



Charles Darwin School

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Headlines

Year 7 Drama Club

On Tuesday I joined staff and parents to watch the Year 7 Drama Club perform "Ernie's Incredible

Illucinations". It was a fantastic event and the students had clearly worked incredibly hard to showcase this event which was based on Alan Ayckbourn's play. The performance was directed by four Year 12 Drama students (Aimee Cheeseman, Erin Hartley, James Kennell and Grace Stacey) who have been working with the Year 7s to build their confidence. It was also great to see so many parents in attendance; many of whom spoke to me about how they appreciated being able to come in to school to watch some high quality theatre. My congratulations to all the student involved.

The Darwin Games

Over the last few days students have been taking part in the first week of "The Darwin Games". It has been fantastic to see all the students getting involved, supporting each other and trying to win as many points as possible for their form and country.

I had the privilege today of timing first place for the girls' 100m heats and from what I saw we could have some future Olympians in our school! Well done to everyone, keep it going!

Aston Smith

As part of the school's **Pride Month** celebrations, students (and staff) are cordially invited to attend 'Read with Pride' in the Library at lunchtime on Tuesday 21st June. Explore stories from the LGBTQ+ community and take part in Pride activities or, perhaps enjoy a rainbow-themed refreshment. All welcome.



The Importance of PRIDE

Today's LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bi, transgender, queer, questioning or ace) children and young adults are growing up in a time of dynamic social and political change with regard to LGBTQ+ rights and visibility. Social surveys indicate a consistent improvement in attitudes towards LGB people and their relationships. Laws enacted now offer protection for LGBTQ+ people and their families (*Marriage Act 2013; The Equality Act, 2010*). Culture, media, and politics offer mainstream visibility of LGBTQ+ people. Yet despite these changes, **ever-mounting research has established that LGBTQ+ youth remain at risk of compromised mental health when compared with their heterosexual and cisgender peers.**

LGBTQ+ health inequities are linked to experiences of stigma, prejudice, and discrimination. Studies demonstrate the potential psychological consequences and impact of bullying and prejudice on young LGBTQ+ people's mental health and wellbeing, which include self-harm and depression. Research indicates that adolescents who have same-sex attractions, or have same-sex romantic or sexual relationships, or who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual are more likely than heterosexual adolescents to self harm, to experience depressive symptoms, suicidal ideation, and to make suicide attempts. **Further research reports on the consequences of homophobic or transphobic bullying in schools, which include: absenteeism, early school dropout, and poorer academic performance.**

Charles Darwin School has a duty to protect the health and psychological wellbeing of its students. For children who are LGBTQ+, research by Stonewall (one of the UK's leading LGBTQ+ charities) found that feeling included at school is a crucial part of wellbeing. **June is Pride Month and Charles Darwin School will be celebrating our LGBTQ+ community with a range of events across the school.**



Book Club is celebrating Pride Month

READ WITH PRIDE

TUESDAY 21ST JUNE 2022
1.15pm - 1.45pm in the library

LGBTQ+ book display

Rainbow sweets

Pride activities

Absence Reminder

Please note that all parents/carers must phone the absence line 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 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

Mental Health Support Team through Bromley Y – support calls for parents

From September 2022, Charles Darwin School will now be working with the Mental Health Support Team in Bromley alongside Bromley Y (Adolescent Counselling Service). This will allow us to access greater support in the school for our students and for our parents/carers as well as maintaining our strong existing relationship with Bromley Y.

Further details as to what we can offer through this additional provision will be confirmed in September. However, please see below the new offer of Support Calls to parents. **If you child is having difficulties with their emotional wellbeing, they are feeling anxious, low or displaying challenging behaviours and you are unsure as to how to best support them, please consider one of these 30 minute 1-1 calls with a Bromley Y practitioner. Please see below on how you can book one of these calls.**

Mrs Rees

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
Service for Children and Young People



Support Calls *Improving access to wellbeing support*

Is your child experiencing difficulties with their emotional wellbeing?

