



Charles Darwin School

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Headlines

Horizons

Our Year 12 students enjoyed some really memorable learning experiences this week as part of their "Horizons". I went along to see some of the events and one of the most memorable images for me were the looks of focus and concentration when watching them learning to iron a shirt! My thanks to Mrs. Kearney and the Sixth Form team for organising the events and well done to all the students involved.

Year 9 Day

On Monday our Year 9 students were off timetable as they enjoyed an alternative sports day. Fortunately, the weather was kind and the students had a wonderful time. In his usual meticulous manner, Mr. Lamb had organised a range of team-building events such as tug-of-war, rounders, relay races and water games and after lunch the students ran (or walked) 5K around the field, followed by some well-deserved ice-pols. It was a great day all round.

Year 8 Safety First Day

My thanks to Mrs. Tsang for organising the safety first day for our Year 8 students on Wednesday. Representatives from the Metropolitan Police, the London Fire Brigade and the London Ambulance Service came along to deliver a range of sessions which included Arson, Drugs and Alcohol, Road Safety and Sexting. I spoke to a number of students who said they found the day really helpful and informative. Days such as these are so important for our young people and my thanks to the organisations who gave up their time to be in school.

Achievement Assemblies

It has been a pleasure to attend the achievement assemblies this week. I have been so proud to see our students receive commendations for a huge range of achievements reflecting what has overall been a fantastic year. My thanks to all the Achievement Co-ordinators, Form Tutors and the Pastoral Team for the incredible work they do with all our students and my congratulations to all those who received awards.

Aston Smith

Uniform September 2023

Thank you so much for the great response from Year 7 – 9 parents/carers and their ordering of the new badges/ties in advance of September. As parents will know from the text this week, our second distribution has been completed meaning you now have one more week to order ties/badges before the summer holidays. These can now be collected from main reception at lunchtime once paid for so please ask your son/daughter to go at this time. Once we have finished on Friday, all purchases will need to be via the school uniform shop, Oz Schoolwear in Petts wood, in order to be ready for the first day in September.

Please also be reminded that following the whole school uniform review this year, we have 2 versions of the school skirt and blazer at different price points. The school uniform shop website gives full details of the range of our uniform including PE kit on sale. Please remember to book your time at the shop in the summer holidays via the website <https://ozschoolwear.co.uk/> as it serves many schools in the area and they may run out of slots. Please don't leave this too late!!

Any concerns regarding ties/blazer badges or regarding uniform in general, please do contact me at the school

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very healthy, happy summer break.

Mrs Rees

Updated School Uniform from September 2023



**Year 7 2023/24
onwards**



**Year 8 2023/24
onwards**



**Year 9 2023/24
onwards**



**Year 10 2023/24
onwards**

Price:

Tie - £5.40

Badge - £6.00

Year 11 2023/24 - will remain with the current tie and blazer badge.

- *New tie and badges sale open from **Monday 19th June** on **ParentPay** to purchase before September 2023. Ties and badges will be*

Breck Foundation

On Tuesday 11th July, Sarah Smith from the Breck Foundation came into Charles Darwin School to work with 13 year 9 and 10 Drama students.

The students have been working after school for the last 8 weeks, rehearsing for a performance of the play 'Game Over' by Mark Wheeler. This play tells the real life story of Breck Bednar and how he was tragically groomed online. The students spent the day rehearsing the performance piece, developing their understanding of the characters and took part in a workshop, exploring the key issue the play raises about how young people can ensure they stay safe online.

The students were brilliant and the piece is really taking shape.

In the autumn term, they will perform the piece to an audience and plans are underway for them to also present to primary students about online safety, acting as ambassadors and passing on their knowledge.

A big well done to Tillie Bansel, Lois Clark and Eva Ruby in year 10 and Leila Alfara, Avaleigh Atkins, Emily Bazneh, Jess Dorsett, Karen Elsey, Sophie Mason, Millie Priestley, Alyssa Weaver and Allanah Whitby in year 9.

Finally, well done to all students in the Drama class 8X2, who also took part in the workshop in the afternoon.

Particular praise goes to Phoebe Vincent, Luke Berry, Emily Hartfield, Ted Broader and Henry Selwood who all contributed particularly well and gave some really thoughtful responses.

Miss Currie



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.

Blazers, school jumpers and PE kits needed!

