



# Charles Darwin School

Aspire - Endeavour - Achieve

## Headlines

### School Council

Last Thursday I joined Mrs. Rees in meeting with the School Council. I have to say they are a very impressive group of students. It was great to talk to them and listen to their views of the school and also to seek their feedback with regard to the use of mobile phones as part of the school's review on rewards and sanctions.

### Y8 Impact Day

Last Friday's Impact Day for our Year 8 students was a great success with the students responding in a very positive fashion to the various sessions that they attended. The facilitators were very positive about the students, their engagement and their behaviour. This is in no small measure a reflection of the Year 8 tutors who worked with their tutees for the whole day. Feedback from the students themselves was overwhelmingly positive.

### Ward Panel Meeting

On Tuesday evening I attended my first meeting of the Biggin Hill Ward Panel. It was pleasing to hear of the work and plans from a range of representatives from our community, including residents, Biggin Hill Airport, shop owners and police to name a few. I was able to share my plans and ideas of how we can work closely with our community in the short and longer term.

### Safer Schools

This week I had a very interesting meeting with PC Bruce Anton to discuss the strategies used by other schools under the safer schools initiative and to see how these would work in our school.

*Aston Smith*

## Mud Glorious Mud

The Young Carers at Charles Darwin School have been busy preparing the ground for our Superbloom project, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee later this year.

Last week we found a good afternoon to go out and dig over the ground – we tested our soil and found this to be part clay, part loam.

We have prepared the soil by removing old roots and digging in some fertiliser and top soil.

We are looking forward to our seeds arriving soon so we can sow them into trays ready to bring on for planting.

*Mrs King*



This week, Pierreice Powell stepped up to the mark and represented Charles Darwin at the Speak Out Challenge, hosted by Hayes School. She performed a phenomenal speech to an audience, captivating their attention and [hopefully] leaving them with a profound message to consider regarding the Grenfell Tower. Whilst Pierreice didn't win, she blew us away with her hard work, commitment, bravery and thoughtfulness.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of her and all of the time and energy she has put into this speech [that was outstanding]. My special thanks to Mrs Haywood for accompanying myself to the final where the quality of candidates was brilliant. Well done, Pierreice, you'll go on to do great things.

*Miss Playle*

**Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:**

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## Year 11 GCSE PE Cycling Trip



On Tuesday 1st March and Thursday 3rd March the Year 11 GCSE PE students took part in their GCSE Road Cycling Assessment. The first day was wet and windy but the students remained focused and knuckled down learning the skills ready for assessment day. They were cold and tired by the end but the hard work and positive attitude shone through.

On Thursday the sun was shining for their assessment and all students were highly motivated, determined and committed to doing well. They had to demonstrate isolated skills and then perform a 10 mile endurance race. The instructor on the day could not believe that we had 7 students who completed it under 35 minutes. A huge well done to all students who took part in the two days and well done on gaining excellent results.

Thank you.

**Miss Case and Mr Bidwell**

## Enrichment Week – Year 7,8 and 9

We have had either a very restricted or no Enrichment Week since the start of the pandemic so students at Key Stage 3 have not experienced the end of term arrangements before.

In the last week of term we drop the normal timetabled lessons and have a focus on Personal Development across 5 themes; Leadership, Organisation, Communication, Initiative and Resilience. Staff work very hard to plan and take trips and visits to London and the South East and yet further afield with cultural trips into Europe. We feel that these visits are valuable for students to gain skills outside of the classroom as well as developing what we call 'cultural capital' or the understanding of the wider world around. For students in school, a wide range of activities take place during the school day. Students are in non-uniform too!

Over the course of the first part of the half term, from Easter onwards, we will be writing home to share the experiences with families, so that they can book onto these trips. All trips are on a first come, first served basis and will be different for each year group. We will request a voluntary contribution of £6 per student. This will help fund activities and the majority will be taken off the cost of booking the trips. As with everything, the price rises due to post-pandemic inflation and fuel/transport costs mean that some of the trips may have been a little more expensive than in the past, but we are usually able to negotiate good rates for schools, making this much cheaper than booking events as families.

