

13th May 2022

Dear all,

A huge well done must go to our Year 10 cohort who have completed a packed two week schedule of examinations. The students have conducted themselves faultlessly throughout and we look forward to celebrating their achievements, and planning the next steps with them, carefully. A well deserved rest is certainly in order this weekend!

GCSE examinations begin formally on Monday, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 cohort the very best of luck. We have been so impressed by the mature and diligent way the students have prepared for their exams and look forward to supporting them in the coming weeks. As you know, I regularly reach to Dr Suess for a little light inspiration and it seems very timely to remind Year 11 of the following *“So be sure when you step, step with care and great tact. And remember that life’s A Great Balancing Act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed) Kid, you’ll move mountains.”* I know each and every student can achieve great things.

A huge thank you to the Parents’ Association who are busy planning our Archella International Festival on the 16th July. We are so looking forward to hosting this very special event in style following a hiatus over the past two years. Do get involved if you can, details follow later in the newsletter.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Harrison
Headteacher

Thought for the week: *‘High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.’* Charles Kettering

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

Mon 16th – GCSE exams start

Mon 23rd - PA Archella Summer Festival planning meeting online, 8-9pm, join [here](#)

Fri 27th – school breaks up for half term

Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June – half term holiday

June

Mon 6th – INSET day, school closed for students

Tues 7th – School starts for students, 8.30am

Weds 8th – Year 10 parents’ consultation evening 4.30pm – 8pm

w/c 13th & w/c 20th – Year 7 – 9 summer exam weeks

Fri 17th – Parent coffee morning, Healthy Eating and Body Image, 9.15 – 10.15am, book [here](#)

Weds 22nd – GCSE exams finish

Fri 24th – INSET day, school closed for students

w/c 27th – Year 10 summer exam week (Core Subjects only)

July

Weds 13th - Learning Review Day 3

Sat 16th – Archella Summer Festival, 1-4pm, lower school

Mon 18th – Sports Day

Tues 19th – Archer Adventure
Weds 20th – Last day of term, students dismissed at 12pm

PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Archella Summer Festival is coming soon. Please join our next planning meeting on Monday 23rd May, 8-9pm online, click [here](#)



CAN YOU HELP RUN THE ARCHER AUCTION?

Last year the online Archer Auction raised £7,000 for the school. We would love to do the same again this year and we are looking for a volunteer to lead and coordinate the auction. Please get in touch if you would like to take this on, just email: parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk

Thank you: It was brilliant to see so many people at our first Archella planning meeting on Monday night, thank you all for attending and for volunteering to help. Our **next meeting** is on **Monday 23rd May, 8-9pm** online and we still need lots more volunteers, so please join us [here](#).

Amazing fundraising totals!

The Parents' Quiz Night raised £2,863.63 special thanks also goes to our table sponsors, Cathy and Rosie at Broadway Beauty in Muswell Hill and the Muswell Hill Club on Fortis Green.

The Students' Social event raised £695.03. These are much needed funds and will go towards helping all our children with extra equipment and learning experiences.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Parents Association, please email parentsassociation@thearcheracademy.org.uk.

PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS – Mrs Scott



Healthy Eating and Body Image – Friday 17th 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/>

ADVICE FROM OUR CURRENT YEAR 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

Each year we ask year 7 to let us have their top tips for the incoming year 7 students. Here's what they had to say in 2022.

What would be your top tips to our incoming cohort of year 7 Archers?

- Don't be afraid to talk to new people
- Go to Summer School
- Get the chocolate cookies at break – they are amazing

To find out what else was advised, check out our website: <https://thearcheracademy.org.uk/advice-from-current-year-7s/>



PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH COMMUNITY LITERACY PROJECT – Ms Ogbaselase

Year 6 children will soon be embarking on their journey to secondary school. At the Archer we run a community literacy project every year, based on Norton Juster's novel of adventure – The Phantom Tollbooth. Many children, both those coming to our school as well as 100s of other children, read this book as part of our Community Literacy Project and it gives everyone a collective starting point when they join big school in September.

Get involved

We would like to involve our whole Archer community, so please stick a picture of Milo, the main character from the novel, The Phantom Tollbooth, in your front window. Children who are joining year 7 in September will be walking round the local area next week on the community trail and it would be wonderful for them to see where other Archer families live when they pass by a picture of Milo on their adventures.

Please just print out a copy of the Milo picture attached and put it up somewhere prominent for our new Archer students to see! If you send in a photo of Milo up in your window, we will be sharing these on social media, just email: justinec@thearcheracademy.org.uk with your picture to be included.



A PLANT TO REMEMBER OR REFLECT – Green Arrows



We would like to share our garden with everyone. If you would like to have your own plant or tree in the school gardens to remember family or friends or even just to have your own special place, please reach out to us.

