



Autumn 2017

Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

TERM DATES 2017-18

Autumn 2017

Tuesday 5 September – Thursday 19 October
Half Term Monday 23 – Friday 27 October
Tuesday 31 October – Wednesday 20 December

Spring 2018

Wednesday 3 January – Friday 9 February
Half Term Monday 12 – Friday 16 February
Monday 19 February – Thursday 29 March

Summer 2018

Monday 16 April – Friday 25 May
May Day – Monday 7 May
Half Term Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June
Monday 4 June – Friday 20 July

INSET Days (School closed to pupils)

Monday 4 September 2017

Friday 20 October 2017

Monday 30 October 2017

Tuesday 2 January 2018

Monday 26 February 2018

Notes:

Good Friday 30 March 2018

Easter Monday 2 April 2018

Other important dates:

31 August and 1 September—Year 12 induction interviews
5 September 2017—Year 7, Year 13 prefects and Year 12 enrolment
6 September 2017—all years in school
11 to 15 September 2017—Auditions for the school production
18 September 2017—Friends cheese and wine evening at 7:00pm in the hub: ALL WELCOME
14 September 2017—Presentation evening
20 September 2017—UCAS parents information evening
21 September 2017—Year 11 parents information evening
26 September 2017—Year 9 finance workshop
29 September 2017—Early close for Open Morning
30 September 2017—Open Morning
2 October 2017—late start for students
2 October 2017—Friends meeting at 7:00pm in the hub—ALL WELCOME
3 to 6 October 2017—Open Week
5 October 2017—Sports Awards
18 October 2017—Year 7 settling in tea
19 October 2017—Sixth Form Pink Day
Friday 20 October 2017—INSET
23 to 27 October 2017—Half term
Monday 30 October 2017—INSET
6 November 2017—Friends meeting at 7:00pm in the hub—ALL WELCOME
7 November 2017—Year 11 work reviews
16 November 2017—Sixth Form Open Evening
4 December 2017—Friends meeting at 7:00pm in the hub—ALL WELCOME
11 to 14 December 2017—performances of the school production
15 December 2017—Christmas jumper Day
26 January 2018—deadline for Sixth Form Applications
1 March 2018—Year 8 Options Evening
7 March 2018—Year 9 Parents Evening
13 June 2018—Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening

PARENTS EVENINGS 2017/18

Year 12: 30 November 2017

Year 13: 30 November 2017

Year 11: 18 January 2018

Year 8: 7 February 2018

Year 9: 7 March 2018

Year 12: 27 March 2018 [2]

Year 13: 27 March 2018 [2]

Year 10: 3 May 2018

Year 7: 16 May 2018

Sixth Form applications for 2018

The open evening for entry to Sixth Form is on

Thursday 16 November 2017

times to be confirmed

Applications must be submitted with references attached.

Closing date: 26 January 2018

Open Morning 2017

Saturday 30 September 9.45am—12.30pm

Headteacher's talks at 9.45am and 11.30am

Open Week:

Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 October

A guided tour of the school in action at 08.45am followed by a talk from the Headteacher at 09.30am.

Achievement Co-ordinators and Pastoral Managers for 2017-2018

Year 7 ACo: Mr Tracy

Transition Managers: Miss Allum and Mrs Wheeler

Year 8 ACo: Mr Lamb

Year 9 ACo: Miss Curwood

Year 8 and 9 Pastoral Manager: Mrs Haywood

Year 10 ACo: Mrs Tsang

Year 11 ACo: Mr Tilley

Year 10 and 11 Pastoral Manager: Mrs Gater

Head of Year 12: Mrs Furness

Head of Year 13: Mr Goss

Head of Sixth Form: Mrs Kearney

Learning Development

Learning Development runs a drop-in session for parents between 8:00am and 8:45am every Tuesday morning.

Parents must report to reception first.

With a little help from our Friends

Volunteers wanted

Charles Darwin School is extremely fortunate to have the support of the Friends - a committed and active organisation which works hard to raise important additional funds for the school.

New members and fresh ideas are always welcome, so please join us.

Please contact Gillian Simons, chair of the Friends, for more information on gilliansimons@hotmail.com.

If you are shopping on-line over the coming months for a new holiday wardrobe, please remember that Charles Darwin School is registered with the Giving Machine at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk. If you choose to donate while internet shopping there is no charge to you but retailers will pay a percentage of your purchases to the school.

Thank you from The Friends

Attend today: achieve tomorrow
Congratulations to Year 7 student Millie Richardson, who won the iPad Pro in the 100% attendance draw for 2016/2017. Any pupil who had a 100% attendance in a term was entered, meaning many individuals had three chances of winning. The main hall was filled with pupils keen to see if their name was drawn as the winner by Mrs Fitzgerald who is leaving the school this summer. Millie was not there to hear her name called as she was on the residential trip to France.

A very big well done to all pupils who had at least one term of 100% attendance and to Millie in particular on winning the prize.

Mrs Rees

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Celebration of Success assemblies will be held on Friday 21 July.

Years 7—9 are expected in school at the usual time in full, correct school uniform. Year 10 attend by invitation only and pupils will be dismissed at intervals during the course of the morning as follows:

Year 10 dismissed at 10.20am

Year 9 dismissed at 11.30am

Years 7/8 dismissed at 12:15pm

The bus services have been informed and school buses will adjust their times accordingly.

Darwin Leisure Centre



Summer opening hours
2017 as term time

Gym membership:
£25 per month

**A variety of private classes,
facilities and pitch hire is
available**

Enquiries to 01959 540606
or email:

leisurecentre@cdarwin.com

Urgent health matters

Please ensure you keep your contact details up to date in case of an emergency and let the school know if your child has any medical conditions. Spare, in-date asthma inhalers and epipens should be brought in to school in September. Help us to keep your child safe.

Consent for photographs

If you do not wish your child's photograph to appear on the website, in the Link or local papers, to illustrate the breadth and variety of our curriculum and extra-curricular activities, please make sure you have told your child and made them aware that they must remove themselves from any photographs. Thank you.

PRESENTATION EVENING Thursday 14th September

The current Year 11, 12 and 13 students and their parents are cordially invited to attend Presentation Evening to celebrate exam results and academic achievement.

The evening will start with drinks and canapés at 6:15pm in the canteen.

The ceremony will begin at 7:15pm in the main hall and should be concluded by approximately 8:45pm

Please email kal@cdarwin.com to confirm you will be attending.

Year 7 Settling in Tea and e-safety presentation

18 October 2017 3.15pm—6.00pm

All Year 7 pupils, their parents and carers are invited to a "Settling in Tea" to meet form tutors and other staff members.

Cakes will be sold in aid of the Year 7 charity.