



30/6/2017

# The Link Charles Darwin School

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## HEADLINES

### Driven by Consequences

On Wednesday we held the annual Driven by Consequences day which was extremely powerful in its message to young people about the consequences of dangerous driving. The event was organised by the Sixth Form team for our Year 12 students who attended a series of workshops throughout the day run by twenty five members of the emergency services. The sessions had a huge impact both on the students and the staff who were also present.

### Rounders Tournaments

Congratulations to the Year 9 rounders team who came second in this year's Bromley Schools Rounders Tournament. The tournaments, superbly organised by Mrs Wray, were held at our school with over 60 teams from 18 schools within the Borough taking part. I understand the girls played exceptionally well and were only narrowly beaten in the final. Well done to all the students who took part who were a credit to our school.

### Sixth Form Ball

This year's Sixth Form Ball held last Friday at Cherry Lodge Golf Club was a super occasion. It was really good to see our sixth formers and members of staff (both past and present) saying their farewells to our Year 13 students. The atmosphere during the evening was super, positive, vibrant and full of positive emotion. Our students handled themselves maturely during the extensive celebrations and merrymaking. My very best wishes to them for the future. **Sunil Chotai**

### WANTED

#### Parent volunteers

We need a dedicated team of volunteers to make costumes for the school production next term: performances are in December. If you are interested and can help, please email Miss Currie, Head of Expressive Arts on: [gcu@cdarwin.com](mailto:gcu@cdarwin.com). Thank you.

### Students create swan sculpture from recycled plastic during Rivers of the World project



*"Rivers of the World, the Thames Festival Trust's flagship art and education project, is delivered in partnership with the British Council and it has been inspiring pupils and teachers in countries across the world since 2006. The project enables young people to explore and celebrate their local environment, learn about other cultures and engage with global issues. It also provides fantastic opportunities for pupils to work with talented professional artists to create amazing pieces of artwork for public display in London and other cities around the world."*

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, 17 selected students from Year 8 took part in the Rivers of the World project, working off-timetetable during a two day workshop with Shona Keith - a visiting artist - and members of teaching staff from the art department.

The 'Rivers of the World' project is designed to connect classrooms across the world by focussing on a river close to them. Charles Darwin School is partnered with Yaba College of Technology, in Lagos, Nigeria.

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"During two preparation sessions we explored the Thames - finding out key information and historical facts about the functions of the river," explains Miss Miller, head of creative arts..

"We have also considered the impact humans have on the river and more importantly how our use of plastics is impacting on the different types of species in the river. We decided to focus our piece of art on the amount of discarded plastic which is now sadly often found inside wildlife."

The group used only recycled materials to create beautiful heat pressed feathers which in turn were combined to construct an elegant swan coming in from flight.

"The students worked impeccably as a team, which is often a hard skill to master," continued Miss Miller. "They spoke maturely about the issues raised, at the same time as having to problem-solve and learn to eliminate less successful pieces for the good of the final sculpture."

All the individual pieces made were photographed and will form part of a 2D image. This piece of art will then be exhibited along the Southbank, London during the summer months, as well as along the River in Lagos. Students will also be invited to a private view in City Hall - home of the mayor of London in early September. Keep an eye out for more information on this project and where you can see the piece of art and a big thank you to all involved.

**Well done** to Kiera Ardley, Jessica Barton, Scarlett Brazier, Thomas Brown, Rebecca Cook, Eloise Dedier, Layla Edwards, Nicole Ingleby, Sky Kilby, Madison Lambert, Emmanuel Obeng-Boateng, Morgan Shepherd, Jamie Simpson, Paula Szczyrba, Tania Tsanova, Amelie Warner, Isabel Wilkins and Abby Williams for their amazing work on the Rivers of the World project.

## LOCKERS

**Advance reminder** that all lockers should be emptied before the end of term as they are cleaned out during the summer holidays and anything left in them will be disposed of.

Thank you.



## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

**Monday 3 to Friday 7 July**

**3 July 2017 — Year 11 into 12 taster day**

**3 July 2017 — Friends meeting**

**3 July 2017 — Year 11 into 12 Parents' Information Evening 6.45pm followed by**

**3 July 2017 — Year 11 into 12 Zanzibar meeting**

**4 July 2017 — Year 6 CATs tests**

**4 July 2017 — Year 9 Young Enterprise finals in Telford**

**4 to 6 July 2017 — Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition**

**6 July 2017 — Year 6 singles day**

**7 July 2017 — Sports day**

## Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending**

**23/6/2017**

Annia King and Demi Howes  
from 8SCU

**Mrs Mills**

**Congratulations** to Abigail Parker (10NKO/LBr) for her very creative flyer for the Year 11 ball. Her work was shortlisted from a number of entries and chosen for its highly imaginative and artistic design.

**Mr Kothari**

**WANTED: Cleaning Staff (£11.00 per hour)** We are looking to appoint a number of cleaning staff from September 2017 to join our committed Site Team. Various hours are available and will be between 2.30 pm – 7.30 pm Monday – Friday during term time. Some additional hours may be available during school holidays. Applicants should complete the non-teaching staff application form on our website ([www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com)) and return this to Julie Hodgkinson, Personnel & Administration Manager by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

*Charles Darwin School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to a DBS Enhanced Disclosure and full background checks.*

**Congratulations** to the following students on their positive attitude and effort in art lessons this year:

**Year 7:** Pacey Roseman, Zara Effrim-Botchey, Jessie Anderson, Amber Boswell, Jay Maloy, Isabel Doyle, Leila Lagder, Oluwatobi Abiodun, Isabella Antepim, Emmalouise Burgess, Leon Hickman, Lilly-Rose Hudson, Amelie Morbey, Abigail Parker, Emily Turnham, Poppy Boost, Oscar Godwin, Ruby Mitchell, Alexander Wilkinson, Leigha Wilson, Thea D'Apice, Isabella Clark, Havana Garcia, Olivia Gewitzke, Nyah Sawyer, William Seddon, Tallulah

Botton, Holly Doyle, Connor Gifford, Elley Hollman and Yazmin Cazalet-Smith.

**Year 8:** Jean Batt, Daisy Angolini, Keeley Young, Rebecca Cook, Amelie Warner, Kayleigh Jennings, Madison Lambert, Rhian Taylor, Kelsey Pullin, Sophie Roberts, Oliver Goodchild, Layla Ferguson, Kiera Ardley, Abby Williams, Abigail Muckle, Barton, Jessica, Jones, Freya, Turner, Katie, Courtney Barnett, Kaya Bird, Shannon Bowles, Scarlett Brazier, Drew Gerry, Summer Hirst, Rosie Lettington, Ella Bater, Chloe Holden, Sky Kilby, Tiffany Smith, Rachel Barnes,

Madeline Dunmore, Kirsten Hollands, Eleanor Reilly, Elly Scott, Paula Szczyrba and Erin Williams.

**Year 9:** Abbie Summerscales, Elise Brenton, Chloe Walker, Grace Burgess, Rhianna Eastwood, Molly Newall, Paige Davey, Princess Ampofo and Jade Helps.

**Year 10:**

Andrea Owusu-Adane Darkoh, Sancha Roa Avendano, Lucy Glossop, Lucie Poole, Lillie Squires, Jess Hooley, Robyn Codali, Angel Onye, Aisha Imbacus, Ciara Fleming, Emma Frith, James Pinnington, Elsie Roffey and Dylan Thorn.

## Creative Explosion

On Wednesday 23 June the school library was once again convincingly transformed into a professional exhibition space for the annual Creative Explosion private view to celebrate the work of our students from across the creative subjects; art, photography, media studies, design and technology and textiles.

The exhibition took a slightly different format this year as the team was keen to represent the 'explosive' nature of our students' work. Students and their parents were invited to see their work presented in a formal setting. The pieces on display represent numerous hours of work and demonstrate the talent, commitment and determination of our pupils here at Charles Darwin School.

