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The Link

Charles Darwin School

Aspire - Endeavour - Achieve

Headlines

Positive attitude for learning

I have been very pleased to see how committed the Year 11 and Year 13 students have been this week and particularly over the last few days. Supporting these important year groups ahead of the forthcoming public examinations later this year was made a priority on Wednesday and Thursday.

Staff are proud of the mature way both Year 11 and Year 13 students have conducted themselves around school despite some disruption mid-week. I am confident that continuing to adopt a positive approach towards their studies will help to provide them with a springboard to success in the summer.

Aston Smith

School Photographs - 23 March 2023

On Thursday 23 March, we will be taking 840 school photographs for the following years:

Year 7 catch up (those that missed these on entry to the school in September 2022)

Years 8, 9 and 10

Year 12

Due to COVID, these photographs are out of date in several year groups, so its an important day for us to update school records. As always, parents/carers will get a chance to purchase a copy of this photograph. Your child will bring home a copy of the image on Thursday and details of how to purchase this should you wish.

Your help in reminding your child of these photos on Thursday morning if in one of these year groups would be much appreciated.

Mrs Rees

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

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

Next Steps Conference

On Tuesday 14th March, myself and Mrs Adams took a small group of Year 12 and Year 13 students who have indicated they may not go on to Higher Education after A Levels to the Next Steps Conference in Bromley.

The aim of this conference was to introduce students to a range of opportunities open to them and the skills and techniques required for their career management.

After a short introduction and a logo ice breaker, the morning continued with networking sessions with companies including HSBC, Bank of America, King's College Hospital NHS Trust, Direct Line Group, Matrix and Microsoft, as well as presentations on 'Employers Expectations' (by Department for Work and Pensions) and 'Apprenticeships' (by British Telecom).

Students also had the chance to attend a 'mock' interview with local employers. The feedback from employers was very positive and they were very impressed with our students and the way they conducted themselves.

It was a real pleasure to assist them to this conference. Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

Mrs Johnson



BT Group

 **Microsoft**

 **RSM**

Bank of America




Department
for Work &
Pensions

 **DirectLine
Group**


King's College Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

GCSEPod – Year 10 and Year11

There have been some changes to GCSEPod and the App that we have been given from the company that runs GCSEPod. It is now not available as a search on the App store on Apple as GCSE POD. Instructions are attached as to how to access this from Apple devices. If students need a password reset, any member of staff can do this for them but the form tutor is the first port of call.

Mr Jones

Year 9 Parents - HPV2 Vaccination

The Bromley School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting our school on **Friday, 24th March 2023**, to carry out the **HPV2** vaccination for **Year 9 students**. You **do not** need to complete a new consent form as this is the second HPV vaccination. If your child did not receive this vaccination or you have any enquires please contact the Immunisation Team on **0203 903 3375**.

Thank you

Mrs Booth
Heath Care Lead

Achievement Points

Top 10 achievers across the school for the period 01.09.2022 – 16.03.2023

Catherine Seidler	7RBr/RSi	208
Lucas Nagle	7RMk	159
Leo Currier	8HBu	150
Alexander James Hannaford	8JHd	150
Phoebe Vincent	8RMo/STe	142
Harriet Downer	8RMo/STe	138
Jenson Ladd-Talbot	7Tmi	137
Chloe Cocker	8RMo/STe	135
Hannah White	8GAn	130
Leo Nagle	7RMk	124



Top highest achievers per each year for the period 01.09.2022 – 16.03.2023

Catherine Seidler	7RBr/RSi	208
Leo Currier	8HBu	150
Deborah Chapman	9SCu	111
Rex Antepim	10IJo	105
Chloe McGonigal	11KWo	102
Ciara Bain	12Mcr/MMe	51
Abbey Leonard	13ARo/MMe	31



Urgently required

Blazers, school jumpers and PE kits needed!

Parents/Carers

We have had a quite substantial number of requests about school blazers, jumpers and PE kits. If you have any lying around that your daughter/son has outgrown, we would greatly appreciate donation of these.

All donations can be left at **Main Reception**.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Preloved Uniform Shop Team



Charles Darwin School PTA Monthly Draw Enter for £1 per month.

Just fill in our online form to take part:

<https://forms.gle/XCHSgkZhyadTGspc7>



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 10 March 2023.



