



Charles Darwin School

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Headlines

Bromley Rotary Club Schools' Day

Well done to Pascaline Akas-Chukwuoha in Year 12 and Tobi Abiodun in Year 13 who represented Charles Darwin School at a Rotary Club lunch at The Warren in Hayes on Tuesday 21st March. Pascaline gave a short speech about her studies and aspirations. My thanks to Mrs Kearney for helping to arrange our attendance at this event; to Tobi for his support and congratulations to Pascaline on what I hear was a very well-received speech.

Year 9 Options Evening

Wednesday's Year 9 options evening was a successful event with parents and students able to learn more about the various different KS4 subjects offered here at Charles Darwin School; the individual course content and how students will be assessed across the different subjects. They were also able to consider possible future career paths and the subjects which might be needed to pursue those plans.

Year 9 exams

Well done to the Year 9s for the way they conducted themselves in exams this week. The invigilators were very positive about how they settled at the start and behaved during the assessment. Pupils indicated that they found it a positive experience. Thank you to all the Year 9 teachers that supported this exam and well done to the Year 9 students for their excellent preparation and behaviour.

F1 STEM careers visit for girls

At the time of writing I am looking forward to reporting back on Friday's trip to the Formula 1 facility at Biggin Hill where we are taking 10 of our Year 10 girls for a careers session focusing on STEM subjects. The trip is part of a pilot project to help provide inspiration and opportunities for girls in typically male-dominated fields. More on this next week.

School photographs

This Thursday we had new school photographs taken of students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12. This is an important step forward in the easy identification of students and I am sure many of you will enjoy having a new school photo to mark your child's progress through Charles Darwin School. It is now even possible to have the image made into a tree decoration! Students will have information about how to order photos immediately after they are taken and you should therefore already have seen them.

Aston Smith

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

Bromley rotary Club

Schools' Day – March 21st 2023

For as long as older club members can remember the Rotary Club of Bromley has held an annual Schools' Day. This is when a senior student from three of Bromley's secondary school is invited to speak for 8-10 minutes about their studies and their aspirations. This is not a competition, merely an opportunity for them to try public speaking – and for Rotarians (most of whom left school a long, long time ago) to hear from some young people from Bromley. On Tuesday March 21st the Club hosted a teacher and two students (one as a speaker and one for moral support) from Charles Darwin School, Bullers Wood School for Boys and Bromley High School for Girls to lunch at The Warren, Hayes.

Speakers were Pascaline Akas, Nathan Collier and Indie Finch. They came from different backgrounds and had very different hopes for the future, but all were models of passion and articulacy.

Afterwards Councillor Kate Lymer, Deputy Leader of Bromley Council and Portfolio holder for Children, Education and Families thanked the students and presented the speakers with a book token.



Details submitted by John Bruce, Bromley Rotary Club

Speak Out Challenge 2023

SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE FINAL 2023

Khushi Sinha year 10 represented Charles Darwin School at this year's Speak Out Final held at Bishops Justice School. 19 pupils represented various schools from around Bromley, making it the largest regional final in the UK! Khushi did fantastically well with her speech titled 'Scars'. It was a powerful speech that developed a key moral - we can learn from our scars to make us better. Judges found it both moving and profound. Unfortunately, due to the calibre of competition Khushi did not win, but was the perfect figure to represent us as a school. I am so proud of her attitude, dedication and development throughout this competition, starting way back in November. She should be extremely proud of what she has achieved. Well done.

Mr Nunn



Update from PTA

Update from Charles Darwin School PTA

It's Quiz Night tonight at our school! Thanks to everyone who has bought tickets. We hope it will be a fun evening for all involved. If you have any ideas for other events you would like us to consider, please let us know by e-mailing us at friends@cdarwin.com



Monthly Draw

Congratulations to Tracey R for being our February winner! If you would like to be in with a chance of winning, you just need to complete a brief form and then pay for your tickets by bank transfer or card: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHVaGNo3iWxP57CZXWdJCIHUHQYYWXN1hUehgt3RNU5e_2_A/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1mruNRcL9VcjPqNIV_I5F95ILsX7Wg9xURQTZP5eo5EITB5513BSBusLI

Easyfundraising

Did you know your everyday online shopping can benefit our school?

