



Academy head leaves for new horizons

By Diana Cormack

At the end of the summer term the Archer Academy will be saying goodbye to headteacher Mick Quigley. He has long been involved in the free school's development, supporting the proposal from a group of East Finchley residents for a mixed, non-religious secondary school from the outset, before beginning his two years as its first leader.

Mr Quigley told *THE ARCHER*: "My wife and I will be relocating to Malaysia in September where she will be taking up a post as headteacher of an International Elementary school."

Next phase

In a message on the Academy's website, he said: "The school is now firmly established, with a strong, experienced team in place; and a new era is about to begin with the opening of the Stanley Road campus in September. It therefore feels like the right time for me to move on to my next challenge, and for the school to recruit a successor who will lead them through this exciting next phase and beyond."

Chair of governors Avis Johns said: "Mick has been a fantastic first leader of the Archer Academy. The knowl-



Saying goodbye: Mick Quigley

edge he brought to us from his time at Barnet, as well as his many years as a headteacher, meant he was the ideal candidate to head up the first phase of our school."

The academy opened in Beaumont Close behind East Finchley station in September 2013. From this September, the school's Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be housed in the Stanley Road campus, with current deputy head Lucy Harrison taking on the role of interim headteacher.

Primary school moves in

The academy has also announced that its Beaumont Close premises will be a temporary home for Alma Primary School for the 2015-2016 academic year. Alma, a state primary for Jewish children and those of other faiths, is currently waiting for its new premises to be built in Whetstone.

Cake baker rises to the challenge!

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Cake baking is a big hit on TV and there's an ever-growing taste for highly decorative and delicious-looking creations. This is not only the case for those made in the home for family and friends, but also those sold for public consumption.

A young graduate from a prestigious French cookery school is making the best of both worlds, with a catering-from-home business in her kitchen on Fortis Green. Kirstie Taylor studied at Le Cordon Bleu in Bloomsbury Square, graduating in March 2015. She had previously gained a degree in fashion and photography at the London College of Fashion but a love of cake making fostered when she was growing up in Jersey soon took precedence.

Kirstie told *THE ARCHER* that living in East Finchley reminds her of the quiet, friendly community she enjoyed on the island, where friends and neighbours used to benefit from her baking skills.

She has been developing her own recipes and uses only the finest ingredients for her business Flour Patisserie Ltd., making cakes, cupcakes, tarts, entremets (multi-layered, multi-textured desserts) and miniature layer bakes. There is also a bespoke cake design service where you can contact the company with your own ideas and requirements and they will bring them to life. Cakes are delivered to the customer's door in travel zones 1-3 and in East Finchley delivery is free.

More to come

Soon on the list of products will be wedding cakes, macarons and modern tarts and there



Kirstie Taylor at Flour Patisserie. Photo Mike Coles

are plans for a patisserie locally, offering breakfast and light meals. This pastry shop will have a glass screen through which customers will be able to see all the cakes being made. Contact [hello@](mailto:hello@flourpatisserie.co.uk)

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5k in the pool

Congratulations to Naomi Mahmud who swam 200 lengths, that's 5km, of non-stop crawl during a charity swimathon for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Naomi, 28, of Fortis Green, has raised £2,500 so far for the charity that cared for her father Dr Salim Mahmud before he passed away in 2013. Naomi's family send a big thank you to everyone who has donated so far and invite new donors to add to her total at <http://my.swimathon.org/sponsor/naomi>

Writers and readers rejoice

This year's Finchley Literary Festival runs across five days, taking in 18 events at libraries and other venues, most of them free.

The programme includes writing workshops and author events, a guided literary walk, a slideshow and a poetry and music evening, with the closing event featuring readings from a number of new local published authors and guests.

Among the guests is Mike Carey, whose acclaimed book *The Girl With All the Gifts* features a post-apocalyptic Finchley! Journalist JP O'Malley will interview Mike

on his work. Warning: There will be zombies.

Other events include Jen Campbell talking about *The Bookshop Book*, a celebration of bookshops around the world, and Katie Alford leading a writing workshop on writing fantasy fiction.

The venues for the festival are Church End Library, Hendon Lane, N3; North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N12; Friern Barnet Community Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11; Waterstones, 782 High Road, N12 and Café Buzz, 783 High Road, N12.

For the full programme visit www.finchleyliteraryfestival.blogspot.co.uk

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