if possible) and [click on the link below](#) to access the portal - You will need to enter the unique code for your child's school. The code is **CL139594**.

<https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP>. Please refer to our email in April 22<sup>nd</sup> for more information. Many thanks, the Medical & Pastoral team.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION



## Please join the Archella Summer Festival Planning Meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 8-9pm online



### WE NEED YOU!!!

The Archella Summer Festival will be taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022. In order for this to happen the Parents Association need your help. We need volunteers to help with running and organising this event for it to happen.

**Have your say:** All parents are invited to attend the summer festival planning meeting, to be held online, on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 from 8pm to 9pm via TEAMS link [HERE](#). Tap on the link or paste it in a browser to join.

Please do join the meeting, and see how you can get involved it is such a fantastic opportunity for the PA to raise funds for the school, we cannot do it without you!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email [parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk](mailto:parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk).

## Headteacher Exemplary Effort Awards March and April 2022 – Miss Harrison

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

The students awarded for their achievements, and given the coveted Headteacher Exemplary Effort Award, in March and April are shown below. Headteacher lunches will take place to mark and celebrate the accomplishments of these students.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ahmedzaki F Ionela S Naama H Sami U Amelia D Meriviel K James L Neave K Mohammed A Becca B	Yashi T Joey-Dylan PR Priya T Leron B Princess F Yotam SC Alan W Tomas B Nishchay B Sidney C	Jason N Jack F Erza F Jamal A Jiyan A Alex B Jason N Samuel R Esme S Alfie H	Clarice R Thomas Y Ella R Jun K Leah P Rina P Amelia G Ahmed A Seren LJ Nicolo C	Kye P Roman V Matthew B Samyra K Scarlett W Rebecca B Tuoyo E Kaelyn S Aiko A Aidan G

## Year 8 Scholars - Houses of Parliament – Ms Ahmed

As part of the provision for the Year 8 Scholars they are taking part in a thought-provoking challenge project titled '**How can I change the World?**'

During this project they have various workshops, visits, and tutorials in which they look at critical issues of the world, internationally and more locally and actions that can be taken.

This week the Year 8 Scholars had the opportunity to have a tour of the Houses of Parliament – what did they learn about how the work at the Houses of Parliament changes our world?



*"Today we took the train into London to visit the Houses of Parliament as part of our new Scholars topic 'How can I change the World?' Overall, it was an incredible experience that I found so intricate and intriguing. I found so much interest in learning about its history, traditions, and the system that forms our community into the society that we are. Not to mention how stunning the buildings were! I think that this will contribute amazingly to our topic."*

Eva Clark, 8JBA

## SPRING SOLOISTS' CONCERT – Ms Gunn



The CPA department had the opportunity to share the talent of our wonderful musicians with the school community on Wednesday with our Spring Soloists' concert. Soloists across all year groups wowed the audience with a varied programme of beautiful music, from Haydn to Lana Del Ray and everything in between.

Highlights included the Archer Orchestra's rendition of 'No Time to Die' by Billy Eilish, as well as the phenomenal violin and cello duet between Kaelyn and Anna S in Year 11.

Thank you so much to the Parents Association who supported the event by

selling refreshments and to everyone who attended and helped out. We look forward to welcoming you to our future music concerts and showcases.

## **PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS – Mrs Scott**



### **Healthy Eating and Body Image – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 9.15 – 10.15am, Lower School**

Our next coffee morning will be led by alumni parent and nutritionist, Marcelle Rose and will focus on healthy eating and body image.

Please book your free ticket [here](#) and for more information about Marcelle Rose visit <http://marcellerosenutrition.co.uk/>

## **DELOITTE FUTURES COMPETITION (DEBATE MATE) – Ms Keen**

Open invitation to attend the Deloitte Futures competition for Debate Mate students in year 9. What ideas do you have about technology for good, climate change, and improving the local community?

Next week we will be hosting a special competition event at lower school. There will be debate activities, careers advice, and a 'Dragons Den' style pitch with a chance of winning £1000 to make your ideas happen!

The session will be run by professionals from the leading company 'Deloitte' as well as Debate Mate mentors.

### Thursday LG05

12/05/22 15:05 (1 hour preparation session)

19/05/22 15:05 (1 hour and 45 minutes workshop with Debate Mate staff, Mentors and Deloitte Volunteers)

Please let Ms Keen know if you are interested.

## **SCHOOL JOURNALISTS COMPETITION – Ms Devi**

## Year 9 and 10 Scholars Journalism Competition- judged by BBC new reporter Reeta Chakrabarti



Over the last few weeks, a group of students in Year 9 and 10 have been taking part in a fantastic journalism competition judged by BBC news reporter Reeta Chakrabarti.