This year we plan a number of trips to include: Theme Park, a day visit to France, Outdoor Ski Centre, Houses of Parliament, Kew Gardens, Battle of Hastings, Olympic Park, various London Museums and a boat trip along the Thames. Some of these trips are free and we encourage as many families to book onto these experiences as possible. Further details to follow!

**Mr R Jones**



**gcsepod**  
education on demand

A huge well done to our GCSE student pod ambassadors. We are lucky to have such a great team and work has commenced immediately. They will now be our representatives for each year group.

More information to follow. However, if you see them, pass on a message of congratulations.

**Year 9:** Sienna Hobbs, Neve Talbot and Matilda Hewitt.

**Year 10:** Precious Shaumba and Denzel Joseph

**Year 11:** Jamie Sale and Ben Rawlins.

**Mrs Davies**

## Year 11 escape the Gestapo Cell



A huge well done to the Year 11 students who took part in the escape room activity for History. With Baby Shark, dripping taps and ringing phones you were still able to translate the Germany Specialist Terms. The competition was fantastic!

A huge well done to our 1st place group winners : Lara Bell, Amy Coop and Honor Welsh who each won a £15 voucher.

Close second was Olivia Howell, Keira Dukes and Daisy Kittlety

Our best effort was Ethan Ormes and Joe Lawrence!

Don't make revision Tedious! Next week The epic Quiz run by Mr Lamb and Ms Swinscoe.

(Still time to sign up on Parent Pay)



Mrs Davies



### Free Online Safety Guide What parents need to know about Yubo

With an estimated user-base of 50 million, Yubo (previously known as Yellow) might be the biggest social media platform you've never heard of. Unless, of course, you caught last month's *Sunday Times* investigation – in which an undercover journalist posed as a 15-year-old girl on the app, receiving requests for hook-ups, demands for nude images and threats of sexual violence.

As if that were not alarming enough, Yubo also enables strangers to watch children's live video streams – while granting the app access to their device's GPS tracker reveals a young person's exact location. **The National Online Safety Guide** attached to this week's Link has a thorough breakdown of everything that trusted adults ought to know about Yubo.

Mrs Rees



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# Bromley's 14-25 Transition Day

Parents, carers and all young people (aged 14-25) with special educational needs or disabilities living in Bromley, please look at the leaflet below to find out more about transition planning and the support available in Bromley for



## Save the date Bromley's 14-25 Transition Day

For parents, carers and all young people (aged 14 - 25) with special educational needs or disabilities living in Bromley

Monday  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
10am to 3pm

Metropolitan Police Hayes  
The Warren  
Croydon Road  
Hayes  
Kent  
BR2 7AL

Join us to find out more about transition planning and the support available in Bromley for young people Preparing for Adulthood across the pathways of:

- Education, Employment and Training
- Health and Wellbeing
- Developing Independence
- Community Inclusion (friendships and support networks)



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## Meet professionals and service providers.

Available:

- Drama sessions
- Space to 'chill out'
- Light refreshments on sale
- Free parking

Join us at our workshops and presentations to learn more about issues that may affect your family or young person across the Preparing for Adulthood pathways.

This term time event supports parents and carers to attend but we fully support young people attending and will be linking with local schools to assist young people attending where appropriate to do so.



### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:

We will be following the latest Government advice and guidance in order to keep all visitors to this event safe.



Masks and hand sanitiser stations will be available throughout the venue. We urge people to respect the vulnerable community we support and not attend if any concerns arise regarding any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.