Are they feeling anxious, low or displaying challenging behaviours?

Are you uncertain of how to best support them?

We would like to make it as quick and easy as possible to access appropriate wellbeing support. As such, we are offering parents/carers 30 min phone consultations with one of our practitioners for advice and guidance on any current difficulties.

To arrange a call, email swswellbeingsupport@bromleyy.org with the following:

- Name and contact number
- Child's age and school
- General availability for a call
- A brief description of what you wish to discuss or any other relevant information

We aim to get back to you within 5 working days.

To find out more about Bromley Y or to access self-help tips for a range of mental health difficulties, please visit our website.

bromley-y.org



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The GCSE Art and Textiles Private View Exhibition was a very successful evening last week. It was a celebration of all students' hard work and dedication enabling them to showcase their skills in a gallery setting.

NDy



We are pleased to invite you to attend our A Level Art and Textiles Private View exhibition

We are proud of how our students have matured and developed as individuals as well as designers and artists. The work on show will display the diverse range of skills, talents and techniques, not to mention hard work and dedication.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Polite reminder that photos taken of artwork are NOT ALLOWED on social media, this is an exam board stipulation as grades may be compromised



Petitions

UK Government and Parliament

Clothing for children aged 14 or older, or taller or larger than the average, is subject to a 20% VAT rate. This includes school uniforms. We are calling on the Government to abolish tax on school uniforms by scrapping VAT on all school-specific uniform items to bring down costs for families.

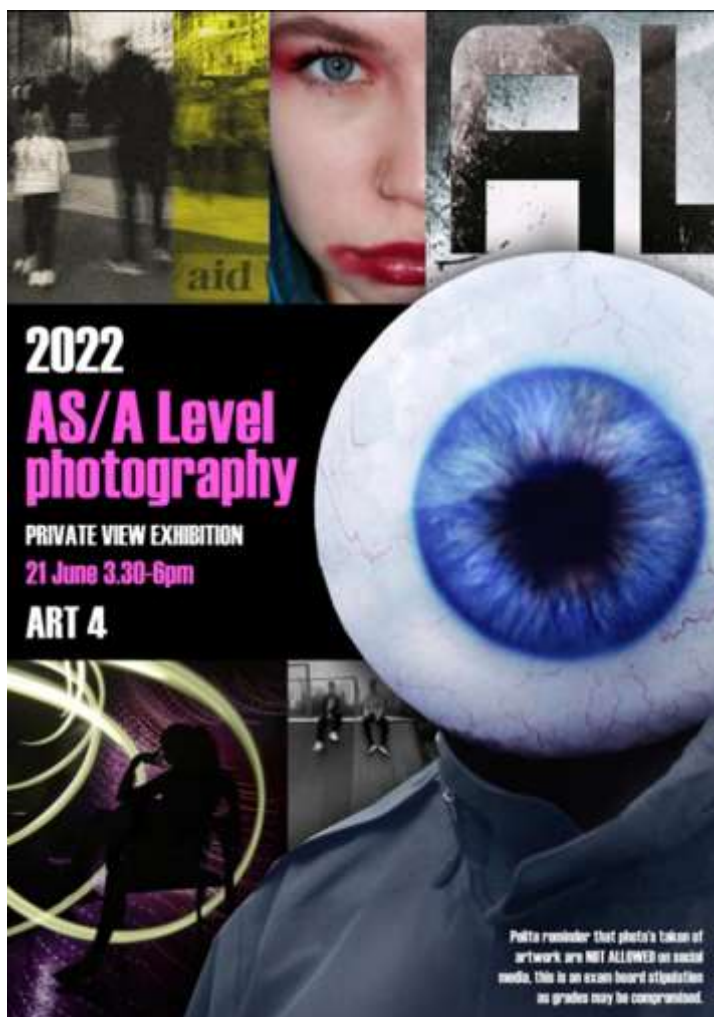
Each family would make significant savings in clothing their child in school uniform across the lifetime of their time at school, at what is a relatively limited cost to the taxpayer. The timing is now right too to abolish this tax, as Brexit has given the country new tax freedoms which the Government should take advantage of.

