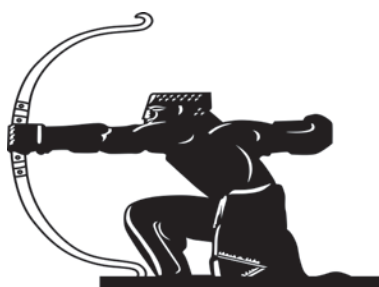


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Band on the run: The Yiddish marching band provided a mobile musical experience moving in and out of stores at East Finchley's late night shopping event in December. Turn to page 6 for more photos from the event.

Academy opens new consultation on admissions

By Neil McNaughton

Parents and other interested parties are being invited to contribute their opinions on a revised set of admissions arrangements for the Archer Academy in East Finchley, to take effect from 2018.

The new consultation document has been drawn up after the original proposals were broadly approved by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA) but with a request for some adjustments.

The OSA accepted the Academy's original principle of nominating specific primary schools as feeders

to which a set number of guaranteed places would be offered. These schools therefore remain Brookland and Garden Suburb schools in NW11 and Manorside and Tudor schools in N3. There are some changes to the allocation of places reserved for pupils from these schools.

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Farewell to George

There was a global outpouring of grief for one of East Finchley's most famous sons George Michael who died peacefully at his home in Oxfordshire on Christmas Day aged 53.

The singer-songwriter, one half of Wham! before a massively successful solo career, was born on 25 June 1963 in a flat above the parade of shops and cafes in the middle of Church Lane, N2. His restaurateur father later moved

the family to Kingsbury where George went to school.

His friend Sir Elton John called him "the kindest, most generous soul and a brilliant artist" and his death was mourned by fans around the world.

Right: Tributes for George Michael outside his Highgate home.
Photo by Alison Roberts



Third arrest in murder hunt

Officers investigating the murders of Annie Besala Ekofo, and her nephew Bervil Kalikaka-Ekofo, who were shot in Mrs Besala's flat in Elmshurst Crescent, have arrested

a third person. A 23-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of murder on 8 December. He has been bailed to return in early February pending further enquiries.

In September, Obina Ezeoke, 24, of no fixed address was charged with two counts of murder. He is due to appear at the Old Bailey for trial on 13 March 2017. A 20-year-old man remains on bail and is due to return in early February.

Detective Chief Inspector Andrew Partridge continues to lead the investigation and is still keen to hear from anyone with information about the incident. He can be contacted via the incident room on 020 8358 0300, or to remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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