For more information email YVHSC at:  
[parentengagementservice@yvhscc.org.uk](mailto:parentengagementservice@yvhscc.org.uk)  
Or for further details visit:  
[www.bromley.gov.uk/LocalOfferNews](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/LocalOfferNews)



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## This week's Pupils for Praise

### Year 8 Duty Pupils

Many thanks to **Georgia Butterworth, Joshua Baker, Max Sinnock, Robbie Brooks, Sophie Mason, Freddie Fuller, Hayden Young, Oliver Atkinson** and **Ruby Challis**.

Miss Todd  
Reception

## Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 04 March 2022.

7HBu	99.3%
8COu	96.8%
9ADo/GJo	95.9%
10CBa	96.5%
11PDg/STi	96.8%
12ACh	98.8%
13IMr	96.9%

## Student Absences

Please note that all parents/carers must phone the absence line before 8.30am for each day of their child's absence.

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of students we have to class check and parents we send a truancy call to during this term. More importantly from a safeguarding perspective we need to know where your child is and that they are safe.

Many thanks.

Student Services

## Term Dates 2021 - 22

### SPRING 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 11th February

*Half Term: Monday 14th – Friday 18th February*  
Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

### Easter Holiday:

Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April

### SUMMER 2022

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May

*Half Term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June*  
Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July

## Dates for the Diary

### March

**Wednesday 30 March** - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

### April

**Friday 1 April** - End of Term

**Friday 15 April** - Good Friday

**Monday 18 April** - Easter Monday

**Tuesday 19 April** - Summer Term starts

**Thursday 28 April** - Year 7 Parents' Evening

### May

**Monday 2 May** - Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 4 May** - Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Friday 27 May** - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

**Friday 27 May** - End of Term

## Term Dates 2022 - 23

### AUTUMN 2022

Thursday 1st September – Friday 14th October

*Half Term: Monday 17th October – Friday 28th October*

Monday 31st October – Wednesday 21st December

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 22nd December -  
Tuesday 3rd January

### SPRING 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February

*Half Term: Monday 13th – Friday 17th February*

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

### SUMMER 2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May  
(Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday)

*Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June*

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

**Notes:** Good Friday 7th April 2023  
Easter Monday 10th April 2023

### INSET Days - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 30th August 2022

Wednesday 31st August 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Friday 27th January 2023

Tuesday 4th July 2023



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# BUZZERS ACADEMIES

## EASTER HOLIDAY 2022

Athletics • Gymnastics • Sports • Archery • Boxing  
Sand Art • Taekwondo • Dance • ...and much more!

**Where?**  
BECKENHAM - Clare House Primary School, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 6PY  
BROMLEY - St Mark's Primary School, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR  
CHELSFIELD - The Highway Primary School, The Highway, Orpington, BR6 9DJ

**Who?**  
Boys and Girls aged 5 to 12 (including Reception class)

**When?**  
Monday 4th to Friday 8th April & Monday 11th to Thursday 14th April  
8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Academy day)

**Price?**  
£30 per day (Academy day)  
£5 morning extended hours & £5 afternoon extended hours  
We accept CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

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## WHEN?

February half-term  
Easter holiday  
May half-term  
Summer holiday  
October half-term  
Christmas



Our Buzzers Academies are aimed at children aged 5 to 12 years and are tailored to suit all sporting interests and abilities. All of our academies are based around **Sports, Performing Arts** (Dance, Drama & Gymnastics) and **Outdoor Adventure**. Each day of our Academies are tailored to ensure maximum participation in a **fun** and **safe** environment. Our staff will ensure that all children make **new friends**, **try something new each day** and **have their say** on the Academy day-to-day activities.

Throughout the Academy week, there will also be '**special events**' such as Archery, Percussion Circles, Fencing, Taekwondo, Inflatable Games, Sand Art and SEN/Disability Sports.

All Buzzers Academy staff hold enhanced DBS certificates and are trained in First Aid, Safeguarding Children and Child Protection. All Buzzers staff come from a school based PE teaching background, therefore each Academy day will have a '*learning outcome*' based around:

- **ABC's** (Agility, Balance & Co-ordination)
- **Communication Skills**
- **Leadership**
- **Team Building**

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