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Year 10 Newsletter

# Charles Darwin School

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## Dear Year 10

This is the last edition of the Year 10 Newsletter before the Easter break, which starts today. It has been a difficult two weeks for many of you, trying to keep up to date with work, managing your time effectively, working independently and being restricted to staying indoors. Yet as a Year Group you have successfully dealt with these obstacles and should be so proud of yourselves. It is important to remember that this virus will soon be behind us and we will return to school; to our routines and our studies. The work you are doing now will ensure that you are ready for your return. So make sure you keep it up.

Finally, as I have said before, everybody in our community is facing different circumstances. It is important that we remember those whose parents are working in the NHS or are other key workers, those whose parents might be losing their jobs and those whose parents are struggling financially. This lockdown will be having a physical and mental impact on many of us. As we enter the Easter season I hope you will all use it as a time to think about others, to continue to be considerate towards each other as you communicate on-line and most important of all, you help support your parents/carers at home and remember the pressure that many of them will be under.

I hope you are all able to make the most of this Easter break and remember that we return to our virtual learning on Monday 20th April, so make sure you log in and are ready to continue with your work in two weeks.

Mr Lamb

## A great story

Special Mention to a young man in 10RMO who has really stepped up to the mark during this crisis. With Dad being a key worker and Mum spending 5 days in the hospital to look after one of the children who has been unwell (not Covid19), this young man, at home all day without Mum and Dad, continued to do all his school work without any prompting, went for two 5km runs (great stuff) and when Mum came home from hospital at the end of the week, she found a hot dinner waiting for her and a lovely clean house. The young man knows he is. Well done!

(Any more stories like this really welcome)

## Message from Mrs Gater

Hello Year 10s

Second week in and hope you are all looking after yourselves and your family. I've been behaving myself and following the rules, which has been hard as I am unable to see my family but know it won't be forever.

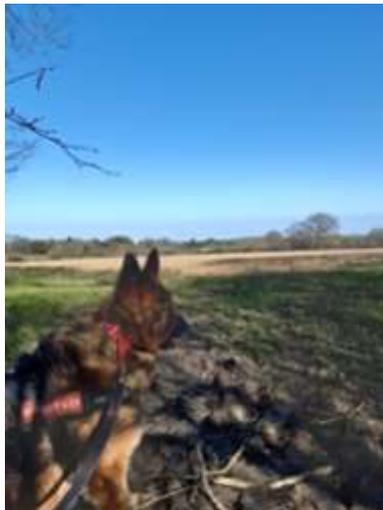
I take my daily exercise by dog walking and it's been lovely to get out into the fields and walk in the sunshine. Hope you all have some type of fitness routine too as you need to keep healthy – no excuses with Joe Wicks on the tv every day 😊

I have also enrolled to do an on-line learning course to keep me occupied, so just shows, you're never too old to learn new things.

I thought we could have a page in your Yearbook next year of the things you were doing whilst you were at home – so take some pictures of anything you've made, done etc. and email them into me on [jga@cdarwin.com](mailto:jga@cdarwin.com).

Keep smiling, keep safe, keep well

Mrs Gater



The birthdays we have missed last week, so from all of us

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dylan Brocklehurst  
Thea D'apice  
Ayishia Green  
Daisy Green  
Alfie Mills

We hope you were able to celebrate in some way. Birthdays over the next week that we will be missing (up to Easter Sunday)

Jessica Bacon  
Emmalouise Burgess  
Melissa Hewitt  
Ellis Hollman  
Louis Holmes  
Amy Holt  
Brody Iliffe  
Abbey Parker  
Elesha Poulton

Wishing you all in advance a very Happy Birthday. Hoping you can make the most of it in these difficult times

## YEAR 10 TATE MODERN TRIP

A couple of weeks ago we were extremely fortunate as a department to run one of the last trips that was able to take place before the school closure. This trip involved students creating their own concertina style sketchbooks which they made totally independently and filled with exciting images and collected objects within the gallery space itself.



The students were absolutely fantastic in the way they approached this task and by the end of the day they had a journal evidencing their experience of viewing work at first hand. Prizes were awarded on the day but we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the students involved for their enthusiasm and willingness to engage whole heartedly with this worthwhile activity.



**Mrs Doig & Miss Doughty**

## Jokes from around the school

From Student Services:

Q: What did the duck say when he bought lipstick?

A: "Put it on my bill."

From the SIR:

Q: Did you hear about the kidnapping at school?

A: It's okay. He woke up.

From the Dance Dept:

Q: How do you make a tissue dance?

A: Put a little boogie in it.

From the IT Dept:

Q: What do computers eat for a snack?

A: Microchips!

From the PE Dept:

I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.

From the Maths Dept:

Q: If you have 13 apples in one hand and 10 oranges in the other, what do you have?

