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# Charles Darwin School

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## Headlines

### Covid Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

This week we received confirmation that Covid vaccines for students aged 12–15 will take place on Monday 7th March. This time around the vaccine programme is being administered by Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust who have confirmed that they will be offering 2nd jabs to eligible students, as well as 1st doses and booster doses to any student 12+ years who may require one. Further information together with the link to the electronic consent form will sent out in due course.

### Safer Internet Day

The theme of Tuesday's Safer Internet Day was "All fun and games?" - exploring respect and relationships online. Key Stage 3 students were asked to complete a range of SID 2022 activities which helped them to reflect and discuss everyday online experiences which were relevant to many of them, most of which are experienced through online gaming. Year 7 students were then asked to pick a scenario from the activities and create a cartoon to show how the situation might evolve. It was good to see that some students are already following safe and respectful practices and the discussions were able to highlight where students initially incorrectly felt that their actions and comments were acceptable.

### Friends Meeting

I am looking forward to joining the Friends of Charles Darwin at their meeting on Wednesday 23rd February at The Crown in Leaves Green at 7.30pm. I would like to take this opportunity to extend the invite to any parents who may be interested in finding out more about the work of the Friends.

### End of Half Term

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to thank all families for their support and to wish everyone a restful break.

In the interest of reducing infection in school, please can families ensure that students continue to take a lateral flow test over half term and in particular on the Sunday before we return.

Aston Smith

### Charles Darwin Parents & Carers : Young People & Healthy Relationships



Wednesday 9th March 2022

6pm - 7pm

Online Event



An online workshop exploring Relationships Education open to all parents and carers of students at Charles Darwin School.

Charles Darwin School is proud to be working towards being one of the first schools in the UK to be awarded a Healthy Relationships Champion School.

We've partnered up with Tender Education and Arts ([www.tender.org.uk](http://www.tender.org.uk)) for the pilot year of RE:SET; an online tool kit and whole school campaign to award our school for promoting a culture of healthy, equal and respectful relationships.

This workshop is part of a year of activity working with students, staff and parents and carers to explore healthy relationships

and consequently support our children to have healthy relationships free from abuse and sexual violence.

The aims of this first session are:

- To develop a good knowledge of Ralph Allen's new partnership with RE:SET – the Relationships Education School's Equality Toolkit.
- To understand the change in Relationships Education curriculum.
- To explore healthy and unhealthy relationships for children and young people.
- To understand the challenges facing parents and carers supporting their children to have healthy relationships.
- To identify what additional information parents and carers need when supporting their children to have healthy relationships.

To learn more about Tender please click on the link below.

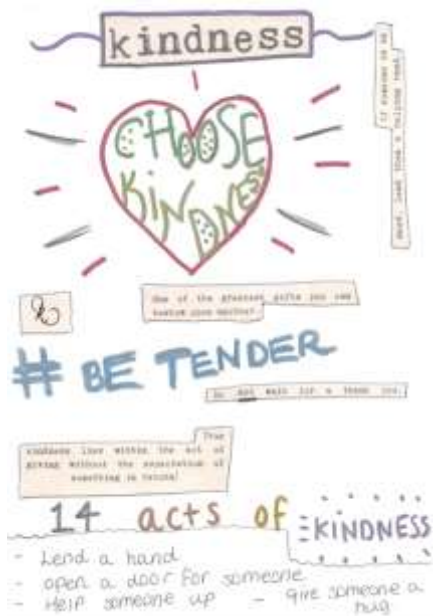
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charles-darwin-parents-carers-young-people-healthy-relationships-tickets-262591627627](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charles-darwin-parents-carers-young-people-healthy-relationships-tickets-262591627627)

## Personal Development: Relationships Education through assemblies

During December and this half term, each year group in Year 7-11 has had an assembly delivered to them by a senior member of staff on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Abuse. The murders of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa alongside websites such as 'Everyone's Invited' and a subsequent Ofsted review in schools of sexual abuse has emphasised the role we all have to play in educating young people in their conduct towards each other. The Ofsted review identified that 37% of school girls reported experiencing sexual harassment in school compared to 6% of boys. We clearly all have a role to help young people to understand that any form of sexual discrimination, sexist language and sexual harassment cannot be tolerated.

An emphasis in the assemblies was around what harassment could look like in and around school and the importance of telling a trusted adult if this happens to you or you see it happening to others. The message was clear in that sexual harassment will not be tolerated at the school and we will continue to take a firm line on sanctioning this behaviour. Any reports would be taken seriously, children would be listened to and behaviour identified would not be tolerated. When appropriate, this may involve reporting incidents to the police or social care.

These assemblies are just a small part of our focus on developing a relevant, age appropriate Relationships and Sex Education across the school. I would encourage parents/carers to look at our policy on the school website and encourage you to take part in the online workshop on **Wednesday 9th March at 6pm** as advertised in this addition of the Link to help understanding of how this looks in our school. We welcome any feedback you can give in enhancing this provision as we continue to work with Tender.org.uk in the pilot year of the RE:SET campaign to be awarded the title of being a Healthy Relationships Champion School. A very big thank you to Ms Sampson and Miss Currie for their work in this area.



Tillie Bansel Year 9

Mrs Rees



This half term, a Healthy Relationship Ambassador project has started up with 20 eager Year 9 Drama students wanting to get involved. These students have all worked with Tender before Christmas, where they explored unhealthy relationships and consent in a 2 day workshop.

Over the last few weeks we have met as a group to start to plan a performance project where issues around relationships can be explored further. So far, plans include creating a radio play and podcast as well as devising a live performance

piece where character stories can interlink.

The students involved have been really committed and this work will continue after half term with script writing and rehearsals taking place.

