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The Link

Charles Darwin School

Aspire - Endeavour - Achieve

Headlines

Key Stage 4 Intervention

This has been a big focus for all staff this term. This week I led a High Prior Attainment session with our most able students as part of the work Mr. Jones is doing with this group. As a Year 11 group I created a "I wish my teacher knew" session to maximise the personalised support we can give.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

My thanks to all families who attended the Year 11 parents' evening last week. It is vitally important at this point in the school year that students take on board the information from staff to guide their learning and revision in the last term before GCSE exams. Please can families be mindful that it is the intention that the summer exams will go ahead and it is highly unlikely that schools will be asked to provide Teacher Assessed Grades.

Counselling Support

Over the past few weeks I have been meeting with as many staff as possible, getting to know them and their roles within the school. This week I finally met Ted, our Wellbeing Assistant, and heard of the great work he does supporting our students.



It was also good to meet Mrs. King, (School Counsellor and Ted's owner) and have a quick chat about the excellent counselling provision in the school.

Aston Smith

**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.**

Dancers get a taste of University



On 1st February I took the Year 9 and 10 Dancers from Thrive Dance Company, the Year 11 GCSE Dance group and the Year 12 A Level Dance group on a valuable trip to Ravensbourne School. Winchester University brought their Dance students to work with a number of the Bromley Schools and it was so nice to get together bringing all of the Borough's dancers together.

The Winchester students lead a University-Level workshop and performed three separate pieces to us, including showing a dance for camera piece. I was very proud of our Charles Darwin students for having the confidence to mix with students from other schools and even performing in front of others watching - a massive well done. I may be biased, but I thought their technique and energy when dancing was also great! Well done to all.

Miss Abbotts

Sixth Form Theatre trip



On Tuesday 11th January 2022, a group of our A Level English Literature students went to London's Globe to watch a performance of 'Measure For Measure' in the Sam Wannamaker Theatre. It was absolutely wonderful to get back to the theatre and see a live performance. As part of their A Level exam, students will be examined on this particular play so it really was a useful and enjoyable experience. As always, our students behaved superbly and it was a pleasure to run the trip.

Thank you to: Karisa Patel, Traceyenne Chisholm, Daisy Angiolini, Evie Ince, Jared Quartey-Papafio, Sophie Buckell, Nicole Wallace, Maya Hood, Jodie Shillito, Ben Norsworthy, Oscar Goodwin. Connor Griffiths. Abbey Parker. Sophie Richardson. Mantha Radford. Rosie Haynes. Yasmin Cazalet-Smith. Ilona Mailet-Elzein. Ria Peters. Melissa Hewitt. Elesha Poulton and Megan Chenery.

Mrs Pitt

Free Online Safety Guides

Between chatting and gaming online, scrolling through social media, and streaming music and video, young people are almost constantly connected to the digital world in their free time. Now more so than ever: recent research identified that 77% of youngsters were spending more time online on games and apps than they did before the pandemic.

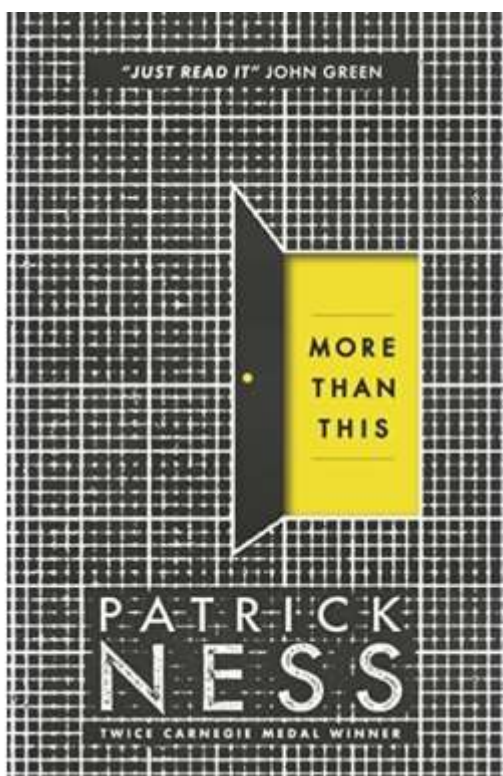
One immediately obvious issue with that is – as outlined in Ofcom's Media Use and Attitudes Report 2021 – almost half (45%) of parents have concerns about their child being bullied on the internet.

Although there's plenty that trusted adults can do to make the internet a safer place, it's also vital that we educate and empower our children to create a more hospitable, more tolerant online environment – whether that's thinking more carefully about the content they post and share, for example, or considering how they interact with other people when they're online.

Safer Internet Day 2022 next week explores this theme of respect and relationships in the digital world – and we're supporting the event by sending parents/carers a guide (attached to this week's Link) designed to help children maintain positive communication online. Please discuss this at home.