We have lots of locations to choose from: sunny front gardens, containers, shaded woodland and a wild fruit and flower area (under development).

Contact Rachael Harvey for a chat or pop by and say hello one weekend:

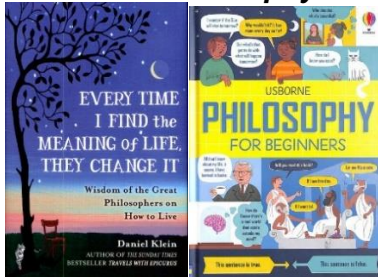
greenarrows@thearcheracademy.org.uk

LIBRARY CORNER – Ms Appelquist & Mrs Horwitz

Thematic Learning Focus:

Here are some suggestions available in the Lower School Library to help you explore the topic more deeply:

Year 7 Philosophy:



Year 8 Protest:



Book Reviews:

Manzwi on *The 26-Storey Treehouse*: *I would recommend since it is very funny and amazing for imagination.*

Lorenzo on *The Last Kids on Earth*: *It's quite funny and goofy for younger readers.*

Nina on *Dork Diaries: TV Star*: *Nikki and Brandon finally have drama and chemistry between them!*

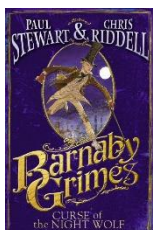
Lyn on *The Magic Tree House: The Knight at Dawn*: *I recommend it because it is a series and it is very fun to read.*

Noelie on *The A-Z of British Ghosts*: *My favourite story is about a ghost who visits the Bank of London.*

Amelia F on *The Weight of Water*: *It is very engaging.*

Hugo on *Dangerous Reality*: *an exciting plot twist!*

Neglected Book Corner:



Barnaby Grimes is a tick-tock lad - he'll deliver any message anywhere any time. As fast as possible. Tick-tock - time is money! But strange things are afoot. One moonlit night, as Barnaby highstacks above the city leaping from roof to roof, a huge beast attacks. He barely escapes with his life. And now his old friend Benjamin has disappeared. A gloriously macabre tale.

Remember, you can earn 20 merits for a review of the Neglected Book!

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

PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Mr Clark

Football: Barnet League Cup Final – Mr Menzies

The Archer year 9 boys team competed in the Barnet League Cup Final at Ashmole Academy this week. Unfortunately it didn't go our way but the boys are proud runners up in the league having beaten: Christ College, Wren Academy, London Academy to name a few.

Every student involved gave it their all and represented Archer better than I could have asked for. I left feeling proud of the team's togetherness and resilience. Well done to: Luca S, Theophil H, Nathan L, Rafael Q, Lucas BV, Bruno F, Mehran M, Alexander B, Jamie RJ, Zsadany F, Jonah BR, Hayden O, Luca S, Shlok, Alfie H, Connor R.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Barnet's Autism Team has asked us to share this survey, please complete it if it is relevant to you or your family:

The Barnet secondary and post 16 advisory team for Autistic young people are exploring the potential of Autistic-led mentoring for Autistic young people in Barnet. To do so we would like to hear from Autistic students about whether this would be beneficial for them and how it should look.

We would greatly appreciate if you could ask any willing Autistic students to fill out this short, anonymous, online survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/WtSj1qBdh5>

We will be using the results to inform and improve our offering for Autistic students in the borough.

HEAD OF YEAR UPDATES

Year 11 - Mr McSherry

This week I didn't deliver an assembly, instead I delivered what the students had asked for... more time with their friends in tutor time. I am a nice guy like that. My message throughout the week, delivered in a more direct yet informal manner, has been the same...

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

I am conscious of the volume of information you are receiving. Therefore, I am writing to inform you that I will be writing to you each day (once only) with an overview of the following day. This will include all things exams, timings and other relevant, important information. I do hope you find this useful. You can expect Monday's overview to arrive in your inbox on Friday morning, and then Tuesday's on Monday morning, if you follow?

We're there, we made it. We begin on Monday. Ensure your little sweethearts get plenty of rest, drink lots of water and eat well over the weekend. Some final preparations too, of course. Please also ensure they are in full school uniform for exams! Let us avoid any unnecessary drama.

Finally, please make sure students have signed up to the **Archer Alumni network** [HERE](#) so we can stay in touch with them after they've left school. The link is also on ShowMyHomework.

Have a lovely, yet supervisory weekend.

 Stars of the Week 

The Year 11 Tutor Team - For their unwavering support and care for our students, throughout the most challenging time to educate!

