



## YOUNG ARCHER

### We're on the map!

Geography students from Christ's College Finchley ventured out into the urban wilds of the High Road as part of their year of fieldwork. They plotted routes, looked for the impact of immigration and urban growth as well as taking part in a challenge by spotting specific places and labelling them on an OS map of East Finchley. Their fieldwork observations were supported by Geographical Information Systems back in the classroom.

Christ's College Finchley has just been awarded the prestigious Secondary Geography Quality Mark by the Geographical Association for the year 2015-2016. The badge recognizes excellence, good learning and creative teaching.



Taking bearings: Christ's College pupils in the High Road



Smart moves: The Coldfall Chess Under-9s.

### Chess teams make their moves

The Under-9 and the Under-11 chess teams at Coldfall Primary School have both qualified for the semi-finals of the National Primary Schools' Chess Championships to be held at Pontins Camber Sands in East Sussex in May.

The teams won through qualifying rounds at The Hall School in Hampstead at the end of February, the Under-9s

coming fifth and the Under-11s coming third.

Team member Frankie Badacsonyi, aged nine, said: "I think everyone did really well and they should be proud of themselves. Our best round was the second round. In the last round we were under pressure and we had to win all our games to qualify. I cannot wait to go to Pontins and hopefully we can move on to the finals."

Head teacher Evelyn Davis said: "We are so proud of each and every member of the chess teams and the whole school is backing them for the national finals this summer."

The Under-9 team is Max Bird (captain), Max Pollack, Harry Collins, Archie Mullen, Sammy Bird and Joe Balint Kurti. The Under-11 team is Lucas Mottram (captain), Max Sprung, Zaki Bawany, Daniel Shapiro, Frankie Badacsonyi and Arthur Baker.

## Drama queens (and kings) take the crown

Young actors from the Archer Academy won first prize at the Welwyn Youth Drama Festival with their performance of the ancient Greek drama Medea. Here Rio J, who played Medea, takes us backstage.

Medea is a classic Greek tragedy, involving lust, loss, death, betrayal, fear and heartbreak. It was quite an ambitious piece to give to 11-14 year olds but once we got to know each other and the play, we felt confident and prepared.

The first few weeks of rehearsals were a struggle, I'd have to admit. As it was Greek theatre there was a big focus on the chorus. Every time a teacher poked their head in they had a look of pure astonishment on their face.

It was rough at first, not everyone realised how much they were going to have to do to make

this piece work. Of course it was worth it, the outcome was beyond phenomenal. At the end of it we all were looking at drama from a completely different angle.

#### No turning back

On the day of the competition, I'd never seen energy bouncing off Archer students like that before. When we got there, we had a spacing run and then made sure the costumes were on right with the appropriate accessories. After that we tried to calm down a bit.

Before we knew it, we were being rushed onto the stage and

hushed as we stood behind the curtains. We listened to a brief introduction and waited for the curtains to rise, because we knew the minute they did, there would be no turning back. As I caught my first glimpse of the audience, I clicked into role and dropped to the floor.

Our teachers Miss Randall, Miss Rodford and Mr Dean stretched the whole cast and were as stressed and nervous as the rest of us. I'm proud to say that my school won the Welwyn Youth Drama Festival and I cannot wait for next year's competition.



Greek tragedy: The cast of Medea

### Register to vote

Eligible residents have until Monday 18 April to register to vote in the elections for the Mayor of London and the London Assembly that take place on Thursday 5 May.

Changes to the voter registration system brought in by the government last year mean that new potential voters are now personally responsible for registering themselves because the previous "head of household" registration system has been abolished.

If you are a young person aged 16 or 17 you can already register to vote and if you turn 18 on or before May 5 you will be able to vote on election day, so long as you have registered by 18 April.

Registering is a five-minute online process at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) or you can contact Barnet's Electoral Registration team by phone on 020 8359 5577 or by email at: [ero@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:ero@barnet.gov.uk).

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