Clubs



Book Club

Currently reading: More Than This

Every Tuesday Lunchtime in the Library.

Mrs Dunmore

Geography Club

Year 7 and 8 Geography Club meet every Tuesday Lunchtime in Ge4.

Miss Buckle

Orchestra Club

Every Friday Lunchtime in Mu2.

Mrs Kearney

LFD Testing

Please ensure your child continues to test twice weekly (preferably on a Sunday night). They should be testing every 3-5 days and continue to report results.

Many thanks for your continued support.



Student Services

ParentPay Accounts

Please make sure you have activated your ParentPay account. If you have misplaced your activation letter or you are having trouble activating your account please contact the Finance Office.



Many thanks.

Finance Office

Vacancy

Charles Darwin School Exam Invigilators

£9.53 per hour

We are looking for suitable persons to join our dedicated pool of Exam Invigilators responsible for the invigilation of public and internal exams and tests. Invigilators will be present throughout the whole exam and may also undertake tasks such as checking registers against scripts and packing them at the end of exams. Internal exams will take place after Easter and the main exam season runs from mid-May – mid-July. Applicants should be available from 08.30 for the morning session and/or from 13.00 for the afternoon session. Training will be provided.

Closing date: 23rd February 2022

Please note: all applicants must complete the Charles Darwin School application form which is available on our website: [www.cdarwin.com/key-information - vacancies](http://www.cdarwin.com/key-information-vacancies). CVs alone will not be considered.

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.

This week's Pupils for Praise

Year 8 Duty Pupils

Many thanks to Henry Meheux, Keira Ricketts, Brayden Milner, Joseph Fullager, Blake Taylor, Emily Thompson, Harvey Sapsford, Alyssa Weaver, Alfie Kirkpatrick and Brooke Taylor.



**Miss Todd
Reception**

Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 28 January 2022.

7RMo/HBa	95.3%
8HCa	90.8%
9SDa/RMk	97.5%
10ORo	96.3%
11RBr/KDu	94.7%
12TJo	100%
12GQu	100%
13IMr	97.7%

Student Absence

Please note that all parents/carers must phone the absence line (01959 574043, option 1) before 8.30am 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. More importantly from a safeguarding perspective we need to know where your child is and that they are safe.

Failure to respond to a Truancy Call will result in your child being marked as an Unauthorised Absence.

Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Student Services

The Friends of Charles Darwin

The Friends of Charles Darwin School is an organisation made up of parents of current students, members of the teaching facility and members of the local community.

Amazon Smile

The Friends of Charles Darwin School have subscribed to the Amazon Smile fund-raising scheme. Simply log in to 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. Details on how to sign up are attached to this week's Link.



The 50/50 Club

Our 50/50 Club – a great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter! Information and a membership form accompany this week's Link – please do check it out! With only 600 members there would be a £300 winner every month!

Menu: Monday 07 February - Friday 11 February

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MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY

MAIN Spanish Style Meatballs served with Potato Bravas, Cabbage and Peas

MAIN Mixed Bean, Sweet Pepper and Vegetable Goulash
served with Crushed Potatoes, Cabbage and Peas (VEGAN)

STREET FOOD Thai

DESSERT Sticky Golden Syrup Sponge and Custard

TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY

MAIN Our Speciality Curries with a choice of Vegetable, Meat and
Vegan Dishes served with Traditional Garnishes and Accompaniments

STREET FOOD Italian

DESSERT Fresh Fruit Salad and Cream

WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY

WINTER OLYMPICS THEME DAY

SEE POSTER AND MENU BOARDS FOR DETAILS

THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY

MAIN Chicken and Mixed Pepper Fajitas
served with Mexican Rice and Mixed Salad

MAIN Spiced Chick Pea and Beetroot Burger with
Sweet Potato Wedges and Corn on the Cob (VEGETARIAN)

STREET FOOD Japan

DESSERT Baked Banana Cake and Custard

FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY

MAIN Battered Cod and Chips served with Peas,
Mushy Peas, Beans and Chef's Salad

MAIN Goats Cheese and Mediterranean Vegetable Bruschetta
with Chips and Fresh Salad (VEGETARIAN)

STREET FOOD English

DESSERT Chocolate and Pear Muffin and Custard

AVAILABLE DAILY FRESH CHEF'S SALAD - WHOLE GRAIN BREAD - GRAB AND GO POT MENU



**STREET
FOOD**

THE SPANARD
THE ITALIAN
THE BIG FOOT
THE ORIENTAL

THE DELI

FRESH CUT SANDWICHES - ROLLS - WRAPS - PITTAS - BAGUETTES
SEE THE BLACK BOARDS FOR SOUPS, THEME DAYS
AND THE CHEF'S SPECIAL