7Tmi	96.6%
8EKa	98.1%
9HCa	93.8%
10SDa	95.5%
11PEI	96.2%
12DWa	97.9%
13GQu	95.3%

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:

Nicholas Browning
Savannah Stitson
Jack Wilson

Tom Fox
Courtney Nicholls
James Doyle



Thank you to our duties:

Joshua Cooling
Max Gale
Sam Gale

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

Dates for the Diary

March

21st March - Trip: Cyclopark Gravesend, GCSE Practical grades

21st March - Trip: 6th Form Rotary Club lunch - Rotary Club at The Warren, Hayes (Yr6th Form 11:45am-3:00pm)

22nd March - Year 9 Options Evening , 6pm

22nd March - Trip: PE Revision conference @ The Rock Tower, London - LWr Yr13 (8:40am-4:30pm)

23rd March - Trip: Cyclopark Gravesend, GCSE Practical grades

28th March - Trip: Year 8 Rewad Trip, Bowling Bromley

29th March - Year12/13 Parents' Evening

29th March - Trip: Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance (Thrive Dance company) (Yrs7-13 8:30am-3:20pm Train - CAb)

30th March - Trip: Churchill Theatre Bromley, Year 11, RMo

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

26th April - Year 7 Parent's Evening

28th April - Trip: Netball Tour, Liddington (28-30 April 10:00am-5pm (Yrs 7&10) (LWr)

May

1st May - Bank Holiday

2nd May - Year 10 Parent's Evening

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

Notes: Good Friday 7th April 2023

SUMMER 2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

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

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

CDS INSET days:

Tuesday 4th July 2023

+ 2 inset days as twilights

PROJECT HIGH STREET

Two exciting market events will take place this spring with stalls, free activities, sports, food and performances aimed at young people under 25. The events will take place on **Sunday 26 March 2023 and Sunday 30 April 2023**, running from 12 to 7pm on Bromley High Street.

Local organisations such as Bromley FC and Mytime Active will be taking part in the events and offering activities for visitors. Further attractions include a gaming van, smoothie bikes and DJ classes as well as lots of discounts and freebies available for young people.

A wide range of stalls will be available on the day, including local jewellery makers, vintage clothing, bubble tea, as well as a space to hang out with friends.

Throughout the day, a performance stage will showcase local dance, theatre, music and sports talent.

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a busy street scene. The background is a solid blue. In the center, a white van with 'ICE CREAM' written on its side is parked. To its left is a small coffee stand with a sign that says 'COFFEE'. To its right is a food stall with a striped awning. In the foreground, there are several white tents. People are depicted in various poses, some walking, some sitting on benches, and some interacting with the stalls. The overall style is modern and colorful.

PROJECT HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023
SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023

Two exciting days for under 25s at
Bromley High Street, 12 noon to 7pm.
Stalls, food, free activities, sports,
music and more!

GET INVOLVED

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STREET

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Bromley Council
www.bromley.gov.uk

Easter Soccer School for Years 9-11

We are pleased to announce a Soccer School for Y9-11 during the Easter holidays.

Our Soccer Schools have been specially designed by coaches at Palace for Life Foundation and Crystal Palace FC to provide the best football experience for players in South London. **The course runs during the school holidays from 9:00am to 4:00pm for Young People in Year 9-Year 11.**

The Soccer Schools provide a fun and enjoyable experience to learn new skills, play in competitions and make friends! As well as improving as a footballer, each child will learn vital social skills. Young Players will be coached by FA and UEFA licenced coaches with vast and different areas of expertise.

The course will include:

- A mixture of technical sessions focusing on learning new techniques and skills, learning how to attack and how to defend!
- Competitive and fun tournaments.
- Games based challenges.
- We will also have Crystal Palace goodies, with medals and prizes also up for grabs!

Please see more details on our Website and our booking details:

<https://palaceforlifefoundation.sportsfusion.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm>

Caterham School
Harestone Valley Road
Caterham
CR3 6YA
6th April
9-4pm



Cost: £28

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Football Development Team



KICK OFF INTO CONSTRUCTION

WANT TO LEARN YOUR TRADE AND NEED HELP GETTING STARTED?