Sign this petition

3,723 signatures

10,000





FRIENDS OF CHARLES DARWIN SCHOOL EVENT

Wear your trainers to school!



Wear trainers instead of your school shoes for £1 only.

FOR ONE DAY ONLY: FRIDAY 15TH JULY

Help the school raise funds to improve social time at break and lunchtimes for more organised indoor and outdoor activities.

JUST BRING £1

FRIENDS OF CHARLES DARWIN SCHOOL.
CHARITY NUMBER: 803684



rEvolve
TRAMPOLINE CLUB
Contact Details:
Number: 07812914338
Email: revolve@shoma.com



CASH ONLY

Revolve Trampoline Club Fundraiser

Sixth Form dancers are taking part in a fundraiser with their trampolining club on Sunday 17th July for Betsi Powley (who is at the Marsden Hospital) and they have been invited to choreograph a dance to perform at the Fundraiser.

They will be teaching the routine during Thursday lunch-times in the Dance Studio (starting next week, the 16th) and so they would like to invite students to come and learn the routine. Anyone is welcome to come and learn the routine (boys and girls from Year 7 to Year 13).

Miss Abbotts

Based at Charles Darwin Leisure Centre
Club sessions:
Monday 4pm-6 pm
Thursday 5pm-7pm
Saturdays 10am-12pm



SCAN ME

17th July 2022
10am-3pm

Location: Charles Darwin Leisure Centre

Revolve Trampoline Club will be raising money for Betsi at the Marsden.

Scan QR code for information about Betsi.

- Sport Day Course
- Bouncy Castle
- Trampolines
- Football activities



Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 10 June.

7HBu	99.3%
8NKO	98.6%
9SDa/RMk	94.4%
10NDy	95.6%
12ARo/KMn	96.3%



Dates for the Diary

June

Friday 24 June - Year12/13 Summer Ball

July

Friday 1st July - Year 11 Prom

Friday 22 July - End of Term

August

18th August - A Level Results Day

25th August - GCSE Results Day

September

1st September - New Year 7s start

2nd September - All Years back to school

October

14th October - End of Half Term

31st October - Start of new Half Term

Duty Pupils w/e 10 June 2022

Many thanks to all our very hardworking students that have helped out in Reception and Student Services this week.

Miss Todd, Reception
Mrs Paterson, Student Services

REMINDER:

If any students have overdue Library books at home please ensure they are returned to Form Tutors or the Library as soon as possible.

Mrs Adams



Charles Darwin School Preloved Uniform Shop

Please donate any unwanted school uniform items no longer required. We are looking to generate enough stock in any size and in reasonable condition to be able to re-sell to families at a reduced rate. We are particularly keen to receive the following:

- Blazers
- Skirts
- Trousers
- PE Kits

Blazers urgently required

If anyone is able to volunteer to help us create this Preloved Uniform Shop please contact Mrs Rees at the school.

All donations can be left at Main Reception.



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

INSET Days - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 30th August 2022
Wednesday 31st August 2022
Monday 31st October 2022
Friday 27th January 2023
Tuesday 4th July 2023

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

Last day of Term: Friday 22nd July 2022

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

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

Vacancy



Learning Support Assistants
25 hours per week Monday – Friday, term time only
September 2022
(Actual salary £12,812)

We are looking to appoint two Learning Support Assistants to join a well-established team supporting a range of students' needs in class, in small groups and/or specialised individual learning. Applicants should have good English and Maths skills (GCSE equivalent grade C or above) and be confident working with IT. Experience of working with secondary-aged students with a range of SEN and/or *experience of working with students with ASD would be advantageous.*

Further details and an application form are available on our website and should be sent to jho@cdarwin.com. Closing date: 1st July 2022. Please note CVs alone cannot 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 a DBS Enhanced Disclosure and full background checks.