



Headlines

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the Celebration of Success assemblies. This combined with the wider celebration assemblies last week highlight some truly remarkable achievements by our students. I want to say a huge congratulations to all the amazing students who received awards. Their hard work, dedication and achievements have been outstanding. They have shown us what is possible when you put your mind to something.

I also want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation to our incredible staff. They go above and beyond to support our students and create a welcoming environment for learning. Their commitment and passion have made a significant impact on our school community, and I thank them all from the bottom of my heart.

In my final assembly with the students I reminded them to take care of themselves and stay safe. Now is a time to relax, recharge and spend quality time with loved ones. I spoke of remembering to make wise choices and be mindful of their well-being – they are always representing our school and equally as important they are representing themselves and their family.

Before we part ways for the summer, I want to extend my best wishes to the staff members who are leaving us to embark on new challenges. Some of them are moving to different schools, others are venturing into completely different careers, and some are simply taking time to pursue new hobbies and start a new chapter. We want to thank you for everything you have given to the school and the students. Your dedication and contributions will have made a lasting impact, and we are grateful for the time we have shared together.

To all the students, I look forward to seeing you again in the next academic year to continue building on our work this year, showing everyone in Bromley what it means to be a Darwin student and what a great school we are. Keep reaching for the stars, setting goals and striving for excellence. Together, we will continue to create an environment where each of you can thrive and shine.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for making our school community vibrant, inclusive and supportive. Your contributions, big and small, have made a difference. Enjoy your summer.

Aston Smith

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



Charles Darwin School

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PA to Headteacher

Full time - 36 hours a week, 52 weeks a year
Salary range: - £32,749 - £37,594 (pay award pending)

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced administrator with first class organisational and secretarial skills to support our Headteacher as his Personal Assistant from September 2023.

We are looking to recruit an individual with a proven track record of delivering high standards to provide a proactive, comprehensive and confidential support service to the Headteacher. Duties will include taking minutes of meetings, drafting reports and correspondence, diary management, project support and co-ordinating internal and external communications.

Applicants should have excellent organisational and inter-personal skills together with experience of working in a pressurised environment. Applicants are expected to have strong IT skills, with a high level of accuracy and attention to detail and a good standard of English. Previous experience of a similar role in a school would be advantageous.

For further details and an application form please visit our website: www.cdarwin.com (information/job vacancies). CVs alone will not be considered.

Closing date: 20th August 2023. Completed applications should be sent to Julie Hodgkinson, Personnel & Administration Manager: jho@cdarwin.com

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.

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

Mrs Pitt

School Cleaners (£12.68 per hour) (6-month contract)

We are looking to appoint a number of school cleaners to join our committed Site Team in September. Contracts will initially be for 6 months and actual hours are negotiable but are likely to be between 3.00pm – 7.30pm 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) and return this to Julie Hodgkinson, Personnel & Administration Manager by 20th August.

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Satchel One logins for Parents and Carers

From September, in addition to using Satchel One for homework, timetables and achievement points, we will be using it to inform parents about behaviour points as well. All parents that do not currently have a Satchel One login will receive their login code in the post by the end of this term.

It is simple to use login code on the Satchel One APP or through searching for Satchel One on a computer. The login code can be used for up to 5 accounts so can be used by parents and carers.

It would be really helpful if all parents could have set their logins up by the start of the new term so that you can see straight away when your son/daughter has been given achievement points or behaviour points. If you need any assistance with this or you can see one of your children's accounts but not others, please contact

LKe@cdarwin.com.

Thank you in advance.

Ms Kelly

Coming soon ... December 2023

The Little Mermaid

Auditions for the school production will be held the first full week back in September. Information about how to sign up to audition will be available when we return.

Miss Currie

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>



Dates for the Diary

August

28th August - Bank Holiday

29th August - INSET DAY

30th August - Year 7 only at school

31st August - Year 7-12 (no year 13)

September

1st September - All year groups in school

13th September - Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

Year 8 Duty Pupils:

Neev Patel

Louie Smyth

Savannah Stitson

Rakim Matata

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

GT Scholars presents
#GirlMeetsCode

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

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

<https://gtscholars.org/programmes/girlmeetscode>

Sponsored by: LY London Youth

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>

The Summer Challenge 2023: Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award

This is a summer project for you to win Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards by completing iDEA badges. Develop your talents and gain all-important knowledge and information about the digital world with iDEA. You can win career enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards that help you stand out from the crowd.

