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Issue 11

Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

Luke 21:1 – 4 The Widow's Offering

21 As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. [2] He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. [3] "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. [4] All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

A reminder that God treasures every act of love we give, no matter how small or tired we may feel. As we serve our community and each other each day, we continue to *shine God's light through faith, nurture, and service*, trusting that He multiplies what we have to offer."

Message from Mr Catlow

On Monday, our Year 11 pupils will begin their Mock Examinations. These assessments mark an important milestone in their journey towards their GCSEs, giving them the opportunity to put their knowledge, skills, and preparation to the test in a formal exam setting.

Over recent weeks, pupils have been working diligently both in school and at home, showing real commitment and determination in their studies. On Friday, they attended their Mock Assembly, where they were guided through the examination process and reminded of the JCQ expectations they must follow. This ensured that they are fully prepared and confident about what lies ahead.

We are incredibly proud of the effort and maturity our Year 11 pupils have demonstrated so far. As they enter this exam season, we ask our whole school community to keep them in their thoughts and prayers. These mock examinations are not only a valuable practice but also an essential step in preparing them for their final GCSE journey later this academic year.

Headteacher's Pupils of The Week

Maisie S Ava-Jayne B Wendy M Amelie R Eleesa B Henry F James R Samuel B	For their remarkable Service to the school

Weekly Notices

Year 7 Blackburn Cathedral and mosque visit







Year 7 enjoyed two fantastic days of learning and exploration as they visited the Noorul Islam Mosque in Blackburn and Blackburn Cathedral. Our students represented the school brilliantly—asking thoughtful questions, engaging in meaningful discussions, and showing real curiosity throughout.



At the cathedral, pupils explored Christian symbolism and took part in a range of reflective activities focused on spirituality. A highlight of the visit was singing our school song, *Shine God's Light*, together in the beautiful cathedral space, before bringing the day to a close with our school prayer.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm, respect, and maturity during both visits. A wonderful experience all round!

Sporting News

The Year 8 boys rugby team played their first round of fixtures at Preston Grasshoppers this week. They played 3 matches and won 1. Our try scorers were Success and Rory. Star players were Isaac and Charlie.

The Year 8 football team played their Lancashire Cup football match in Ormskirk against St Bede's. Our star player was Alex Hughes who produced a fantastic display of goalkeeping and our goal scorer was Krishiv.

Pupil Leaders



As part of our school's expansion, we have been busy with staff recruitment over the past few weeks. This important process would not have been possible without the invaluable support of our pupil leaders. Representatives from both the Pupil Council and the Reading Leaders took part in the interview panels, challenging candidates to ensure they were well-suited for the roles they applied for. Our pupils were outstanding—showcasing exemplary leadership, maturity, and a strong sense of service throughout the entire process. Once contracts are signed and checks are finalised, Mr Catlow will let parents know about the successful candidates.

Pupil Success Out of School



Soraya was selected by the Lancashire U16 coach to attended the England Schools Girls U15 Northern trials at Cochrane Park, Newcastle.

Girls had to arrive in their school uniform early on the Sunday morning. During the trial she was competing against some of the best U15 players from across the North of England. It was an amazing experience, showing true resilience and determination despite being ill the day before!

The next step would be the regional festival in the new year, where the potential North squad would play against other regions. Fingers crossed but Soraya is truly happy to of been nominated a year ahead of time!

Uniform Standards

As our pupils represent the school both inside and outside the gates, wearing the correct uniform plays an important role in maintaining our high standards. A smart appearance reflects pride in our school community, shows respect for themselves and others, and helps pupils to be recognised as ambassadors of our values when they are out in the wider community.

We are very grateful for your continued support in ensuring that pupils arrive each day looking smart and ready to learn. By working together, we help our young people understand the importance of presenting themselves well and carrying the school's reputation with confidence. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been working with pupils to ensure that when they leave school they are looking just as smart. The pupils have responded to our requests really positively and we have seen a significant improvement.

Thank you once again for your partnership in upholding these standards—it makes a real difference. When we get the little things right, the big things naturally follow.

Year 9 Parents' Evening – Thursday 4th December

Next week, Year 9 pupils will be able to book appointments for our upcoming Parents' Evening on **Thursday 4th December**. While every Parents' Evening is valuable, this one is particularly significant as Year 9 pupils will be selecting their OPTIONS in the New Year.