Come along to our open evening for the opportunity to receive:

- CV and interview advice from industry experts
- Employment and Training Opportunities
- Gain insight into construction, real estate, facility



 **Selhurst Park Stadium**

 **16+ Years Old**

 **4:30PM - 7:30PM**

 **Tuesday 14th March**



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PALACEFORLIFE.ORG ETE@PALACEFORLIFE.ORG

BECCS GIRLS

JOIN US



• MAKE NEW
FRIENDS •

• LEARN NEW
SKILLS •



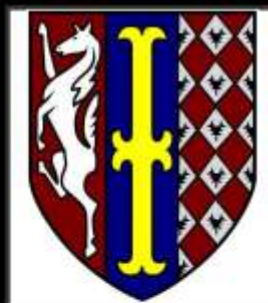
• HAVE FUN •



• BE PART OF A
TEAM •



• NO EXPERIENCED REQUIRED •



WHEN

Tuesdays 6:15-
7:30pm

Sundays 10-12pm

Subject to fixtures

WHERE

Beccehamian Rugby
Football Club, Cork-
screw Hill, West Wick-
ham BR4 9BB

WHO

Under 12's

Under 14's

Under 16's

Under 18's

CONTACT US

beccehamianrfgirls@gmail.com



OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS IN YOUR CAREER?

Explore 40+ stalls with employers, training, and education options. Connect with experts to advance your career.



-  **Selhurst Park Stadium**
-  **16+ Years Old**
-  **10am-2pm**
-  **Wednesday 5th April 2023**



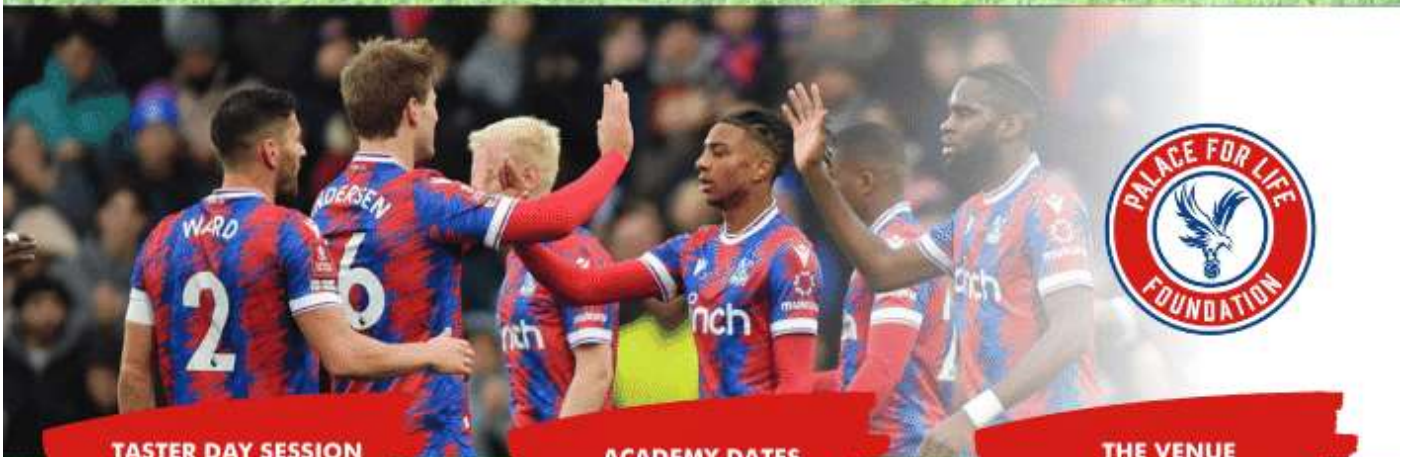
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CRYSTAL PALACE STREET SOCCER ACADEMY

AGED 18-30? JOIN OUR FREE FOOTBALL-THEMED PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



TASTER DAY SESSION

Wednesday 8th March

11.00am - 3.00pm

ACADEMY DATES

Running every Wednesday

15th March to

17th May

11.00am - 3.00pm (including lunch)

THE VENUE

Selhurst Park,
Holmesdale Road,
London.

SE25 8PU

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

The Crystal Palace Street Soccer Academy is a free 10-week personal development programme providing a combination of football coaching, mindset training and skills & employability workshops.

By Joining the Street Soccer Academy you can:

- Improve your physical and mental health
- Increase your fitness, confidence and self-belief
- Create a more positive mindset
- Improve your employability prospects
- Be in a safe and positive environment
- Develop and improve key skills such as team work, goal-setting, communication and more!

To refer a young person please use the online form:

streetsoccerfoundation.org.uk/referral



For more information visit: www.streetsoccerfoundation.org.uk