***ALL OUR MENUS ARE TREE NUT AND PEANUT FREE**

INGREDIENTS CONTAINING GLUTEN (INDICATED BY THE NUMBER 1 ON THE MENU) WILL CONTAIN WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY, SPELT, RYE OR KAMUT, OR
A COMBINATION THEREOF. IF YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGEN CONCERNS PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CATERING MANAGER. WHILST WE DO NOT BRING WHOLE
NUTS OR INGREDIENTS WITH NUTS INTO OUR KITCHENS, SOME PRODUCTS ARE SUBJECT TO 'MAY CONTAIN' STATUS IN MANUFACTURING

WE ONLY USE



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FRESH COOKED



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FRESH EGGS



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Are you ready for an exciting challenge this summer? Be creative and meet new people at the summer school of a lifetime. Held in our world class studios, enjoy the opportunity to explore conservatoire training and student life at Trinity Laban in your favourite art form.

18 – 22 July 2022 at the Laban Building, Deptford, London, SE8 3DZ.



So what is movement anyway? Discover the answers during this week-long choreology intensive summer school, based in our world class studios at the Laban Building.

How Movement Works is an opportunity to research and explore movement and reflect on how this can be embodied in your own practice. It will significantly change and improve your creative practice.

The summer school is suitable for practitioners, 18yrs+ from different backgrounds and disciplines, interested in movement, choreography, acting, performance, circus, physio and directing or teaching. No previous experience of movement analysis theories is required.

25 July – 5 August at Trinity Laban for the Dance Summer School



Experience a variety of dance styles, from contemporary dance to ballet and hip hop. Explore different techniques that will help you develop as a dancer.

Anyone aged 16 years+ is welcome to take part in the Dance Summer School. With a broad programme that can be tailored to meet different needs, we have adults of all ages, backgrounds and abilities taking part.

26 – 29 July 2022 at the Trinity Laban King Charles Court campus



If you're passionate about making music, eager to stretch yourself with new skills, and up for making new friends with a range of musical interests and backgrounds, then our intensive 4-day summer school is for you.

Join our Young Musicians Summer School at the Trinity Laban King Charles Court campus.

8th - 12th August 2022 at Laban Building, Deptford, London, SE8 3DZ



Our 5-day course is designed for aspiring performers of all abilities (aged 16+) who want to experience training from Trinity Laban's esteemed Musical Theatre Department.

Work with West End professionals and explore acting, singing, and dancing. There will also be audition technique masterclasses and stimulating workshops. If you're thinking of next steps in your Musical Theatre Journey, now is the time to Take the Lead!

For more information and to book your place please visit: [Young Musicians' Summer School - Trinity Laban](#)

Term Dates 2021 - 22

SPRING 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 11th February

Half Term: Monday 14th – Friday 18th February

Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

Easter Holiday:

Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April

SUMMER 2022

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May

Half Term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July

INSET Days – school closed to pupils

Monday 1st November 2021

Monday 20th December 2021

Tuesday 21st December 2021

Friday 28th January 2022

+ 2 inset days as twilights

Term Dates 2022 - 23

AUTUMN 2022

Thursday 1st September – Friday 14th October

Half Term: Monday 17th October – Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October – Wednesday 21st December

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 22nd December - Tuesday 3rd January

SPRING 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February

Half Term: Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

SUMMER 2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

(Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday)

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

Notes: Good Friday 7th April 2023
Easter Monday 10th April 2023

INSET Days - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 30th October 2022

Wednesday 31st August 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Friday 27th January 2023

Tuesday 4th July 2023

Dates for the Diary

February 2022

Wednesday 09 February - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 11 February - End of Half Term

Monday 21 February - Start of new Term

Monday 21 February - Dance Performance - Langley Performing Arts Centre

March

Tuesday 01 March - GCSE PE Cycling at Cyclopark, Gravesend 2022

Thursday 3 March - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 04 March - GCSE Science Live - Dominion Theatre

Tuesday 08 March - A Level Chemistry in Action 2022

Wednesday 30 March - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

Halls for Hire

Sports Hall

Our Sports Hall is the size of four badminton courts and has four cricket nets. It can be curtained off into two sections. The floor is painted concrete and is marked out for Indoor Football, Basketball and Netball. Badminton courts can be booked at short notice and rackets and shuttlecocks are available to borrow for free at reception.

Alternatively you may want to hire the Sports Hall for fitness classes, birthday parties or any other events.

Dance Studio

Our mirrored Dance Studio is very popular for our fitness classes, such as Dance Impact, Zumba and Yoga.

Gymnasium

Our Gymnasium has sprung wooden flooring and is used by gymnastics groups and high impact exercise classes. It also is marked out as two badminton courts.