This evening provides an important opportunity to celebrate your child's successes so far, discuss their progress, and gain further insight into the GCSE options available to them as they begin to shape the next stage of their education.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend, as your involvement and support play a vital role in helping pupils prepare confidently for the challenges ahead

Year 11 Silent Revision Room

Time: 3:00–4:30pm

A quiet space to focus, revise, and prepare. Whether you're reviewing notes, tackling past papers, or just need a calm environment to concentrate—this is your chance to make every minute count.
No distractions. No excuses. Just solid revision.

PTA events



Careers Update

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Next week is shaping up to be an exciting one for careers at Archbishop Temple Church of England High School!

We will be sharing a range of opportunities for pupils to explore their future pathways, including forthcoming college and sixth form open events, apprenticeship opportunities, and resources available through *Unifrog*.

Pupils can also find out more about local and national careers initiatives taking place throughout the term.

We encourage everyone to get involved, ask questions, and make the most of these experiences as they plan their next steps.

Please see the attached **Weekly Careers Bulletin** for full details and links to upcoming events and opportunities designed to help you on your career journey.

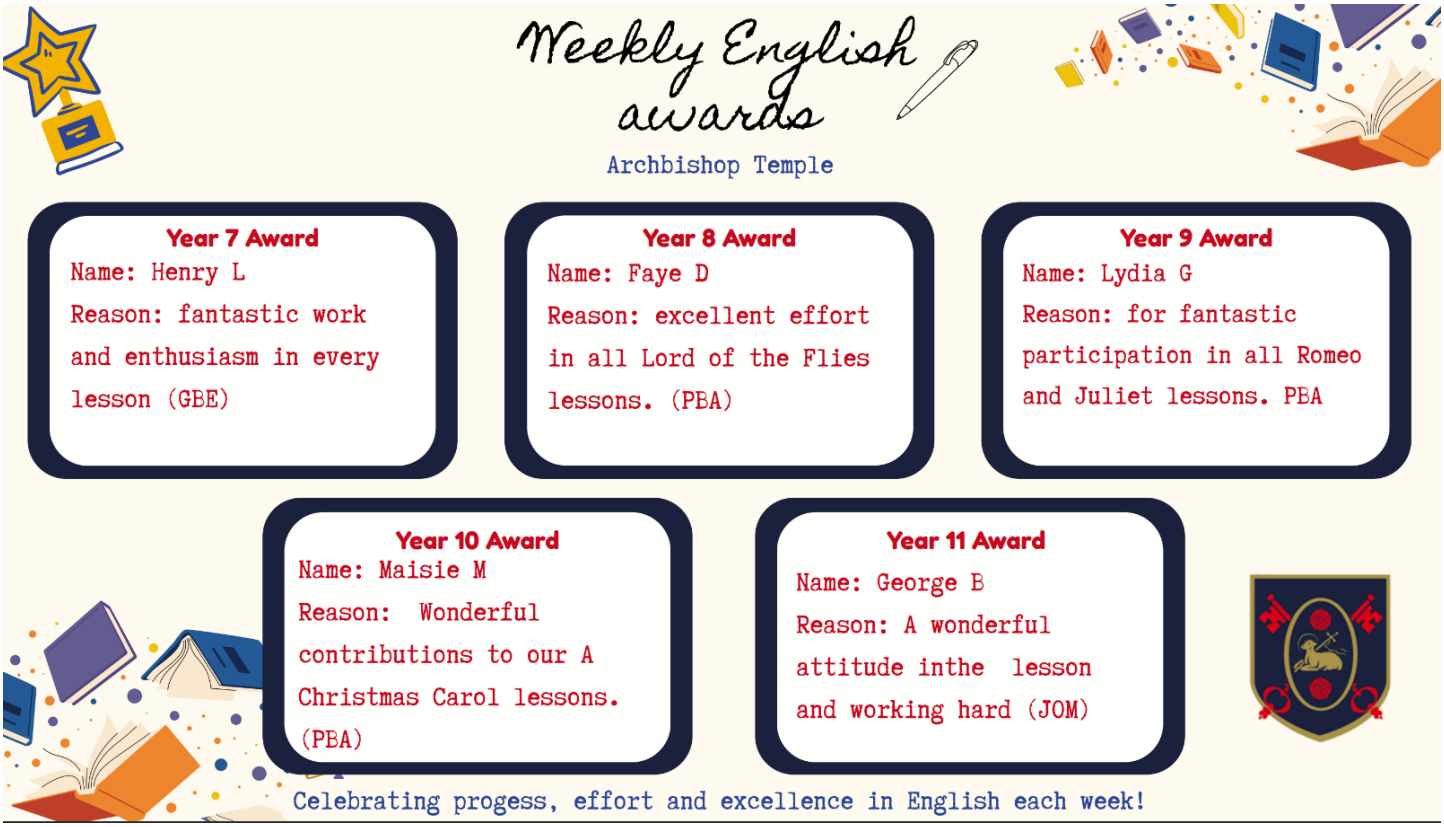
Careers - Next Week:

