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Headlines

Open Day

We are excited to be welcoming prospective parents tomorrow for our Open Day. Preparations have been underway over the last few weeks, all tours and presentations are fully booked and it looks to be a very busy day. My thanks to all the students who have helped with preparations and those who will be acting as guides on Saturday. Open Week takes place next Tuesday to Friday when prospective parents can join a tour to see the school in action. The tours are all fully booked and I am looking forward to meeting parents and families throughout the week.

Game Over Presentation

My thanks to Miss Currie for organising the Game Over presentation to the Year 6 pupils from Biggin Hill Primary School on Monday afternoon. Miss Currie has been working with twelve GCSE Drama students since the summer term on a play which tells the story of what happened to Breck Bednar. They have been supported by the Breck Foundation and on Monday they performed an edited version to the Year 6 pupils and also did a presentation about online safety and follow up activities. Unfortunately, I was unable to go along but I understand that the Year 6's found it really engaging. My thanks and congratulations to all the students involved.

European Day of Languages

My thanks to Mrs. Carraro and the Languages staff for organising the European Day of Languages on Wednesday. This was a great success and the enthusiasm of the Year 7 students trying to find out how many members of staff can speak another language was fantastic to see. I am not sure how many times I was asked the question, but it was very clear that they were all enjoying the event. Well done to all the students who took part.

Aston Smith

A reminder to parents that as well as the LINK and the 'latest news' section on the website, you can follow the latest events happening in our school community on:

CDarwinSchool



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Mr Jones

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Reminder – please can parents call the absence line each day of your child's absence before 8.30am. This ensures we know your child is safe and their absence is authorised where possible. Our Attendance Officer is having to spend an increased amount of time each day chasing for responses.

Thank you for your support.



Charles Darwin School

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Laboratory Technician (Biology/Chemistry) 30 hours per week Monday – Friday, term time only February 2023 (actual salary £21,725 – pay award pending)

We are looking to appoint a Laboratory Technician to join a friendly and hard-working team of technicians preparing practical lessons for our Science department. Applicants should have a background in Science, preferably with A Level/GCSE Biology/Chemistry.

Experience of a similar role in a school or laboratory *would be advantageous*.

Further details and an application form are available on our website and should be sent to jho@cdarwin.com.
Closing date: 10th October 2023. Please note CVs alone cannot be considered.

The 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.

Satchel One Parent Logins

Thank you to the many parents who have logged in to their parent account on Satchel One so you can see timetables, homework, achievement points and behaviour points. We still have a few more parents who are yet to log on. All form tutors now have the parent codes, so please contact your son/daughter's form tutor, who will be able to give you the parent code to set up your account. The code can be used to set up more than one account per child so another parent or carer can also have an account using this same code.

Parents with two or more children in the school should be able to see both/all children on their account. If your children are not yet linked, please e-mail LKe@cdarwin.com

Thank you

Ms Kelly



I wanted to say a huge well done to 8Y5 for their 3D doughnut homework. I've been so impressed with the quality of the work achieved and the range of materials used. They look good enough to eat! Keep up all your hard work.

Miss Stroud



Singing Lessons

Singing lessons available at Charles Darwin. Please use the link below to apply.

<https://ukbromley.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=738#/Course/113/0/0>

Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 22 September 2023.



7LMc	100%
8LBr	99%
9HBu	95.2%
10COu	96.9%
11JBi	95.2%
12TJo	100%
13FSu/MEd	96.5%

As you are aware attendance is linked to a student's attainment and at Charles Darwin we work closely with the parents to keep students' attendance levels as high as possible. Please could we ask that if your child feels unwell in the morning (headache etc.) and they do feel better later on, that you send them in. This will benefit them as they will not miss a whole days learning.

Please can we also remind parents to call in before 8.30am for each day of your child's absence and not rely on receiving a text from us chasing their absence.

Thank you for your continued support.

Students Services Team

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Year 8 Duty Pupils:

James Annett
Daisy Brady
Tom Rice
Elise Shotton
Owen Asemota

Eliza Caka
Cleo Campbell
Daniel Assemien
Phoebe Gourley-Hedges
Teddy Elliott



Student Services Duty Pupils:

Jake Bussy
Darren Collins
Kadie Baker

They have been fantastic this week, and their help has been invaluable.



Join our monthly draw during October for just £1 per month and be in with a chance to...

WIN £100



SCAN ME!

Or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/34ys3t3v>

Enter our prize draw AND raise money to support our school.

All current participants will be included in the October £100 draw.



Charles Darwin PTA....

fundraising for our school



Quiz Night



**FRIDAY
17TH
NOVEMBER
2023**

**SIXTH FORM HUB,
CHARLES DARWIN
SCHOOL, TN16 3AU
DOORS OPEN: 7.00PM
TRIVIA 7.30PM - 10.00PM**

£10 PER PERSON, TEAMS OF UP TO 8

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH
YOUR DEVICE CAMERA TO
BUY TICKETS:



Please bring your own food and drink (corkage included in ticket price).
Please bring cash and change for our raffle and other activities.

Dates for the Diary

October

3rd October - 6th October - Open Week Tours

3rd October - Year 7 Settling-In Tea, 3:30pm

16th October - 27th October - Half term

30th October - INSET DAY

November

17th November - Quiz Night, 7pm

2023-24 Term Dates

Autumn 2023

Tuesday 29th August – Friday 13th October

Half Term: Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 18th December - Monday 1st January

Spring 2024

Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 9th February

Half Term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

Easter Holiday: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Summer 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

(Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday)

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June – Thursday 18th July

Note:

Good Friday 29th March 2024

Easter Monday 1st April 2024

INSET Days - School closed to students

Tuesday 29th August 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Friday 26th January 2024