Students were given a brief which involved completing either a written report or short video clip reporting on a topic, issue or controversy which has not received the 'spotlight' it may deserve. The rigorous process of completing the news report involved lots of debate, research, teamwork and getting accustomed to what actually makes a good news report.

Students have not disappointed and have covered a whole range of issues, from the return of museum objects to their countries of origin, the issue of politics in sport, feminism and many more. We are so very impressed with what students have produced and they have certainly given our guest judge a very difficult job. We look forward to hearing what Reeta Chakrabarti's topic picks are. For now, a huge well done to all students who have risen to the challenge and thank you to Reeta for making this all possible.

## YEAR 7 THEMATIC LEARNING – Ms Appelquist



Year 7 had the excitement of ending their Writing for Young Children Thematic Unit with an assembly, welcoming Alex Antscherl from Hachette Children's Publishing, and Sanchita Basu de Sarkar, owner of The Children's Bookshop in Muswell Hill, to judge the best children's books written by our year 7s. Congratulations to Olivia, Toby, and Scarlet, Erin and Matilda (a group effort), the top three winners!

*The top twelve finalists with our distinguished judges.*

## NETBALL SUPERSTAR – Anna M, year 9



Hi, my name is Anna and I'm 13 years old, I have been playing netball for around 5 years now, as C/WA. My love for the sport started when in year four, my PE teacher in primary school recommended I try joining a netball club called AP Saints, as I was enjoying it in school PE so much. Funnily enough, in the beginning I hated the idea of it and told my parents that I wasn't ready to join a club with so many new people. So, I skipped the first session. That was a huge mistake however because my friends who did go told me that it was so much fun and I should give it a go.

The following week I decided I would go and see what it's like. That was the best decision I've ever made. To this day I play in that same club and in the past years have worked my way up from the junior team to the A-team, making so many friends along the way.

Not so long ago, I went to trials for the London Pulse Academy and got in! That team trains girls all over London to one day play for England, so to be playing at

such a high level is so inspiring and Netball finds new ways to push me every single day.

Before the season ended, I had 2 hours of Pulse on Mondays, with 1 hour training occasionally for my club beforehand. Tuesday consists of 2 hours club netball, usually on team collaboration, ball handling etc. Thursday, 2 hours of club netball again, usually focusing on fitness and endurance and on Saturdays I play matches for my club. Over the weekend we sometimes play tournaments in addition to league matches. Last weekend, my team came 1<sup>st</sup> in the regional championships, making us the best netball club in London and the southeast. Soon we will be attending nationals and I can't wait!

For anyone who's thinking about taking up netball, just know it's a lot of commitment if you are looking for something serious, but it is also such a great way to de-stress and spend time with your friends. Netball has helped my mental health a lot and the feeling when you succeed at something you love so much is truly amazing. Thank you for reading!

## **PUBLISHED YEAR 7 AUTHOR – Miss Ogbaselase**



Well done to year 7 author Joey S who has had his short story chosen from 10,000 entries and published in an anthology.

### **VILLAINY IS HARD!**

I'm Rob, the self-appointed world's greatest supervillain. You'd think being a villain is easy, but if you want to be legit there's a whole lot more to it. First, decide who to rob, and how, accounting for security/police. The next important step is lunch, before gathering equipment and a team. Here comes my favourite part, the one with all the action... coffee break. Then there's the robbery, blah blah, share out the riches, blah blah, and crucially, dinner. Now you know how tough being a villain is, here's one last essential tip - never ever trust a clown.

Joey S, 7SMU

## **GREEN DAY – Ms Clarke**

## Archer YGA Weekly Tips for our Environment

The year 7 **Archer Academy Young Global Ambassadors (YGAs)** are meeting weekly. We are collecting ideas to share with our fellow students.

### This week's tip from a student is: Use palm oil free peanut butter:

As you may already know, palm oil is a plant oil that is grown in hotter climates. Around 90% is grown in Indonesia and Malaysia. Palm oil is also used in close to 50% of store products! Although palm oil may seem useful to you, it is also very damaging to the environment where it is grown. Many acres of diverse rainforest have been cut down because of this, killing many animals and ruining others' habitats. One step you can take to stopping this is by using sustainable palm oil free peanut butter.

By: Ruth A.



Try these brands:  
*Whole earth £2.50 a jar*  
*Meridian £3.40 a jar*  
*Biona Organic 2.99 a jar*



## FIND YOUR INNER ZEN – Green Arrows



### 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



**Free Workshops to help calm, balance and ENERGISE Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11am, Archer Garden.**

Just what every Archer Parent needs! This is our first wellbeing workshop run by Archer mum and Breathing Guru Marj.