Miss Currie

**Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your FIFA? This February, the NSPCC are supporting UK Safer Internet Centre's Safer Internet Day and encouraging families across the UK to get talking about online gaming.**

What percentage of 5-15 year olds spent time gaming on line in 2020 during lockdown?

What communication can take place within games via chat apps?

The answers to this and many more questions can be found in the latest **Gaming webinar for parents and carers:**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=YO6Ux7qfYXk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YO6Ux7qfYXk)

We would encourage parents to watch this 15 minute online workshop called 'Keeping children safe on gaming platforms' from the NSPCC. They will learn about how children and young people game online and how they can help keep them safe.



## Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

This Thursday, Emmy Vince, Alex Webb, Daisy Boost and Pierreice Powell took part in the Semi-Finalist round of the Speak Out Challenge. They all had to write an engaging speech and present it to a panel of English teachers amongst some of their peers. All of the students were truly brilliant and left us with some seriously thought provoking moments, as well as some goose bumps!

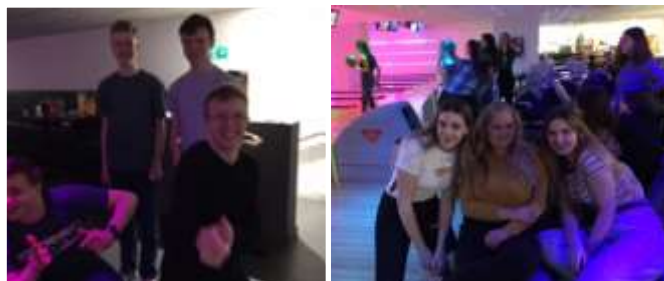
Congratulations to Pierreice Powell who has been voted through to the Regional Finals where she will represent Charles Darwin School on the 8th March at Hayes School. Well done to all, and good luck to Pierreice in the Regional Finals that will be attended by many other schools (as well as Miss Playle from Charles Darwin School).

**Miss Playle**

## Sixth Form Rewards Trip

Our first rewards trip saw around 30 of us bowling at the Pavilion in Bromley last Friday afternoon. Students were invited to attend as a result of positive Effort and Attendance in the Autumn term. It has been a long time since there has been able to be much fun in the Sixth Form and it was lovely to be able to offer this to such a fantastic group of students.

In first place bowling was Nyah Sawyer, second, Joel Berry and third, James Kennell. Well done everyone, thank you for making it such a pleasurable afternoon, Mr Goss and I greatly enjoyed ourselves too!



**Mrs Kearney**



We would like to inform you of an exciting opportunity in language learning for pupils studying German in Years 8, 9 and 10. On Wednesday 23rd February, first week back after half-term, we have invited in a German Theatre Company who will deliver an interactive, fun theatre piece to our students.

This is something quite special because the plays are modern, accessible and very entertaining. We think this is a unique opportunity and an excellent way to boost pupil interest and confidence in language learning.

It is performed by native German speakers who are experienced in ensuring that their plays are clear for pupils to understand and be able to follow and enjoy the relatable plot.

In order to ensure that the play can go ahead, we are asking for a contribution via ParentPay of £3. Pupils will be off timetable for the duration of the play and will receive more information from their language teacher in due course.

We thank you for your support and encouragement of this language learning opportunity.

**Ms Wood**



## The Friends of Charles Darwin

We are a small group of parents and staff who fundraise and provide closer links between home and the school. It's also an excellent way to bring staff, parents, friends and members of the community together socially in support of the school.



**Our next meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February @ 7.30pm in The Crown, Leaves Green**

If you would like to get involved please feel free to attend the meeting to find out what we do, no obligation to join

### 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**

### Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 04 February. 2022.

7EKa/CAh	95.4%
8COn	93.2%
9SDa/RMk	94.4%
10WCa/KDu	94.3%
11RBr/KDu	95%
12JDa	96.8%
13DWa	95.3%

### 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.**

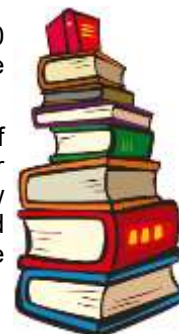
*The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure with the Disclosure and Barring Service and full background checks.*

### Overdue Books

The Library currently has over 300 books overdue which need to be returned to the Library asap.

Please can all students check over half term if they have any books in their bags or at home. Students can renew the books if they have not finished reading them, they need to come to the Library to do this.

Many thanks.



**Mrs Adams**

**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.**

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## This week's Pupils for Praise

### Year 8 Duty Pupils

Many thanks to **Fin Talbot, Leila Alfarra, Jack Aitchison, April Arslan, Jamie Wade, Rukayah Bigby, Dominik Urbanski, Tia Holder-Moore, Jayden Edwards** and **Molly Davis-Crowther**

**Miss Todd  
Reception**

### Year 9 Duty Pupils

Many thanks to **Alfie Hal, Zak Morbey, Kendall Henry** and **Luciana Paul** who were all very busy and very efficient:

**Mrs Paterson**

## Dates for the Diary

### February 2022

**Monday 21 February** - Start of new Term

**Monday 21 February** - Dance Performance -  
Langley Performing Arts Centre

**Tuesday 22nd February** - Year 11 Rapid Revision Session  
(1hr) with 'Made'

### 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](mailto: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**

traceyjdunne@tiscali.co.uk  
07986576118



**YOGA**

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

**£10**



### 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**



Delivering a fusion of dance and exercise for all ages and abilities, classes have been designed to give you a full body workout whilst having fun at the same time.

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

Pay as you go (gym use)	£5 per session
<b>GOLD Membership</b>	£25.00 per month
Concession	£15.00 per month
<i>(unlimited gym use and membership rates)</i>	

