



10.05.2019

# The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## HEADLINES

### Year 10 and Year 7 Parents' Evening

My thanks to all families who attended the recent Year 10 and Year 7 parents' evenings. Both last week's Year 10 evening and this week's Year 7 evening seemed to go very well. Parental attendance at both evenings was excellent; 96% of parents attended the Year 7 evening and my congratulations to the families of 7WCa who achieved 100% attendance.

The Year 10 evening recorded its best ever attendance at 85%.

On both occasions it was really pleasing to have several conversations with parents who expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the way that individual staff were working with their children.

### Student Attendance 2018-19

Just before the Easter break we submitted to the Department for Education our school attendance figures for the period September 2018 – April (Easter) 2019. These figures are the official figures that are taken into consideration when assessing a school's performance in relation to attendance.

The overall attendance figure for Years 7-11 is 95.3%, this is the highest figure that I can remember the school ever achieving and is above our 95% target. This 95.3% attendance rate is also well above last year's national average of 94.6%. I am sure that all of us will agree that this is an excellent achievement and that it represents a substantial improvement.

My thanks to all families for their support in this regard.

**Sunil Chotai**

## SHARNA COMPETES IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FLORIDA!



Huge congratulations to Sharna Alleyne, Year 10, who is a member of the ICE 5 Cheerleading team on Intensity Cheer Extreme.

Ice 5 won a bid to the International Open Level 5 USASF Cheerleading World Championships which were held in Orlando, Florida in April.

This international event brings together more than 11,000 cheerleaders to compete for World Champion titles in senior and international club divisions and categories.

Athletes selected are highly skilled and require complete dedication to training. Sharna who trains twice a week and the rest of the team were stronger than ever and made it through to the finals for the second year in a row and came 6<sup>th</sup>, placing them 6<sup>th</sup> in the World.

Well done Sharna.

## Year 11 – Rewards

As Year 11 are about to start their exam period I felt it would be a good opportunity to share with you all how we have been rewarding them this year.

At the start of the year I introduced reward postcards which recognise *Aspire, Endeavour, Achieve*. All teachers were asked to nominate 3 pupils every few weeks to receive one of these postcards so they could be praised in assembly. Over 180 pupils in Year 11 were recognised, this is nearly 90% of the year group; some of them achieving all 3. The pupils who achieved all 3 were rewarded with a £5 Amazon voucher in recognition of their continuous hard work. Congratulations to the following pupils:

Erbilin Berisha	Elise Brenton	Nyah Clark
Macy Cole	Jamie Cox	James D'Monte
Emma Devlin	Jessica Doyle	Christina Etheridge
Charlie German	Kelsey Harris	Kara Harrison
Oliver Helps	Josh Hilton	Karim Lagder
Aimee Lineker	Jake Marshall	Nicholas Marshall
Macy McKenna	Leo Murrell	Rebecca Oakes
Hannah Peters	Josh Read	Annabel Rice
Tom Sharp	Callum Skinner	Abbie Summerscales
Ethan Teather	Bethany Terry	Chloe Walker
Mark Webb	Emily Wilson	Oscar Whitfield
Kadelia Wilkins	Natasha Withers	Rose Wood

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support over the last 4 years that I have worked with Year 11 and would like to wish all students the best of luck in their exams.

**Mrs Tsang**

## Overdue Library Books

Please can all Year 11 students return any books to the Library as soon as possible.

Many thanks

**Mrs Adams**



## HEALTH MATTERS

A reminder that pupils should not contact home if they feel unwell but should be seen and assessed by Miss Allan, our lead first aider.

Parents should be aware that pupils will not be sent home without being seen by Miss Allan in the first instance.

If your child contacts you directly, please phone the school to confirm whether they are unwell and have permission to go home.

Thank you.

**Miss Allan**

## YEAR 11 REVISION / GCSE BOOSTER CLASSES

	Lunchtime	After school
<b>Monday</b>		Computer Science, Art & Textiles (AR3)
<b>Tuesday</b>	History	Computer Science, Film Studies
<b>Wednesday</b>		Dance, Drama, Art & Textiles (AR3), IT, Product Design (by appointment), Art Focus
<b>Thursday</b>	Computer Science	English Speaking & Listening, Product Design (by appointment), BTEC Technology, Art & Textiles (AR3)

\*Science department will issue specific session content details separately. Music/Business Studies offer sessions by appointment

Subject areas will inform students of rooms

## SUMMER TERM CLUBS

### Boys Cricket (all years)

Monday 15.00 - 16.15  
Mr Burtonshaw/Mr Simpson/Mr Bidwell/  
Mr Eckersall

### Girls Cricket (all years)

Wednesday 15.00 - 16.15  
Miss Dobney/Miss Case

### Girls Rounders, Years 7, 8

Tuesday 15.00 - 16.15  
Mrs Wray/Mrs Wheeler

### Girls Rounders, Years 9, 10

Thursday 15.00 - 16.15  
Miss Dobney/Miss Case

### Trampoline Club

Thursday 15.00 - 16.00 - KS3  
Thursday 16.00 - 17.00 - KS4

This is a paid club held in the Small Gym. Students will need to speak to Mrs Wray to get a letter to join.

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Parents/carers must phone before 08:30 with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.

## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Forthcoming events Summer Term 2019

#### MAY

**16 May** - Year 13 Leavers Assembly

**17 May** - Year 7 Growth Mindset

**24 May** - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

#### JUNE

**6 and 7 June** - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition

**11 June** - GCSE Art and Textiles Private View

**12 June** - Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening

**13 June** - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews

**18 June** - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews

**18 June** - A Level Art and Textiles Private View

**21 June** - Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations

**21 June** - Sixth Form Ball

**23 to 25 June** - Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition

**26 June** - Year 12 Driven by Consequences

**27 June** - Year 12 Ecology Field trip to Westerham

**28 June** - Year 11 Ball

#### JULY

**1 July** - Year 12 Taster Day

**1 to 5 July** - Year 7 Penny - Collection

**3 July** - Sports Awards

**5 July** - Sports Day

**8 to 10 July** - Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition

**17 and 18 July** - Enrichment days

**18 July** - Year 10 Mock interviews

**19 July** - Year 12 trip to Zanzibar

**19 July** - Celebration of Success Assemblies

**19 July** - End of Term

#### AUGUST

**15 August** - A Level results day

**22 August** - GCSE results day

**Pupils for Praise**  
**Duty pupils of the week ending**  
**10.05.19**

Olivia Howe and William Reeves,  
8FEV

**Mrs Mills, Reception**

### History Star of the Week



**Olivia Zirgulyte, Year 7**

Olivia works extremely hard and has produced some excellent class and homework. Olivia carefully listens to feedback and pushes herself to achieve more. Olivia is an excellent role model to her peers. Keep up the good work.

**Miss Zysemil**

### DARWIN LEISURE CENTRE

**Pay as you go** (*gym use*)  
**£5 per session**

**Centre Member** (*gym use & membership rates*)  
**£25 a year & £4.50 per session**

**GOLD Membership** (*unlimited gym use & membership rates*)  
**£25 a month**

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

Enquiries to 01959 540606  
email: [leisurecentre@cdarwin.com](mailto:leisurecentre@cdarwin.com)  
See school website

**[www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com)** for full details

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