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Charles Darwin School

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Headlines

Student Photographs

We have made arrangements for all students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 to have their individual photos taken on Thursday, 23 March.

We are planning on taking student photos annually to keep our records updated, this will also bring some welcome commission into the school. Details will be sent out in due course.

Aston Smith



BritishRedCross

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATION

We wanted to say a huge thank you for your £554.00 gift to our Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal.

The scale of this catastrophe is almost unimaginable, and the challenges our teams are facing are no less extreme. But support like this, from Charles Darwin School is a reminder that in times of crisis we see the very best of people.

As more information comes in about the situation and what our teams are doing, we'll provide updates on our website.

Thank you again

British Red Cross

All students are requested to leave the school site promptly unless taking part in supervised activities after school. For safety and security reasons no casual or recreational activities should take place without direct supervision from staff. The Darwin Leisure Centre fitness gym is open to student paying members only between 3.15-4.30pm who must then leave the premises as quickly as possible; from 4.30-6.00pm only School/Club bookings are allowed on the 3G, there are no casual bookings of the 3G pitch at any time during term times.

Mr Burtonshaw



The proud school uniform suppliers for Charles Darwin School



School Uniform Update – Spring term 2023

Following a whole school uniform review in the autumn term involving parents, students and teachers, there will be changes to the current uniform and PE kit from September 2023

All current House ties and badges are on **SALE** through the school reception for £2.00 whilst stock last!

The new school tie and badge will be on sale from June ready for September 2023

PE Red Game Sock with 'CDS' **SALE**

<u>Size</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>
2-5	£7.50	£5.00
6-9	£10.50	£5.00
10-13	£10.50	£5.00

PE socks available to purchase in store, through our website or directly through school's main reception.

PE Hoodies **SALE**

<u>Size</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>
26/28	£26.00	£23.40
30/32	£26.00	£23.40
32/34	£26.00	£23.40
34/36	£26.00	£23.40
38/40	£34.00	£30.60
42/44	£34.00	£30.60

Following the outcomes of the uniform review, we have worked tirelessly with the school to try and reduce the cost of your school uniform and can now offer the following to help with this:

Blazers update

We have sourced a new eco blazer made by a manufacturer called One&All. Starting price will be £25.00; this is a saving of £6.50 against the very popular David Luke eco blazer that we currently sell. You will be available to purchase this from June 2023 alongside the David Luke blazer.

Skirt update

We will now be offering two skirts, both of the same style. We have our current navy two-side pleat skirt made in the UK by a company called London Schoolwear which has been very popular for many years now. However, we can now also offer you an alternative navy two-side pleat skirt made in South Africa from Eco polyester, viscose and elastane, made by David Luke; this gives the skirt an element of slight stretch and the material is lighter. The starting price of this skirt is £15.00 which is a saving of £10.00. Again, these will be available for purchase from June alongside the London Schoolwear skirt.

Well done to the year 7 netball team who went to Ravensbourne on Wednesday to compete in a fixture as part of the Bromley Schools Netball League. The girls played extremely well and won the game 7-0.

A fantastic effort by all the girls.

Thank you to Mrs Wray for organising and taking the girls to the game.



Miss Case
Head of Physical Education

Theatre Trips

On Monday evening year 12 and 13 Drama students travelled to the National Theatre on the Southbank to watch a production of a new play called 'Romeo and Julie'. The performance was loosely based on Romeo and Juliet, with a young couple in love at the centre of the storyline. The production values were fantastic and it was great for the A-Level students to see theatre design in action and how this can work alongside the acting to create meaning.

Then, on Wednesday evening, 50 Drama and Music students from across year 10-13 went to see Blood Brothers at the Churchill Theatre. The performance was brilliantly received by our students who gave it a resounding standing ovation. Thank you to Miss Mace, Mr Smith, Mr Haberfield and Mr Daws for their help on the trip and to the students for being for being such great company.

Miss Currie

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

First Aid

Parents should be advised that the school does not provide students with Paracetamol unless it is a medical emergency.