Year 10 - Miss Alcock

What an incredible 2 weeks for year 10. Students have been absolutely brilliant throughout the exam period. Students have had brilliant punctuality and their uniform has been excellent. There have been very few absences over the 2 weeks, which means there are not many students needing to catch up with exams. Well done year 10! You should be proud of the way you have applied yourselves and demonstrated resilience and hard work. I look forward to seeing the results in June and finding out how everyone has got on. I really do believe that the year group have seen this as an opportunity and even had some feedback to say that students have enjoyed sitting the exams! I feel confident that students have got to grips with the processes and expectations and will be confident when they sit future exams in year 11.

I look forward to welcoming the students back to full lessons on Monday. After half term, year 10 will be the top year group at upper school. There are going to be lots of opportunities available to them, more details to follow. All I would ask if for the year to be ready to make the most out of their final weeks in year 10.

Please do make note of the key dates for Year 10, results day on Tuesday 7th June, Parents Consultation Evening on Wednesday 8th June and Southend trip on 7th July, please add the dates into your diaries.



Olive, Nimrod V, Harry P and Charlie B for their excellent effort at the athletics last week

Year 9 - Mr Constantinou

This week the students received an assembly on revision strategies from Ms Gillham. The end of year assessments take place the week after half term - so one month away. Please do encourage your children to start using the strategies discussed and to reach out for further support should they need it. I am conscious that this time next year the students will be sitting their 'one year to go' exams so building these good routines, in their last formal assessment before year 10 begins, is extremely important.

The year 9 boys had their football final this week, and despite not getting the result they wanted, I am proud of the performances the boys have put in throughout the year. They are officially the most successful football team the school has ever had!

Our Duke of Edinburgh trip is this weekend, look out for an update in next week's newsletter.



Artur M and Hayden O - for their support and mentoring of younger students in year 8 and year 7 respectively.

Year 8 – Mr Wick

Year 8 have had a brilliant week of special guests, sporting events, and workshops.

During thematic on Monday, students were invited to listen to an incredibly knowledgeable speaker about the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall. Gareth Dale, the Associate Head of the Department of Social and Political Sciences, spoke to year 8 about the historical and political climates which led to the Berlin Wall's inception, creation, and ultimate destruction.

On Tuesday, some incredibly sporty and brilliant year 8's joined in an athletics fixture. I am always so proud to hear how well behaved, mature, and respectful year 8 are during these kinds of events. Excellent effort from Elena A, Elena E, Daisy H, Zaynab, Rose B, Lola, Marnie, Elsie, Nittai, Gabriel S, Gabriel T, Nischay, Koki, & Luca C!

On Tuesday, students were given the opportunity to continue their learning on gender identity and sexual orientation. Students learned about what LGBTQIA stood for, represented, and why PRIDE is so important to so many people. We discussed protected characteristics as well as the legality of discriminatory language and behaviour.

On Thursday, all of year 8 took part in a Romeo & Juliet workshop. Students are learning about this iconic play in English and our very own Ms Bailey arranged for students to re-create and learn about the story with an external workshop visiting us.

On Friday, Ms Gillham took an assembly for year 8 to teach them about effective revision methods. With the end of year assessments coming up, it is important we support our young people with effective modes of revising. So often students are caught in a loop of spending hours "reading" "re-writing" etc. However Ms Gillham showed us how answering questions, doing little and often, and revising from a range of media can hugely benefit revision strategies.

Finally, I wanted to share a lovely photo of 8MKE who had their charity event. The money is still rolling in so I can't give the latest figures but an incredible well done to them!



★ Stars of the Week ★



Elena E who has put a huge effort into her studies as well as athletics
Princess F – outstanding maths work this week

Year 7 – Ms Ogbaselase

This week marked Whole School Monitoring and it has been excellent seeing students make the most of opportunities afforded to them both in and beyond the classroom. I was particularly impressed by 7JRA and their discussions on relationships during Tuesday's Lifelong Learning. Such powerful conversations - well done to all.

Equally lovely has been the work created on children's writing in Thematic Learning. A firm favourite in our TL curriculum map, I have always been in awe of the enthusiasm students display and the fondness with which they recall reading in their early years; this year was no different. Upcoming is our visit to Holy Trinity where selected pupils will share their books with younger students. I look forward to updating families on this soon.

Next week year7 will attend a workshop on effective study skills with Mrs Gillham in the run up to end of year assessments. I look forward to supporting your child in their preparation for this. Mr Wick and I have also arranged for year 8 students to visit year 7 assemblies so that they learn more about the next step of our journey. More on this to come.

 **Stars of the Week** 

Mae in 7NAS for an excellent return to school and trying your very best
Blake in 7JRA for providing thoughtful contributions in lessons.
Keep up the superb effort!