



14.12.2018

The Link Charles Darwin School

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HEADLINES

Year 8 Impact Day

Last Friday our Year 8 students took part in a carousel of activities aimed at exploring topics which have an impact on their community, helping them to make the right decisions and discuss the consequences of bad ones. Sessions were run by the local Police, Fire Service and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Students also learnt some basic first aid and how to use a defibrillator in an emergency. I am reliably informed that everyone involved had a truly enjoyable and interesting day, imparting students with the knowledge to keep themselves safe in and outside of school.

Y13 Drama Exam

On Wednesday after school the Drama Department held their Sixth Form practical examination performance. The performance, titled DAVE on the theme of Depression, Anxiety, Vicious thoughts and Emasculation, was a high impact, intense and pacy piece which came across very powerfully. The performance was really impressive in many different ways; for me the most remarkable elements were the slickness, confidence and fluency of the performance. This made the delivery of the important messages around mental health so powerful. My congratulations to the students involved for their success, I am sure that the examiners will be most impressed.

Christmas Markets Trip

Last week, 37 German GCSE students, accompanied by staff from the Modern Languages Department, spent three days visiting the Christmas markets in Cologne and Aachen in Germany as well as the Belgian towns of Leuven on the way and Liège on the way back. In Cologne the students held a ceremony on the 'Love Lock Bridge', buying a padlock, having it engraved with 'Charles Darwin School 2018' and then locking it to the bridge. They then all made a secret wish for their futures before throwing the keys into the river.

Sunil Chotai

U14 Girls Football team make Semi-Finals



Well done to the U14 Girls Football team who beat Bexley Grammer School in the Kent Cup quarter finals. The girls won convincingly 5-1 with some fantastic goals by Izzy Franklin, Siobhan Dwyer-Burchill, Georgina Walker, Nanci Powley and Emma Spear. All the girls played fantastic and really dug deep to get the score that they did. Thank you to everyone who came to support and well done to the U14 Girls Football Squad. We are now into the semi finals which will be played on Saturday 19 January at Charles Darwin School against St Paul's. Time TBC.

Wendy Case

Students for special mention

Congratulations to Paula Szczyrba (Year 10), William Child, Billy Kennedy, Oliver Fisher, Ryan Cameron and Lyle Endo all Year 12 who have entered short films into the Bank of England film competition, having written, filmed and edited their own short films on the subject of 'what will money be like in the future'.

Students have completed this task entirely in their own time and both films are of exceptional creative quality and I am incredibly proud of their achievements. Prizes for winning entries include Amazon gift vouchers for students and £600 for the school, so fingers crossed until the winning entries are announced at the end of January.

The film department are planning on entering more national film competitions next year in conjunction with the INTO Film Club, if you are interested in joining the film club or you are a budding filmmaker in your spare time and want more information about how to enter these into film competitions then please come and speak to Miss Hurding and keep an eye out on the Film notice board outside EN5.

Marie Hurding

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS – 21 December 2018

Pupils will be dismissed early on the last day of term as follows:

Years 12 & 13 dismissed at 11:10am (no bell)

Years 10 & 11 dismissed at 11:30am (bell)

Years 7, 8 & 9 dismissed at 11:40am (bell)

The 664 and 684 bus services will leave the school grounds at 11:45am

The R8 will leave at 12:33pm from Jail Lane (outside school grounds)

The R2 will leave at 12:24pm on Main Road towards Petts Wood

All students should register as usual at 8:30am on Monday

7 January 2019 for the start of the Spring Term.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events

Autumn Term

17 to 20 December 2018 - Performances of the school production

18 December 2018 - The South of England Science & Technology Challenge Final

19 December 2018 - Christmas Lunch

Spring Term 2019

11 January 2019 - Year 9 DTP/MENACWY vaccinations

16 January 2019 - Dance trip to see Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake

25 January 2019 - Deadline for Sixth Form Applications

30 January 2019 - KS3 & KS4 London Youth Games Dance Competition

30 January 2019 - Year 9 Growth Mindset

30 January 2019 - Dance Competition semi-final

2 February 2019 - Trip to WW1 Battlefields of Ypres

6 February 2019 - Spring Music Fest

7 February 2019 - Year 8 Parents' Evening

11 February 2019 - Dance Competition final

4 to 7 March 2019 - Year 12 Geography residential

5 March 2019 - Year 12 & 13 Theatre Trip, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'

5 March 2019 - GCSE Drama Trip, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'

Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending
14.12.2018**

Evie Williams, Louie Hora, and
Daisy Stevens

Mrs Mills, Reception



PARENTS EVENINGS 2019

Year 11: 24 January 2019 [2]

Year 8: 7 February 2019

Year 9: 6 March 2019

Year 12: 27 March 2019 [2]

Year 13: 27 March 2019 [2]

Year 10: 2 May 2019

Year 7: 8 May 2019

HISTORY STAR OF THE WEEK



**Andrew Waddington
Year 8.**

Andrew is a wonderful pupil to teach. He approaches every lesson with an enthusiasm and determination to do his very best. He relishes learning and his oral contributions to class discussions are insightful and thoughtful. His recent assessment on political reform in the 19th century made the topic sound interesting and captivating - this in itself is a huge achievement!

Mr Lamb

Student Absences

Please note that all parents/carers must phone the absence line before 8.30 am for each day of their child's absence.

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of students we have to class check and parents we send a truancy call to during this term. More importantly from a safeguarding perspective we need to know where your child is and that they are safe.

Many thanks.

Student Services

Proposed Admissions arrangements for 2020/21

Charles Darwin School is consulting on a proposed change to the School's Admissions Arrangements for 2020/21.

The consultation on the proposed change which includes the addition of the following primary schools to (iv) of our oversubscription criteria will run until 31st January 2019:

Darrick Wood Junior School
Farnborough Primary School
The Highway Primary School
Tubbenden Primary School

If you wish to submit your views please email Julie Hodgkinson, Clerk to the Governors, at jho@cdarwin.com. A copy of the proposed Admission Arrangements for 2020/21 can be found on our website: www.cdarwin.com.

Amazon Smile – Have you signed up yet?

The Amazon Smile fundraising page is proving extremely popular with our supporters due to its ease of use and simple sign up.

Simply log into www.smile.amazon.co.uk with your existing Amazon Account to sign up and select Friends of Charles Darwin School as your supported charity.

In future do your shopping at www.smile.amazon.co.uk and donations to our cause will be generated automatically. A very simple "How To" guide accompanies this week's Link.



Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Parents/carers must phone before 08:30 with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.