



# Charles Darwin School

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## Headlines

### Turkey/Syria Earthquake

The situation in Turkey/Syria is extremely upsetting with more than 20,000 people known to have died after Monday's earthquakes. We will have many students with a connection to these countries and as a school we have always shown compassion in supporting those in need. I asked form tutors to have this as a point of discussion during tutor time today.

It seems that the most useful donation is money. We have created a parent pay account for staff and parents to donate and as a school we will be organising a number of fundraising events. The British Red Cross was one of the first to appeal for donations and have a good reputation for getting the funds to those that need it but we will also consider others.

### Year 8 Parents' Evening

My thanks to all families who attended the Year 8 parents' evening on Wednesday. It felt very busy and from the conversations that I had it was a very positive evening. Thank you also to the prefects who gave out the reports, they did a fantastic job!

### MADE Revision Workshops

My thanks to Mrs. Kearney for organising the MADE revision workshops this week. 160 Year 12 and 13 students took part in Revision Made Easy workshops with a smaller mixed year number in a Goals and Aspirations workshop. It was really good to see over 50 parents from Year 11, 12 and 13 attend the evening workshop event to support their child's revision at home.

### Rising Stars

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of presenting the Year 7 Rising Stars with their attendance badges. We met over break with cake and it was wonderful to be able to speak to the students and listen to their accounts of what they have been doing. My thanks to Mrs. Quinn-Addison for her amazing work with this lovely group of students.



### Half Term

This has been a very busy and demanding half term. I do hope that students and their families get a chance to rest and return refreshed for the second half of the spring term. Year 11 and Year 13 students are getting closer to their final exams and it will be important to keep the momentum going with independent learning alongside the chance to rest.

*Aston Smith*

**Please donate to the Turkey-Syria earthquake appeal via Parentpay before Wednesday 22 February – all money donated by our staff, students and families will be donated to the Red Cross on this date.**

**Please see the link attached below.**

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>



## 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.



## Charles Darwin School

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### Exam Invigilators £11.00 per hour

We are looking for suitable persons to join our dedicated pool of Exam Invigilators responsible for the invigilation of public and internal exams and tests. Invigilators will be present throughout the main summer exam season as well as at other times in the school year and may also undertake tasks such as checking registers against scripts and packing them at the end of exams. Applicants should be available from 08.30 for the morning session and/or from 13.00 for the afternoon session. Training will be provided.

Closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Please note: all applicants must complete the Charles Darwin School application form which is available on our website: [www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com) (information/job vacancies). CVs alone will not 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 an Enhanced Disclosure with the Disclosure and Barring Service and full background checks.*

### School Cleaners (£12.68 per hour)

We are looking to appoint a number of school cleaners to join our committed Site Team. Monday – Friday during term time. Some additional hours may be available during school holidays. Applicants should complete the non-teaching staff application form on our website ([www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com)) and return this to Julie Hodgkinson, Personnel & Administration Manager by 17<sup>th</sup> February.

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## Reminder

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 paying members only between 3.15-4.30pm and students are then required to leave the premises as quickly as possible; from 4.30-6.00pm only Club bookings are allowed on the 3G, there are no casual bookings of the 3G pitch during term times.

**Mr Burtonshaw**

## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

**Did you know we have a preloved uniform shop with a variety of nearly new school uniform and PE kits?**

### **SUGGESTED DONATIONS**

Please do not ever feel you must pay more than you think an item is worth, and likewise please do not feel you have to pay this amount (or at all) if times are tough – we are here for you.

If you are feeling generous and the item/s are of brand new quality we would never say no to a bit of extra cash for the children. There is NO OBLIGATION to pay the suggested amounts below:

£5 for a blazer  
£3 for a logo navy jumper  
£3 for trousers or a skirt  
£2 White shirts/blouses  
£2 for PE shorts  
£1 for a Logo polo shirt  
£5 for a logo red and black rugby top  
50p for sports socks

For other miscellaneous items please use your discretion, all donations are greatly received as always, thank you for your support!



Please place your orders using our QR code or the attached link <https://forms.office.com/r/EYNuVcZpsa> to our order form or alternatively email us with your requirements (size, gender, specific item) to [preloveduniform@cdarwin.com](mailto:preloveduniform@cdarwin.com).

Payments can be made using PayPal on the QR Code below or Link as follows [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=YLY4A4L7E8E2S](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=YLY4A4L7E8E2S) preferable but we do accept cash. Any money raised will go to The Friends of Charles Darwin School.



## Rising Stars

Well done to the Year 7 Rising Stars for achieving their Rising Star bronze badges for attendance and dedication going to the weekly sessions. The Year 7s have had a great variety of sessions to attend including giant wide game around the school, dissections in Science, Yoga, History Mystery, Trade game in Geography and many more. I look forward to the next sessions and the Rising Stars achieving their silver badge.

**Ms Quinn**  
HPA Coordinator



## SIXTH FORM CHARITY COMMITTEE VALENTINES RAFFLE

The Sixth Form Charity Committee having been working hard selling tickets for their Valentines Fundraising Raffle to raise funds for their chosen charity - The Chartwell Children's Cancer Trust.