If you would like to hire one of our Halls please contact Darwin Leisure Centre on 01959 540606 or via email leisurecentre@cdarwin.com for more information.

Children's Clubs

Day	Time	Class	Trainer/Contact
Monday	5.00pm	Trampoline Club (age 5-16)	Tab Tel: 07812 916238
	6:00pm	D&D Football (age 4 - 9)	danddfootiefocus@live.co.uk
Tuesday	5.00pm	Kaigaishii Karate Beginners (age 4+)	Ellie Tel: 07912 212075
	6.00pm	Kaigaishii Karate Advanced	
	5.30pm	FC Academy (ages 5-12)	Ian Tel: 0800 088 6089
Wednesday	5.00pm	Gym Club (ages 3-16)	Tel: 07922 613076
Thursday	5.00pm	Trampoline Club (age 5-16)	Tab Tel: 07812 916238
Friday	5.00pm	Kaigaishii Karate Beginners (age 4+)	Ellie Tel: 07912 212075
	6.00pm	Kaigaishii Karate Advanced	
Saturday	9.00am	Gym Club (age 5-16)	Tel: 07922 613076
	10.00am	Trampoline Club (age 5-16)	Tab Tel: 07812 916238
	10.00am	Skills Academy (age 5-12)	info@skillsacademy ltd.com

All Clubs are booked direct with the Trainer

traceyjduenne@tiscali.co.uk
07986576118

**TRACEY DUNNE
YOGA**

Sunday Yoga Class
9am - 10am
(in the dance studio)
£10

Opening promotion -
Bring a friend and you come FREE!



DARWIN LEISURE CENTRE Opening Times

Monday - Friday 4pm - 10pm
Saturday 9am - 4pm
Sunday 9am - 4pm

Last entry 1hr before closing

DANCE IMPACT is a NEW FITNESS CLASS in BIGGIN HILL

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Dance like no one is watching in a friendly and supportive environment. All moves can be taken for a higher or lower impact or a mixture of the two, the choice is yours.

Every Monday
7:30pm - 8:15pm
Darwin Leisure Centre (Dance Studio)
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill,
TN16 3AU

@DanceImpactFitness
@Dance_Impact_Fitness
danceimpact@outlook.com
07717410601

£6 pay as you go (Cash or Card)
or Pre book:
<https://danceimpact.sumup.link>
(Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)

Walking Football
Darwin Leisure
Centre
Biggin Hill
Every Tuesday
5:30pm - 7:00pm
If interested call:
07834419891

DARWIN LEISURE CENTRE

We offer a modern gym set up comprising of 3 different areas to help you achieve your health and fitness goals in a friendly and fun atmosphere.

PUMP ROOM

Adjustable twin pulley, Olympic flat bench, Squat/shoulder rack, Deadlift platform, Dumbbells (up to 45kg)

FUNCTIONAL AREA

Kettle bells, Jump boxes, Slam balls, Dumbbells (up to 30kg)

FITNESS SUITE

Treadmills, Up right bike, Recumbent bike, Rowers, Cross trainers, Stepper and a range of resistance machines (to target the whole body).

Call now to join up:

01959 540606



PRICES

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GOLD Membership	£25.00 per month
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 - Week 2: August 2nd/3rd/4th
 - Week 3: August 15th/16th/17th

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Where?

BECKENHAM - Clare House Primary School, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 6PY

BROMLEY - St Mark's Primary School, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR

CHELSEFIELD - The Highway Primary School, The Highway, Orpington, BR6 9DJ

Who?

Boys and Girls aged 5 to 12 (including Reception class)

When?

Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022

8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Academy day)

Price?

£30 per day (Academy day)

£5 morning extended hours & £5 afternoon extended hours

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WHEN?

February half-term

Easter holiday

May half-term

Summer holiday

October half-term

Christmas



Our Buzzers Academies are aimed at children aged 5 to 12 years and are tailored to suit all sporting interests and abilities. All of our academies are based around **Sports**, **Performing Arts** (Dance, Drama & Gymnastics) and **Outdoor Adventure**. Each day of our Academies are tailored to ensure maximum participation in a **fun** and **safe** environment. Our staff will ensure that all children make **new friends**, **try something new each day** and **have their say** on the Academy day-to-day activities.

Throughout the Academy week, there will also be '**special events**' such as Archery, Percussion Circles, Fencing, Taekwondo, Inflatable Games, Sand Art and SEN/Disability Sports.

All Buzzers Academy staff hold enhanced DBS certificates and are trained in First Aid, Safeguarding Children and Child Protection. All Buzzers staff come from a school based PE teaching background, therefore each Academy day will have a 'learning outcome' based around:

- **ABC's** (Agility, Balance & Co-ordination)
- **Communication Skills**
- **Leadership**
- **Team Building**

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