ARCHIVES ACTIVITY SESSION

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WHAT ARE ARCHIVES?

- paperwork
- video clips
- emails
- photographs
- registers
- Instagram posts
- brochures

Record or evidence of the activities of a person or an organisation

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RECORDS MADE BY A PERSON

- Song lyrics
- Concert recordings
- Passport
- Album cover artwork
- Medical notes
RECORDS MADE BY AN ORGANISATION

- Building maps
- Health posters
- Staff files
- Bank statements
- Official letters
Evidence of what has happened – needs to be taken care of
Kept in an archive and looked after by trained archivists

Physical care – we make sure the evidence is:
• Safe and secure – no stealing!
• Not going to be eaten by bugs
• Not going mouldy
• Not going to fall apart

Intellectual care – we make sure the evidence is:
• Listed so we know what is there
• Available for people to look at
• Arranged into helpful order
• Shared with people who are interested
Given to Special Collections by Baroness Doreen Lawrence, Stephen’s mother, who is Chancellor of the University

Includes:
- personal items from Stephen’s childhood
- paperwork relating to the Lawrence family campaign for justice
  - photographs
  - newspaper and magazine articles
  - event programmes

These records are evidence of the life of Stephen, what happened when he was murdered, how his family fought for justice, and the charity and good work done in his name.
The archives Stephen has left behind show him living his best life – as a loving son and brother, as a hardworking student, as an athlete and artist.

We ALL make archives in our daily lives.

How can we make sure that our archives reflect us living our best lives?

What would you put in your archive box to show people who you are?

- Photos of your family
- Snapchats from your best mate
- A school project you were really proud of
- Cinema tickets from your first date
What's in **your** archive box?