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# Charles Darwin School

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## HEADLINES

### Coronavirus Update

Families will be aware following extensive news coverage that there is a strong possibility that Public Health England will require us to close the school at some point as a consequence of the Coronavirus outbreak. I would like to assure families that we are taking all the necessary steps to plan for this eventuality. Should we need to close we will endeavour to set work for students to undertake. We will do this as far as is practicable and we will of course make sure that those who are in the final stages of their public examinations are prioritised.

We will of course keep parents updated with the situation but as I have previously advised, any decision to close the school would come from the relevant authorities. In the meantime students should ensure that they are aware of their log-in details for Showmyhomework and Seneca Learning. This is important as in the event of a closure work will be set using Showmyhomework. If anyone does not have log-in information please do let your child's Form Tutor know urgently.

### BTEC Music Event

On Tuesday after school I had the pleasure of attending the BTEC music event in the school hall. It was a super occasion that had been organised and fronted by our Year 10 BTEC music students. The music, the performances from our students, the comparing and the general organisation was superb.

The coordination from this group of students was impressive and my congratulations to all involved.

### Year 8 Options Evening

My thanks to all families who attended Thursday's very successful Options Evening. The turnout of the evening seemed a little lower than usual however this was not unexpected for obvious reasons. The parents that I spoke to also were very positive and thoughtful about the options process and very much appreciative of staff conversations.

**Sunil Chotai**

## TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION RETURNS

Last Thursday we hosted the first Charles Darwin Trampoline Competition in many years. Students across the school competed in three groups. U18/U15/U13. All of these students have been refining their skills for some time as part of the Revolve Trampoline Club led by our Coach, Tabitha Baron. This was a chance for them to showcase their skills and compete against each other for the chance of some medals.

### In the U18 Competition:

1st - Lucy Monk  
2nd - Jemma Noble  
3rd - Riley Tuxford

### In the U15 Competition:

1st - Erin Hartley  
2nd - Keira Dukes  
3rd - Aimee Cheeseman

### In the U13 Competition:

1st - Sam Kempsta  
2nd - Olivia Cuddy  
3rd - James Shanks



Special thanks to our three judges Holly Clark, Amelia Porter and Beth Porter who all volunteered and did a fantastic job. Of course thanks to Tabitha Baron whose hard work with these students week in week out is so valuable. If anyone would like to get involved in this Trampoline club then please collect a letter from Mrs Wray in the PE dept.

**Mr Simpson**

## PARENTPAY

Any monies that have been paid for a trip that has to be cancelled because we cannot guarantee the safety of our students - please note the refunded amount will be minus the ParentPay fee of 1.5%. For example a trip that cost £200 a refund of £197 will be given.

Thank you for your understanding and please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office if you have any questions.

**Finance Office**

## CAR PARK CLOSURE

Just a reminder that the car park next to the Hub will be unavailable to staff or pupils on Thursday 19th March as we have visitors from Kingston University utilising the space with their 'Lab in a Van' student outreach experience.

Thank you for your support.

**Dr R Piercy**

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.



Non-Uniform Day  
✦ Easter Eggtravaganza



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*\* Non-Uniform Donation £1 \**

*Easter Eggs on sale in the quad at break time*

*50p, £1 & £1.50*



*Raising Funds for You!*



## NEW DANCE CLUBS 2020

Attend the clubs to be in our July show at Charles Darwin School  
-any questions please see Miss Abbotts in the Dance office.

**KS3 Dance Club**



**KS4/5 Dance Club**

Years 7 and 8

Years 9 to 11

**MONDAY**



**WEDNESDAY**

**LUNCHTIMES**

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(beginning after Easter)

(beginning after Easter)



## Monday 16th - Friday 20th March 2020

### Monday 16th March

Sixth Form Finance Exam

### Tuesday 17th March

8.30am Year 7 Assembly

### Wednesday 18th March

8.30am Year 10 Assembly

### Thursday 19th March

8.30am Year 8 Assembly

### Friday 20th March

8.30am Year 10 Assembly

## Forthcoming Events

### MARCH 2020

**Wednesday 25th** - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

### APRIL 2020

**Friday 3rd** - End of Term

**Monday 20th** - Summer Term starts

**Wednesday 29th** - Year 10 Parents' Evening

### MAY 2020

**Thursday 7th** - Year 7 Parents' Evening

**Friday 8th** - Bank Holiday

**Friday 22nd** - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

**Friday 22nd** - End of Half Term

### JUNE 2020

**Wednesday 3rd** - Expressive Arts Showcase

**Friday 12th** - Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

**Thursday 18th** - Year 9/10 Rounders' Tournament

**Friday 19th** - Sixth Form Leavers' Ball

**Wednesday 24th** - Driven by Consequences

**Thursday 25th** - Year 7/8 Rounders' Tournament

**Friday 26th** - Year 11 Prom

### JULY 2020

**Wednesday 1st** - Sports Awards Evening

**Thursday 2nd** - Dance Show

**Friday 3rd** - Sports Day

**Friday 10th** - Year 6/7 Disco

**Wednesday 15th** - Personal Development Day

**Thursday 16th** - Personal Development Day

**Friday 17th** - Celebration of Success

**Friday 17th** - End of Term

### Duty Pupils for Praise Week ending 13th March 2020

Many thanks to Olivia Verrier,  
Maddison Waller, Liam Lewis and  
Pierreice Powell, Year 8.

**Miss Payne  
Reception**

### Top Attendance Week ending 6th March 2020

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7SDa	97.9%
8	8RSh	100%
9	9MHU	98%
10	10GQu	98.9%
11	11IMr	98.2%
12	12TJo	97.4%
13	13Pi	96.9%

### Parents Evenings 2020

Year 12: 25th March 2020 (2)  
Year 13: 25th March 2020 (2)  
Year 10: 29th April 2020  
Year 7: 7th May 2020

### Scrabble Club

As we are approaching exams it is essential that students can come to the Library and concentrate on revising.

Therefore Scrabble Club will now take place on Wednesday lunchtime's only until the end of term.

**Mrs Adams**

### 'Act of Kindness'

This week's 'Act of Kindness' goes to

**Solly Yelding, 8KMa**

### Friends of Charles Darwin School

Please take the time to read the attached letter to parents from the Friends of Charles Darwin - we are now finding ourselves primarily made up of parents with children in the last couple of school years and in order to continue our support, new members are needed.

Many thanks.

**The Friends**