Some Archer students have been lucky enough to work with Marj and soon the teachers will be having their session to help them stay cool, calm and collected at all times. Now lucky parents it's your turn.

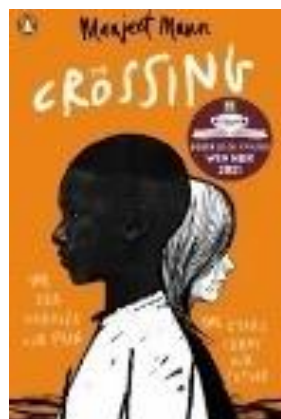
Please support the Archer Garden's well-being aspirations and take a little time out to join Marj.

Places limited so please book [info@marjoleinbroers.com](mailto:info@marjoleinbroers.com)

## LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

**New in Library:**

Carnegie Shortlisted books:



A gripping romance set in wartime and a hard-hitting story of refugees told in verse.

### Book Reviews:

**Nina** on *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel*: “Dramatic Valentine Drama!”

**Lou Ann** on *Heartstopper*: “...Tackles issues with discrimination and prejudice in a realistic and good way.”

**Parker** on *Breaking the Rules*: “I would recommend this book because it tells people how to make friends better.”

**Hugo** on *A Series of Unfortunate Events*: “I’d recommend it to people who like depressing books.”

### Upcoming Events:

Explore her newest collection of essays, *Burning Questions*, with Margaret Atwood, in this [Guardian online event](#) taking place on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Barnet Libraries** will be hosting its **FREE** inaugural Literary Festival at Finchley Church End Library on 21 & 22 May with bestselling authors Erin Kelly, Michael Rosen, Pam Fox, Nicola Upson, Mandy Morton, Patrice Lawrence, Debra Barnes & many more stellar names... Full booking info & program via <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries/library-events/literary-festival>

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

## PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Mr Clark

If you are interested in taking part, please have a word with Mr Clark.

**Born on or after 01.09.07? Represent your Borough in Hockey in the London Youth Games! More information and online registration at [www.NorthLondonHockey.org](http://www.NorthLondonHockey.org) Training starts 7th May. (Elite players are NOT allowed)**

### Who are we looking for?

We help the Boroughs (LB Barnet, LB Enfield) to provide the opportunity for your children to play in the London Youth Games **School Year 9&U** teams (**Male, Female**). To ensure the Games attract more Juniors to hockey, and to have a “level playing field”, elite players (nominated to attend Hockey Academy Centres or county players) **are not allowed** to compete. As always, we are looking to field the best teams which may include players from neighbouring hockey clubs.

**Training sessions** will be at our home ground at Ashmole Academy, Southgate, N14 5RJ

After the Games, we aim to keep the children in hockey by asking them to join our hockey clubs (unless they are already members) and, when they are ready, to become our Senior players. We have already started one new senior league team to cater for our LYG players!

NLH Junior coaching is on Sundays 10:00-11:30 for Autumn and Spring terms, switching to Saturdays in the Summer term for the LYG sessions.

### How much to take part?



To cover the pitch hire and volunteer coaches training costs, we would usually charge our regular £6/90min session fee. **However**, we recognise that hockey is seen as an expensive sport so have recently created a free loan stick library. We also have a stock of Borough colours to play in and, as in previous years, LYG's sponsors Nike give souvenir t-shirts to every participant. They will need gumshields, hockey shin-pads and trainers as the matches are on astro-turf (not 3G). They will also need protective sports eyewear, if they wear spectacles.

If the cost is too much for a parent, they can have a chat with us - **We prefer full teams instead of disappointed players!**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

One of our enrichment providers, Frontline Football are running May Half Term football camps on Lyttelton Playing Fields, in HGS. All bookings are now open.

Year 7-11

<https://www.frontlinefootball.co.uk/event-details/year-7-11-may-june-half-term-camp-hampstead>



### Barnet Specialist Inclusion Team

Supporting Autistic children, children with Physical Disabilities/ Medical Needs, Visual Impairments & Hearing Impairments and SEMH.  
Secondary School Virtual Transition Morning

Learn about ways to support your child in transitioning from Primary to Secondary School and what to expect from schools. Hear from some of the professionals involved with your children.

This is a virtual morning, followed by a face to face Q&A session, for :

Parents/Carers of Year 5/6 children with Additional Needs, with or without an EHCP, transferring to a mainstream Secondary School in Autumn 2022 or 2023.