Thank you to all those who donated gifts most generously and those who supported in buying tickets, the Committee have raised £218 for the Charity!!! Congratulations also, to all our winners!

**Mrs Johnson, KS5 Pastoral Support Manage**



### **Football and school shoes needed!**

Parents/Carers

We have had a quite substantial number of requests about football and school shoes. If you have any lying around that your daughter/son outgrown them, we would greatly accept donation of these.

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



# Praise/ Reward System



## Top highest achievers per each year for the period 01.09.2022 – 09.02.2023

Catherine Seidler	7RBr/RSi	175
Alexander James Hannaford	8JHd	127
Maci Hughes	9LDa	91
Daniel Davis	10DNu	95
Chloe McGonigal	11KW0	93
Amelia Turner	12IMr	27
Abbey Leonard	13AR0/MMe	25

## Top 10 achievers across the school for the period 01.09.2022 – 09.02.2023

Catherine Seidler	7RBr/RSi	175
Lucas Nagle	7RMk	137
Alexander James Hannaford	8JHd	127
Phoebe Vincent	8RM0/STe	127
Hannah White	8GAn	123
Chloe Cocker	8RM0/STe	119
Leo Currier	8HBu	117
Jenson Ladd-Talbot	7TMi	114
William French	7EOI/ALe	110
Leo Nagle	7RMk	109



## GCSE POD

There have been some changes to GCSE POD 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**

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



CDarwinSchool



**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**

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 3 February 2023.



7RMk	98.3
8RMo/STe	95.4
9CO n	96.1
10IJo	94.6
11PEI	95.7
12RPi	97.4
13JDa	98.3

*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 you 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**

### **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.

**Year 8 Duty Pupils:**

Elijah Clarke  
Rain Downer  
Shane Corrigan  
Katie Hall  
Tyrese Opoku  
Zac Brooks  
Vivaldo Prate Neto  
Bruno Silva  
Alan Ioannou  
Ryaan Sheraz



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

**Thank you to our duties, they have been fantastic this week, and their help has been invaluable:**

Ki'Shae Forbes  
Georgie Thorpe  
Eva Falvey  
Lucca Vallins  
Tristan Zeelie

**Student Services Team**

## DOG HOUSE Channel 4

Is there space on your sofa for a rescue dog?

Do you want help finding your perfect pooch?

We're looking for people who can offer a lifelong home to a rescue dog, and would be happy to share their reasons for doing so. If this sounds like you, then [CLICK HERE TO APPLY](https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house).

An advertisement for 'The Dog House' on Channel 4. It features a fluffy, light-brown dog standing on a white background. In the top left corner is the 'The Dog House' logo, which includes a silhouette of a dog. In the top right corner is the Channel 4 logo. The text 'Could you adopt a dog like me?' is written in a large, bold, black font. At the bottom, it says 'APPLY NOW' followed by the URL 'www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house'.



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

## Dates for the Diary

### February

13 –17 February - Half term

28th February - Year 9 Parents' Evening

### March

2nd March - NEU Industrial Action

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

29th March - Trip: Austria, Saalbach, Ski trip

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

31st March - End of Term

## Term Dates 2022 - 23

### SPRING 2023

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

*Half Term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February*

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

*Easter Holiday: Monday 3<sup>d</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April*

### SUMMER 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

*Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**INSET Days** - School closed to pupils

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

### CDS INSET days:

Monday 31st October 2022

Friday 27th January 2023

Tuesday 4th July 2023

+ 2 inset days as twilights

## Children's Mental Week In February

Please see attached an advert for students that attend a Bromley school or that live in Bromley an opportunity to attend on **Thursday 16 February (first 20 get food for free)** a Mental Health Munch at a Caribbean restaurant in Bromley.



**MENTAL HEALTH MUNCH**

**£5 meal voucher\*\* for the first 20 attendees**

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 14 - 18 YEARS**  
**ID MAY BE REQUESTED**  
(Bromley students and residents only)

**COME AND JOIN US, EAT AND CHAT WITH SPORTS WELLBEING AMBASSADORS !**

**TRY SOME AUTHENTIC JAMACIAN FOOD**

**THURSDAY 16TH FEB 2023 1:30-3:30 PM**

**TO REGISTER CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW**

**SCAN ME**

**BROMLEY YOUTH TRUST**

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Leading Young People's Lives

**\*\*Meal vouchers are valid for the date and time of the event only. Excludes drinks. Pictures for illustrative purposes only.**



# 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**



## Junior Bake Off

We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2023, but our **applications close on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

Interested bakers can apply online at [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)



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AGED 9 - 12

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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

## U10 Girls

Grassroots club **Forestdale FC** based in New Addington, are looking for a couple more players to join their **U10 Girls Team**.

Please see the flyer attached below.



**SPACES AVAILABLE**

# **U10 GIRLS**

LOOKING FOR GIRLS IN YR 4 & YR 5  
TO JOIN OUR GIRLS TEAM

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE JOIN US AT  
TRAINING ON A FRIDAY 6-8PM AT MONKS  
HILL SPORTS CENTRE (ASTRO TURF)**

**EMAIL: [INFO@FORESTDALEFOOTBALLCLUB.COM](mailto:info@forestdalefootballclub.com)**