We have a limited supply in school and prefer that medication wherever possible is administered at home.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Booth
Lead First Aid

Praise/ Reward System



Top highest achievers per each year for the period 01.09.2022 – 02.03.2023

Catherine Seidler	7RBr/RSi	204
Leo Currier	8HBu	143
Amelia Waddington	9LDa	99
Rex Antepim	10IJo	103
Chloe McGonigal	11KWo	98
Ciara Bain	12MCR/MMe	33
Abbey Leonard	13ARo/MMe	25

Top 10 achievers across the school for the period 01.09.2022 – 02.03.2023

Catherine Seidler	7RBr/RSi	204
Lucas Nagle	7RMk	150
Leo Currier	8HBu	143
Alexander James Hannaford	8JHd	141
Phoebe Vincent	8RMo/STe	130
Harriet Downer	8RMo/STe	129
Hannah White	8GAn	128
Chloe Cocker	8RMo/STe	128
Jenson Ladd-Talbot	7Tmi	122
Leo Nagle	7RMk	118



World Book Day 2023



Lamb to the Slaughter - Short story by Roald Dahl

PE Department have embraced this today in a practical PE lesson and we loved it!

Well done.

Miss Case
Head of Physical Education

PE embracing reading across the curriculum



Charles Darwin School PTA Monthly Draw

Enter for £1 per month.

Just fill in our online form to take part:

<https://forms.gle/XCHSgkZhyadTGspc7>

Scan here:



**Why not share
with friends
and family too?**

**WIN WIN: Half the winnings to our lucky winner
and half towards fundraising for our school!**



friends@cdarwin.com

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 24 February 2023.



7BDe/ZHa	99.3
8GAn	97.8
9ZPA/JSk	96.7
10SDa	93
11PEI	97.8
12DWa	96.7
13JDa	97.3

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 I 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

A reminder that pupils **should not** contact home if they feel unwell but should be seen and assessed by Mrs Booth, our Health Care Lead.

Parents should be aware that pupils will not be sent home without being seen by Mrs Booth 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

Student Services Team

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.



**A huge thank you, you all have been super amazing.
Reception Team**

Year 8 Duty Pupils:

Darren Collins	Marone Kellyman
Zane Smith	Poppy Shilling
Chelsea Jenga	Ella Lewis
Zara Rowden	Alexia Wells
Marone Kellyman	Zara Rowden



Thank you to our duties:

Jack Aitchinson	Allanah Whitby
Jayden Edwards	Dominik Urbanski

**They have been fantastic this week, and their help has been invaluable.
Student Services Team**

Dates for the Diary

March

9th March - Trip: London , Tate Modern/ Borough Market
14th March - Trip; Bromley Central Library, Year 12/13
14th March - Trip: Cyclopark Gravesend, Year 11, GCSE
15th March - NEU Industrial Action
16th March - NEU Industrial Action
16th March - Trip: Cyclopark Gravesend, Year 11, GCSE
20th March - Year 8 Reward Trip
21st March - Trip: Cyclopark Gravesend, GCSE Practical grades
22nd March - Year 9 Options Evening , 6pm
23rd March - Trip: Cyclopark Gravesend, GCSE Practical grades
28th March - Trip: UCAS Conference Excel Centre London, Year 12
29th March - Year12/13 Parents' Evening
30th March - Trip: Churchill Theatre Bromley, Year 11
31st March - Trip: Geography—Stratford (Urban Fields) , Year 12/13
31st March - Trip: Austria, Saalbach, Ski trip
31st March - End of Term

April

17th April - Summer Term start

Term Dates 2022 - 23

SPRING 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February

Half Term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February
 Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

Easter Holiday: Monday 3^d April – Friday 14th April

SUMMER 2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
 Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

Notes: Good Friday 7th April 2023

CDS INSET days:

Tuesday 4th July 2023
 + 2 inset days as twilights

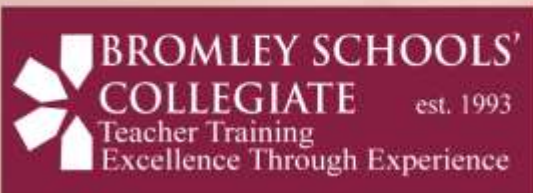
Bromley Schools Collegiate

Do you want to make a lasting difference to the lives of young people?

Train to teach with us and be ready for a career as a teacher.

Email administrator@gradteach.uk for more details.

TEACH



Want to find out more about teaching as a career?

We are holding a teaching information event at Hayes Secondary School on Tuesday 14th March from 4pm to 6pm.

To book a place please email: administrator@gradteach.uk





Charles Darwin PTA....

fundraising for our school



Quiz Night

Over 18s only

FRIDAY 24TH
MARCH 2023

**SIXTH FORM HUB,
CHARLES DARWIN
SCHOOL
DOORS OPEN: 7.00PM
TRIVIA STARTS: 7.30PM**

£8 PER PERSON, TEAMS OF UP TO 8
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS!