Places are free but you must register by email at [specialist.team@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:specialist.team@barnet.gov.uk)

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Time: 10am -1.30pm

## HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

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

My message this week in assembly was yet again, a simple one -

1. Maximise your time.
2. There is still time (to shift things, to improve things, to do your very best!)

**Archer Alumni network:** We are building a vibrant community of Archer Alumni, so Archer leavers can keep in touch with their friends, attend events, network, and receive news about the Archer and their peers after they've left school. Please ask your child to fill in their contact details [HERE](#) so we can stay in touch with them after they've left school. The link is also on ShowMyHomework.

**Hoodies and Yearbooks** have been ordered and I will be in touch next week with a reminder to all those parents who are yet to secure a leavers' ball ticket. I would really encourage you all to ensure you have a ticket for your child, it promises to be a very exciting evening filled with lots of the things they like, and you know as well as I do that, they are notoriously difficult to please.

I gave an update on the leavers' ball in assembly this week and they seemed very excitable!

★ Stars of the Week ★

Hannah E and Mariam S - for maximising every revision opportunity available in school

### **Year 10 - Miss Alcock**

Year 10 have really demonstrated their maturity and dedication during this first week of exams. The year group have had excellent punctuality, uniform and respect for each other. It has been fantastic to see the amount of students using their break and lunch for some final group revision. Miss Harrison and I asked the year group to see the exams as an opportunity and they most certainly are!

As we move into week 2, I would ask parents to make sure that students are getting a good balance of revision and social time. I would also ask that parents make sure their child is eating a well balanced diet and getting at least 9 hours of sleep a night. Week 2 is a full week of exams and students need to make sure they have the right routines in place to enable them to last the duration, it's a marathon not a sprint!

Once the exams are over, we will move swiftly into Year 10 PCE on Wednesday 8th June, please add the date to your diaries.

### Stars of the Week

Jun - for always having a positive attitude and being polite  
Orli - for her hard work and mature approach to her OYTG exams

### **Year 9 - Mr Constantinou**

In Lifelong Learning/ SPPEC we continued learning about the Arab Spring and the Syrian civil war. I had some brilliant and thoughtful conversations with my two classes. Next week we are beginning our unit on nuclear weapons, you will have received a letter from Mr Ruffles confirming this so don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Next week students will be having an assembly on revision strategies to best support them for their upcoming end of year exams. These start just after the half term so students should be starting to plan, and begin, their revision soon. Do please encourage your child to maximise the time they have remaining and point them towards their tutors for any support they may need.

Uniform has been slipping once again - students should only be wearing CPA/PE kit on days they have PE (Tuesday) and the day they have Dance/Drama (Monday and Wednesday). The rest of the time they should be in their regular Archer school uniform. Students know that this is a basic requirement and I need your support to ensure they meet expectations here.

### Stars of the Week

Kuba - for making such a dramatic improvement in his work ethic this week  
Amy - for a perennial, positive attitude and consistent hard work in lessons

### **Year 8 – Mr Wick**

Another fantastic week for Year 8, with the bank holiday relaxation, students looked fresh faced to take on this week.

Students in tutor time have been continuing to read Refugee Boy, which is now coming to about half way of the book. On Thursday we discussed the concept of gender identity and sexual orientation. This sparked brilliant discussion and learning.

On Wednesday some incredible year 8 students played in the Spring Soloist concert! I am so grateful to have the privilege to see Emily, Luca, Daisy, Joanina, Thomas, and Sephie play so well!

On Thursday a select group of incredible year 8's went on a trip to the Houses of Parliament. Please look out for Ms Ahmed's section in the newsletter for pictures and more information.

Please do remind your child to complete the form here for Bushcraft: <https://forms.gle/tMkszyAaxCdQZXcDA> - It allows students to make preferences for who they want to be in a tent with for the trip as well as some key dietary and medical information.

 **Stars of the Week** 

William S for being an incredible help to others' in history  
Dacha S for her excellent start at the Archer and efforts in her lessons.

**Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase**

I hope all Archer families had a lovely bank holiday weekend.

This week, Yr7 stole the show at our Spring Soloist concert. It was wonderful to hear such glowing feedback from colleagues involved. Well done to all involved for your commitment and enthusiasm.

In Lifelong Learning students learnt explored the concept of self-worth including the difference between high self-worth, /low self-worth and the impact of negative self-talk. I think we can all acknowledge the importance of this and our own personal experiences with it. I would encourage all families to discuss this at home over the weekend. The following child-friendly video on empathy might be helpful, which I believe feeds into our emotions towards ourselves: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HznVuCVQd10>

 **Stars of the Week** 

Joey in 7SMU for your commitment to extra-curricular options  
Martha in 7SMU for continued excellence. Keep up the hard work.