



# Charles Darwin School

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## HEADLINES

### Year 11 Work Reviews

My thanks to all families who attended this week's Year 11 work reviews. Certainly judging by the positive and purposeful atmosphere in the hall on Tuesday, the evening seemed to be very successful. I spoke with a number of parents who were keen to emphasise how much they appreciated the support their children are receiving from staff at this important time of their education. Indeed, I also received similar comments from some of the students themselves.

There is no doubt that at this point in the school year, the Year 11 students are expected to work exceptionally hard; whilst the summer examination season may seem a long time away, once students return from the Christmas break there will be just 15 weeks of teaching left before they sit their GCSEs. During the next few weeks all students should be spending a lot of time and energy undertaking revision and other preparations for their coming mock examinations. These are scheduled to commence on 28 November and performance in these examinations is important to get right; often the confidence gained through a good result can provide a very valuable boost for the remainder of the year's tasks.

Sunil Chotai

### Breakfast news

The canteen will stop serving breakfast at 8:15am to enable all students to get to morning registration promptly. Thank you.

### PARENTS EVENINGS 2016/17

- Year 12: 24 November 2016
- Year 13: 24 November 2016
- Year 11: 19 January 2017
- Year 8: 9 February 2017
- Year 9: 9 March 2017
- Year 10: 26 April 2017
- Year 7: 3 May 2017

## Year 7 Charity Christmas Fair



Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity

Year 7 will be hosting a Charity Christmas Fair on Friday 9 December from 3:15pm to 4:30pm. There will be a variety of stalls with handmade decorations and Christmas cards, Christmas treats, tombolas and refreshments will be available (supplied by the Friends).

Year 7 Student Voice would appreciate any donations of chocolate and bottles for the tombola stands and pine cones (to be given in to the Year 7 office by Friday 2nd December).

Year 7 parents are welcome to show their support by attending this event. Those attending will be given a free raffle ticket on entry in return for a donation. Thank you in advance of your support.

### Plan ahead

Secondary school is a time when students develop greater independence and learn how to take responsibility for themselves in various areas of their life. This includes planning to be at school on time and ready for the lessons that day. All students, with your help if needed, should be bringing in their PE kit and homework on the right day and ensuring that, if they have to leave school early for an appointment, this is documented in their planner.

Please help by making sure that any absences are notified via planners in advance. If an item must be left at reception for any reason the student will need to come to collect it independently.

Due to the sheer volume of messages at main reception, we are no longer able to give students messages during the school day as this disturbs the flow of the lesson and the focus and learning of the whole class.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

### Early close

On Wednesday 16 November teachers from several Bromley secondary schools will be taking part in the Neighbourhood INSET; undertaking inter-school staff training on a wide range of subjects. To facilitate this, the School will need to close slightly early after Period 5 at 2:10pm.

We will be hosting teacher training sessions here in Dance and Sociology with staff from other Bromley schools, who in turn will be hosting other subject specialisms. I apologise if this early close causes any inconvenience.

The school minibus service and the 664 bus service will run at this earlier time but unfortunately there will be no change to the scheduled R8 timetable. Please make alternative arrangements for your child if you need to. Thank you.

Mr Chotai



**Congratulations** to Isaac Blunt in 7FLf who attended the Talent Games in Leeds in October.

*see over for more details.*

## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

**Monday 14 to Friday 18 November 2016:**

14 to 18 November 2016—Year 7 Anti-bullying week activities

17 November 2016—Sixth Form Open Evening

18 November 2016—Year 12 photography trip to London

18 November 2016—Year 7 choir to perform at Polhill Garden Centre

### Forthcoming events

23 November 2016—Chemistry in Action Conference

24 November 2016—Year 13 Computing in Action Conference

24 November 2016—Year 12/13 parents' evening

26 November 2016—Senior choir to perform at Biggin Hill High Street

30 November 2016—Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church

2 December 2016—Year 7 Choir to sing at Waitrose

5 December 2016—Year 13 Physics in Action Conference

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

9 December 2016—Year 7 Christmas Charity Fair 3:15pm to 4:30pm.

12 to 15 December 2016—performances of the school production

*from front page*

The Talent Games is a tough competition involving testing strength, condition and technique in both the diving pool and the gym. After a very tough competition including diving and floor exercises [pictured], Isaac was placed 17th out of 64 divers from across the country.

He performed well and managed to hold his nerve against stiff competition. Well done.



## Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending**  
4/11/2016

Sarah Hudson, George Jones, Alfie Hudson and Chloe Bevan from 8RBr  
**Mrs Mills**

★ **Geography Star of the Week** is awarded to Nyah Sawyer in 7CAh: she has been working very hard in Geography and produced some very good work.  
**Miss Partridge**

★ **History Star of the Week** is awarded to Ayishia Green in 7RBn: a fantastic student who has made a brilliant start to Year 7. All homework is well-researched and completed to a very high standard. Her assessment on the Battle of Hastings was good, and she took time to make improvements to help her grade. Ayishia is a lovely student to have in the classroom. Keep up the good work.  
**Mr Allen**

**Well done** to everyone who took part in the trampolining competition last week [see picture below]. Particular congratulations to the Year 8 team, which came second and to Kelsey Pullin in Year 8 who came third in the individual competition. Overall it was a very good performance by all. Well done.  
**Mrs Wray**