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REQUEST
TICKETS OR CLICK **HERE**:**

<https://forms.gle/tMQKVqCupnaKskLA7>

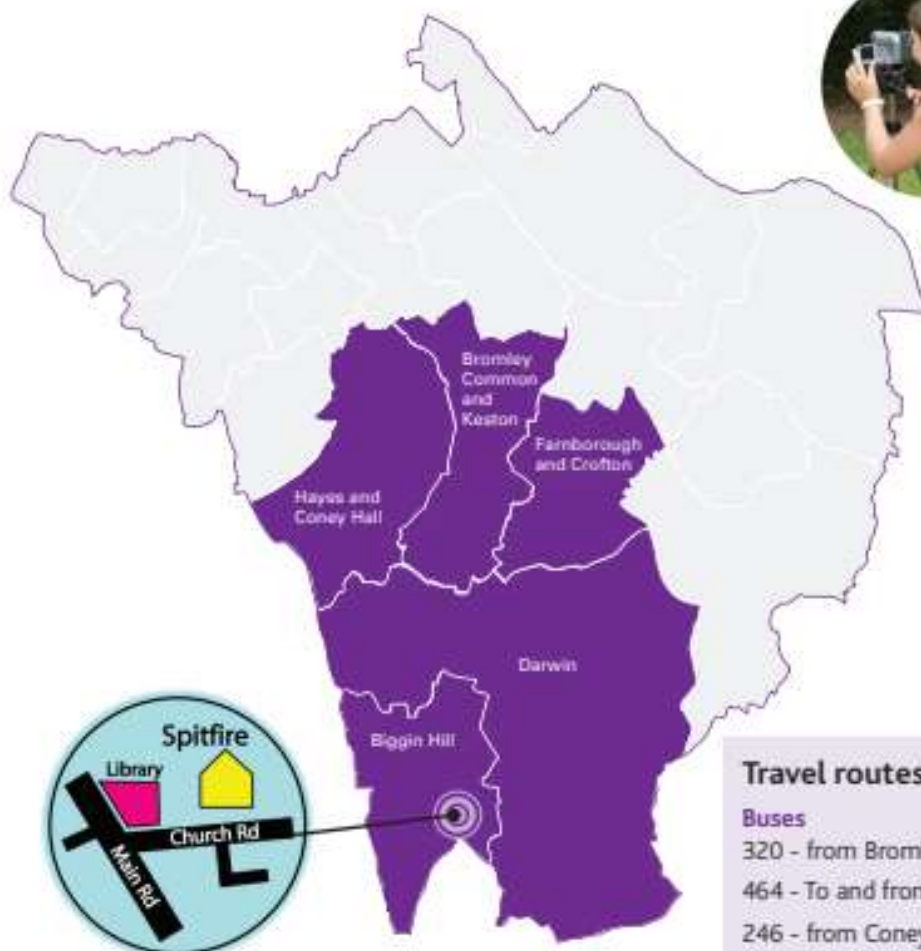


Drink and Snack packs available, including pre-orders - more information to follow. Quiz teams can also bring drinks if they wish. Card machine available!

South Hub
@Spitfire
Youth centre

BROMLEY YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Be ACTIVE Be INSPIRED Be INVOLVED Be INFORMED



Travel routes: South Hub

Buses

- 320 - from Bromley North to Biggin Hill and return.
- 464 - To and from New Addington
- 246 - from Coney Hall to Biggin Hill to Westerham and return.
- R2 & R8 - Orpington to Biggin Hill and return.

Contact details:

Spitfire Youth Centre, Church Road, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3LB
Tel: 0208 466 3080 www.bromley.gov.uk/youthsupport

South Hub
@Spitfire
Youth centre

BROMLEY YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

What's on and when

TUESDAY

7.00pm - 9:30pm: Seniors youth group for School Yrs 9 +

WEDNESDAY

6:00pm - 8:30pm: Inters youth group for School Yrs 6 - 8

THURSDAY

6.45pm - 9.15pm Young People with Disabilities Session for Phoenix youth group School Yr 11 - age 25

Bromley Youth Support Programme through its South Hub can help you if you want something to do or need extra support.

For more information contact:

0208 466 3080 | www.bromley.gov.uk/youthsupport

Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/BromleyYouthActivities