We've joined easyfundraising, the online cashback site that turns your online spending into free donations. It's simple - when you shop with over 7,500 well-known brands, a percentage of what you spend is shared with us - for free! easyfundraising is a great way for us to fundraise for what our school needs and an easy and free way for you to support us.

If you haven't signed up already, get started. Until March 26th, there are double donations with selected brands, including eBay, Wilko, Morrisons, JD Sports, Dunelm, Boden, Fat Face, Domino's Pizza, John Lewis & Partners and more, so you can raise TWICE as much for us!

Sign up here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=graab1&char=304171&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=educationnewsletter-2023&source=newsletter

Big thanks to the following for becoming new recent supporters: Elaine F, Jason H, Abbey P, Sarah H, Helen H, Jill B, Linda L.

PTA Team

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

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.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 17 March 2023.



7PDg/STi	100%
8GAn	92.6%
9COh	96%
10SDa	95.1%
11PEI	93.9%
12DWa	97.2%
13GQu	98.1%

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

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

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Thank you for your support.

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

Year 8 Duty Pupils:

Lola Brett
Harley Webster
Jess Khan
Rakim Matata
Amber-Rose Bradshaw

Teddy Weller
Alfie Read
Louis Smyth
Ellie Cocker
Harley Thomas

Thank you to our duties:

Erin Cosgrove
Oliver Atkinson

Megan Dotter
Freddie Fuller

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



Dates for the Diary

March

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

29th March - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

29th March - Trip: Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance (Thrive Dance company) (Yrs 7-13 8:30am-3:20pm)

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

26th April - Year 7 Parent's Evening

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

May

1st May - Bank Holiday

2nd May - Year 10 Parent's Evening

8th May - Bank Holiday

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

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.



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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BECCS GIRLS

JOIN US



• MAKE NEW
FRIENDS •

• LEARN NEW
SKILLS •



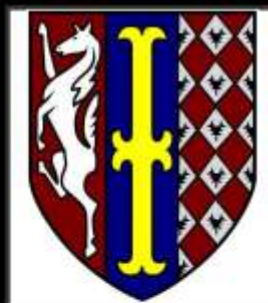
• HAVE FUN •



• 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**



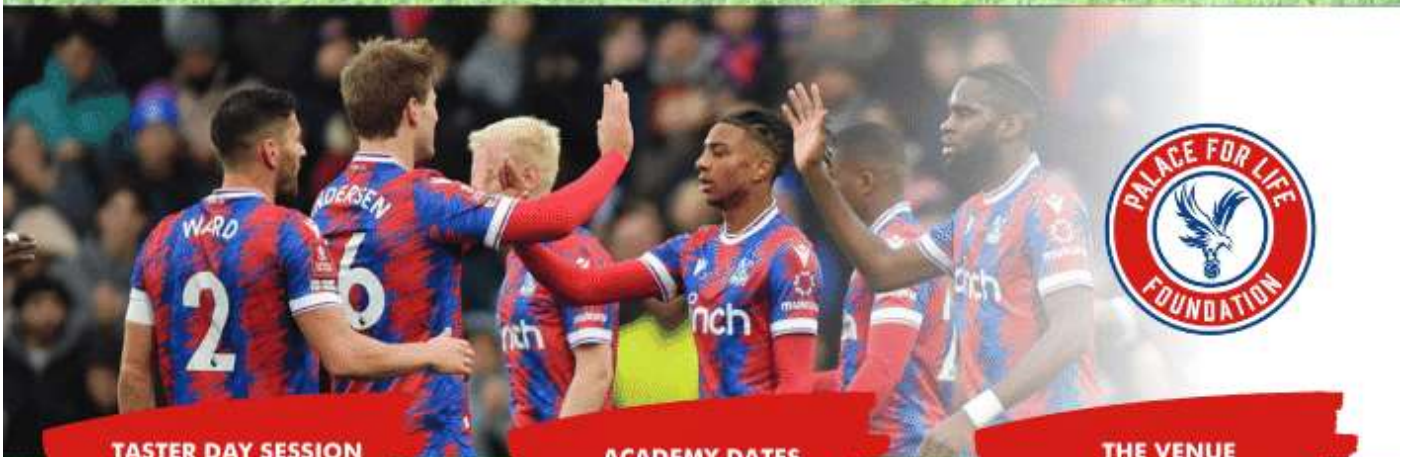
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CRYSTAL PALACE STREET SOCCER ACADEMY

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