Parents/Carers

We need your help! We are specifically short of school blazers, jumpers and PE kits. If you have any lying around that your daughter/son has outgrown, we would greatly accept donation of these. We also welcome any other parts of school uniform like school and football shoes.



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

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Preloved Uniform Shop Team

50th Anniversary Mural Competition

Congratulations to Leo Currier in 8HBu who won the competition to design the 50th Anniversary Mural. We are very excited to start painting his intricate and thoughtful design on the canteen annexe wall next week.

Thanks also to the other students for their competition entries-they made it a tricky job to choose the winner: Maggie McCarthy, Daine-Louise Ioannou, Sam Young, Jack Rice, Edie Plinston, Charlotte Duncombe.

Ms Kelly

Thank you Charles Darwin PTA

Thanks to the **Charles Darwin PTA** the MFL department has been able to continue our online subscription to **Pearson Active Learn**.

This is an interactive learning platform for French and German pupils in years 7-11 that allows teachers to share a range of materials in the classroom and for pupils to be able to work independently in an ICT suite or at home when completing homework.

Does your son or daughter know their login details? If not, they should check with their teacher, write the details in their planner and have a go at some of the activities at home.

The full address for the site is:

<https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com/app/home>



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

Holidays

Please support your child's learning by not taking family holidays during term time. Holidays during term time will not be authorized and a penalty notice may be issued by the local authority.



Student Services Team

Year 8 Duty Pupils:

Amber-Rose Bradshaw
Lola Brett
Tom Fox
James Doyle

Alexander Hannaford
Aoife Teehan
Ellie Cocker
Jess Khan

THANK YOU

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

Student Services Duties:

Harvey McPhillips

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

Start of term arrangement Autumn 2023

The return days for children at the start of term are as follows:

Year 7 only on Wednesday 30 August

Years 7-12 on Thursday 31 August (no Year 13)

All year groups in school – Friday 1 September

Please remember that all Years 7-10 should be wearing the new year group related blazer badge and school tie for their return. Year 11 remain in the current House blazer badge and tie for their final year.

Mrs Rees

Dates for the Diary

July

18th July - Sports Day

19th July - Trip1: Boulogne (MFL day trip)

20th July - Trip2: Boulogne (MFL day trip)

21st July - End of Term

August

28th August - Bank Holiday

29th August - INSET DAY

Sports Day 2023



Tuesday 18th July 2023

On Friday 21st July only following groups will be at school: Year 7, 8 and 9.

Finishing times:

Year 7: 12:30pm

Year 8: 12:45pm

Year 9: 11:30am

Anyone competing in Sports Day can wear PE kit all day.



BUZZERS ACADEMIES

SUMMER HOLIDAY 2023

Percussion • Circus Skills • Gymnastics • Sports • Archery • Boxing
Sand Art • Taekwondo • Dance • Cooking • Science • First Aid

Where?
BECKENHAM - Clare House Primary School, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 6PY
BROMLEY - St Mark's Primary School, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR
ORPINGTON - The Highway Primary School, The Highway, Orpington, BR6 9DJ
PETTS WOOD - St James' Primary School, Maybury Close, Petts Wood, BR5 1BL
WEST WICKHAM - Wickham Common Primary School, Gates Green Road, West Wickham, BR4 9DG

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

When?
Every Monday to Friday from 24th July to 25th August 2023
8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Academy day)

Price?
£34 per day (Academy day)
£6 morning extended hours & £6 afternoon extended hours

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2023-24 Term Dates

Autumn 2023

Tuesday 29th August – Friday 13th October

Half Term: Monday 16th October – Friday 28th 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

We need your help!



To enter please click on the link below.

[WIN £1,000/€1,000 for your school's library! \(nationalbooktokens.com\)](https://nationalbooktokens.com)

Applications are open for @gtscholars' Girl Meets Code Programme!

This free coding programme has been designed to help young girls aged 12-16 across London learn about the world of coding and technology and network with industry role models and mentors! Applications close on Tuesday 25th July 2023. Click below to apply: <https://gtscholars.org/programmes/girlmeetscode>



GT Scholars presents

#GirlMeetsCode

Join the **FREE** Summer Programme
for Girls aged 12-16
Starts: August 2023
Location: London



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Discover

- Learn more about careers in coding and technology

Create

- Discover how you can design a game or app

Connect

- Connect with industry mentors & role models
- Dive into team building and build your coding & tech skills!

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