



HEADLINES

Friends of Charles Darwin School

The Friends of Charles Darwin School held their first meeting of the new academic year last week. As most of us will appreciate the Friends group has worked incredibly hard over the years to support the school in a variety of ways. Each year they raise a significant sum of money that goes towards enhancing our provision in key areas.

This year the Friends group is going to be led by a new chairperson - Gillian Simons; my congratulations to Gillian and sincere thanks for taking on the mantle in support of our school.

My thanks also to Dave Langford the outgoing Chair who has supported the school so well during his tenure. My thanks also go to all the other members of the Friends who continue to support the school year in, year out. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you.

Riding high

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Hodgkinson who has been selected to represent the Southern Region at the British Dressage Senior Home International 2016 in Boston [Lincolnshire] over this weekend. This bestows the honour of competing wearing the George Cross.

On behalf of the staff and students at the school I would like to wish her, and of course her horse Woody the very best of luck.

I am sure it will be a fantastic and memorable experience.

Sunil Chotai

Sports Awards

Thursday, 6 October 2016
7:00pm to 9:00pm

Refreshments will be served in the canteen before the Awards from 6:30pm.

Tickets £4.10 each are available on ParentPay. Please note students are allowed a maximum of four guests per family at this ceremony.

Karate success



Congratulations to Jamie Parker in 9GCu who attended the British Open Karate Championships earlier this month. The Championships feature all styles of karate and competitors from across Great Britain took part.

Jamie narrowly missed getting into the finals and won the bronze medal for kumite (fighting). She fought amazingly well and is now ranked third in Great Britain for girls aged 12-13 years old. Jamie then went on to fight in the team event and the team won silver.

“Jamie started training with me at the age of 7,” explained her karate teacher, Sensei Mikki Gardner. “She is a very dedicated student who trains consistently hard and helps with teaching younger students. She also achieved her black belt over the summer holidays after years of hard work. I am immensely proud.”

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Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 3 to Friday 7 October 2016:

3 October 2016—late start for students—9:30am

3 to 9 October 2016—Dyslexia Awareness Week

4 to 7 October 2016—Open Week tours at 8:45am

6 October 2016—Sports Awards

Forthcoming events

11 October 2016—GCSE and AS/A Level Art and Design and Textiles collection of work day

12 October 2016—Governors' Open Morning

14 October 2016—Year 10 art trip to the Science Museum

14 October 2016—Business Studies trip to Thorpe Park

19 October 2016—Year 7 settling in tea

19 October 2016—E-safety talk for parents 6:00pm

20 October 2016—Sixth Form Pink Day

21 October 2016—INSET day—school closed to pupils

1 November 2016—Year 7 geography trip to London Zoo

3 November 2016—Year 7 geography trip to London Zoo

8 November 2016—Year 11 work reviews

11 November 2016—ICT in Action Conference

17 November 2016—Sixth Form Open Evening

23 November 2016—Chemistry in Action Conference

24 November 2016—Computing in Action Conference

27 November 2016—Physics in Action Conference

9 December 2016—Year 10 and 11 English trip to An Inspector Calls

13 to 15 December 2016—performances of the school production

14 December 2016—Year 8 and 9 reward trip to Jump Giants

25 January 2017—Year 13 Work Reviews

26 January 2017—Deadline for Sixth Form Applications

9 February 2017—Year 8 Options Evening

10 to 13 February—Sixth Form Photography trip to Paris

10 March 2017—Year 13 History conference

15 May 2017—start of written public examinations

14 June 2017—Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening

15 and 20 June 2017—Year 6 into 7 interviews

R8 bus service to be extended

We are pleased to announce that after extended negotiations with Transport for London and both the Go-ahead and Metrobus companies that a much larger R8 service will be introduced to run as the 'school service' in the morning.

The route will be slightly altered to accommodate the increase in size of the bus, which will be a double decker. It is essential that students tap in properly with their Oyster/Zip card so that the volume of users can be accurately monitored.

The 'hopper' R8 will run its normal service and should then provide capacity for those students who have struggled to get a place on the bus in the lanes between Green St Green bus garage and school.

It is our hope that our hard work in campaigning for this extension to the service supports the families who have endured an over-crowded service for the last few years.

We now need to ensure that students make use of the correct bus and that the students continue to conduct themselves with respect for drivers and other passengers. We have been assured that this additional service will be introduced 'very soon'.

Mr R Jones

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending

23/9/2016

Jess Bailey, Oliver Julian, Ella Bater, Maddie Foot, Rosie Lettington and Sophie Buckle from 8ASa, who were all very helpful during a week busy with preparations for Open Day.

Mrs Mills

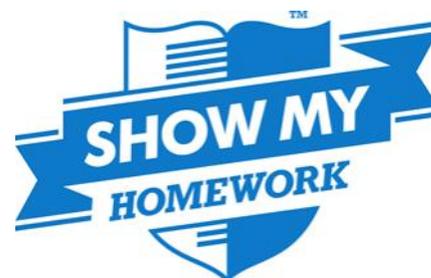
★ Geography Star of the week is awarded to Cassie Marshall. Cassie has made a very positive start to the year and is currently working extremely well on her geography coursework. Keep up the excellent work.

Mr Goss

Well done to Emily Turnham, Gemma Read, Jennifer Turnham and Lily Hudson on showing great community spirit by removing an obstruction from the road, thereby demonstrating real concern for others' safety.

Well done also to Shahab Muhammad, Tom Sharp and Jacob Haskins in Year 12 for taking the time to tend the Sixth Form garden this week.

A BIG thank you to all. Mrs Rees



Most students and many parents are now using Show My Homework successfully to view homework and helpful resources from home. All students who had not logged in last year have been re-issued with their login details this week by their form tutor. Parent login details are also on these letters. All students should have logged on to Show My Homework by the end of this half term. Login details for students who had previously used Show My Homework remain the same.

For students or parents who have smartphones, there is an app for Show My Homework which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play and makes it easy to access homework.

Ms Kelly