Year 10 one-to-one careers appointments are currently being scheduled. Pupils will receive notifications regarding the date and time of their individual careers meeting.



Subject News

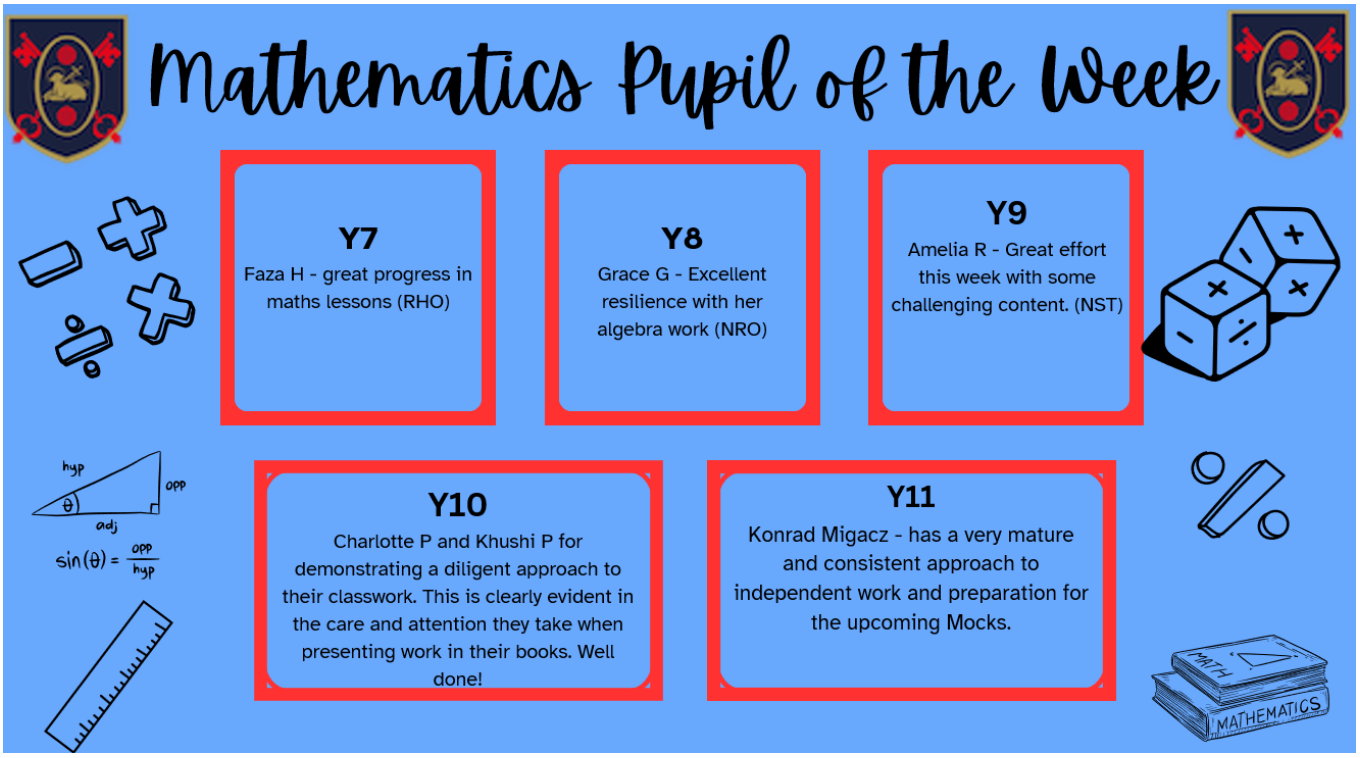
English



Business Studies



Maths





Important Dates for your Diary

Parent's Evenings

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
12th March	15th January	4th December	26th February	22nd January