A: Big hands.

From the History Dept:

Q: Who made King Arthur's round table?

A: Sir-Cumference

And finally, Geography:

A mother is helping her son study for a Geography test.

"What is the capital of Germany?" she asks.

"Berlin," says the boy.

"What is the capital of France?"

"Berlin."

"What is the capital of Russia?"

"Berlin."

"Good job, Adolf. You'll do great on your test tomorrow."

## The importance of music

Listening to just half an hour of music a day helps anxiety and could even ward off heart problems. In a test of 350 patients over seven years, anxiety levels were a third lower for patients who listened to soothing music daily.

A radio station that some of you might want to listen to is Magic at the Musicals (not for everyone I know). I have started listening to this over the past week and have yet to listen to a disappointing song.

**Mr Lamb**

## Jack Petchey

It is the turn of Year 10 to nominate names for Jack Petchey. We started this before the shut down but many of us were absent. If any of you out there would like to nominate somebody, please do e-mail me a name with a reason. I would like this as soon as possible and look forward to hearing from you.

**Mr Lamb**

This is your newsletter – any interesting stories, good deeds, things you or another Year 10 have done to make you proud, please do share with me.

**Mr Lamb**

In a world where you can be anything - Be Kind



## MR LAMB'S SHOUT OUT'S

So many of you have approached the work in a sensible and mature fashion. Your teachers feel that the following should deserve a shout out! (we will be doing this in every edition of the Year 10 Newsletter).

Well done to all of you:

**Joe Tanner Hutchings:** Mr Jones in Geography has been very impressed with your approach to working from home, completing tasks to an excellent standard and been the first to complete things.

**Alex Squires:** Mr Eckersall informs me that you have completed your work early, handed it in and are currently working on improvements to it.

**Olivia Gewitzke:** Your perseverance with emailing Ms Garner her work in different formats so that she was able to read it. (Bless her says Ms Garner).

**Harry Payne, Charlie Payne, Laila Duffel, Alex Devlin:** All of you have done some very detailed Media research and planning – much to the delight of Mr Archer.

**Erin Hartley:** For continuing to show dedication to your Drama work in these difficult times and for working really hard.

**Ayishia Green, Millie Richardson and Daisy Green:** All three of you have delighted Mrs Kelly with your excellent effort in your Geography work (and two of you were celebrating your birthday this week).

**Jemma Watts and Lydia Meads:** Both of you have been doing wonderful English work for Mr Nunn.

**Caitlin Chambers:** Mr Nunn has been really pleased with your Media work that you have produced.

**Sophie Richardson:** You have been doing a great job on your French work and completed all the tasks you have been set. Mrs Kaye has been really pleased.

**Alex Squires (again):** Dr Piercy wants a shout-out for the work that you have been doing in Science this year, your focus and effort in the assessments have been excellent.

**Charlie Payne and Imogen Seaton-Allen:** Mrs Ollier has been impressed with the effort you have put into your work and amount that has been completed during our time away from school.

**Kirsty Hunt:** Mrs Pitt has been delighted with the fabulous English work that you have been presenting.

**Elizabeth Fox, Harry Payne, Joe Barden, Alex Devlin, Luke Joy and Emily Alexander:** More Geography here! All of you have been getting on with your work for Mrs Partridge and she is really pleased with what you have completed. Well done all of you!

**Ben Burgess, Connor Dill, Darrn Green, Jason Hall, Erin Hartley, Leon Hickman, Ellis Holman, Luke Joy, Ben Norsworthy, James Oakes, Ria Peters, Lucy Rooney, Ben Seaton, Jake Stirrat:** You have all produced great work for Mrs Shooter. Well done.

**Ellie Stanmore, James Kennell, Brody Iliffe and Kirsty Hunt (again):** You have all been producing consistently good History work for Mr Lamb. I have been most impressed. Keep it up.

**Erin Hartley (again) and Abbie Leonard:** Ms Zysemil has been pleased with the manner in which both of you have adapted to online learning so quickly and competently. All your work is always of a high standard evidencing that you are always willing to go above and beyond. Abbie has also helped other students manage some of the on-line work.

**Isabella Marks-Belon, Emma Spear, Josh Trebell, Jess Bacon, Caitlin Chambers, Lauren Jamieson, Kelsey King:** You have all produced some great work for Mrs Shooter. Well done to all of you.

**Shane Irwin:** Needs a special mention as you have worked particularly well at your Maths and have been most interactive, asking for help when needed, you are a superb student.

**Sam Woods and Jack Woods:** Mrs Pitt informs me that you were the first two to return your Romeo and Juliet discursive essays.

**Gracie Greenhill, Maddie Clements, Daisy Green and Scarlet Smith-Lee:** Miss Abbotts is very happy with the work you are completing for her.

*Keep Up the  
Good Work!*