You can play and learn with iDEA digital badges for free, on any device so long as you can get online, via a web browser (Google Chrome/Safari/Edge).

You will need to sign up using your Office 365 email and the link below so that we can track your progress and award certificates and prizes to those who complete the challenge. Make sure you provide your name and initials, e.g.: Joe Bloggs will be as JoeB as a nickname so that we can recognize you and give you your prizes and certificates. You will need to list your date of birth, school email address, and create a password.

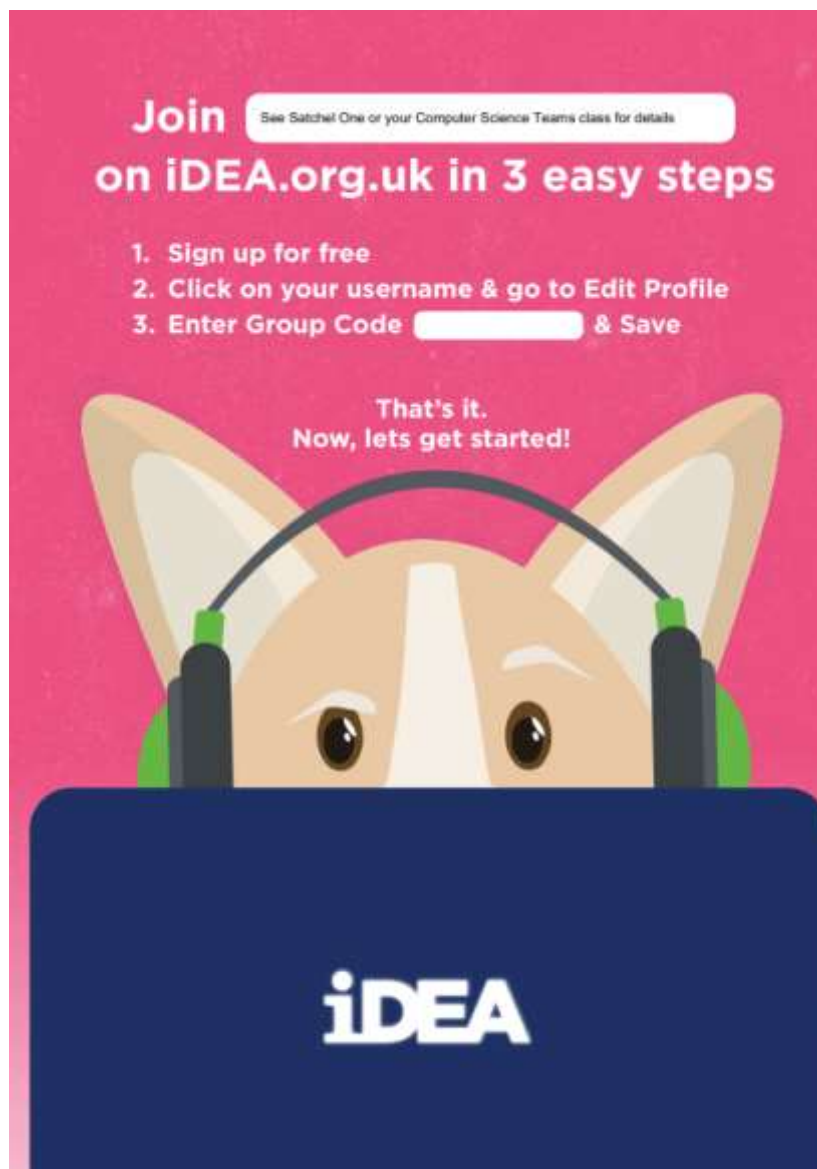
Your password will need to be at least eight characters long, contain at least one symbol & at least one number.

*If you are 13 years old or younger you will be asked to provide the name & email address of your teacher or parent when you are signing up.

Now you can start completing digital badges & earning points towards Awards!
You can re-watch the tutorial on iDEA at any time by clicking on the '?' button.

There are prizes to be awarded for students who complete the Challenge – prize award to be decided (either cash prize or product prize), one student per year group. Winners will be announced in next achievement assembly.

Ms Elliot



"Your voice matters! Help improve asthma care for children and young people in Bromley by sharing your experiences. If you're under 18 and have asthma, or you're a parent or carer of a child with asthma, we want to hear from you. Please take a few minutes to complete this quick and easy survey: forms.office.com/e/HEhjeFSG6a.

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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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