



Charles Darwin School

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Headlines

Parent Survey

This week I have written to all families seeking feedback of some key aspects of Charles Darwin School. I am keen to develop close working relationships with parents and this is one of the ways that parents can share their thoughts, ideas and opinion. The link to the survey can be found below. Please note that the survey will close at 9.00am on Monday 14th March.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Dtc8viXNVkq-ix6aYGqMUECrjW1d3yJOoc3Vgv97LcBUOVIEOEtGNUtZODFVM1ZSNFMyWVYzVVhFVY4u>

Meeting with the Friends

On Wednesday I spent an enjoyable evening with the Friends. It was great to meet them and discuss how they can support the school over the coming months and years. Please can parents look out for opportunities of how you can support our school through the Friends.

Relaxation of Covid Measures

As parents will be aware, from 21st February the government removed the guidance for staff and students in most education settings to undertake twice-weekly testing. In addition, from 24th February, the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test was removed. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 will no longer be required to test daily for 7 days and those who are not fully vaccinated will not need to self-isolate. Further information can be found via the link below:

[What the latest advice on testing and self-isolation means for education settings - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/24/what-the-latest-advice-on-testing-and-self-isolation-means-for-education-settings/)

Whilst the wearing of face coverings in schools was removed a little while ago, this still remains an option should students or staff wish to do so. Transport for London have advised that from 24th February face coverings will no longer be mandatory on their services but are strongly encouraged.

In line with the "Living with Covid" plans, discussions are taking place in school as to when we can resume to face-to-face events.

Covid Vaccinations

The second round of vaccinations for 12-17 year olds will be held 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 second jabs to eligible students as well as 1st doses and booster doses to any student 12+ years who may require one. The link to the electronic consent form has been sent out and is included below:

<https://hrch.jotform.com/220261980290957>

Please note that no vaccination will be given without explicit parental consent.

If parents have any questions or wish to discuss the vaccination with a member of the GSTT COVID-19 Vaccination team, please email Covid19schools Vaccination programme@gstt.nhs.uk.

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.

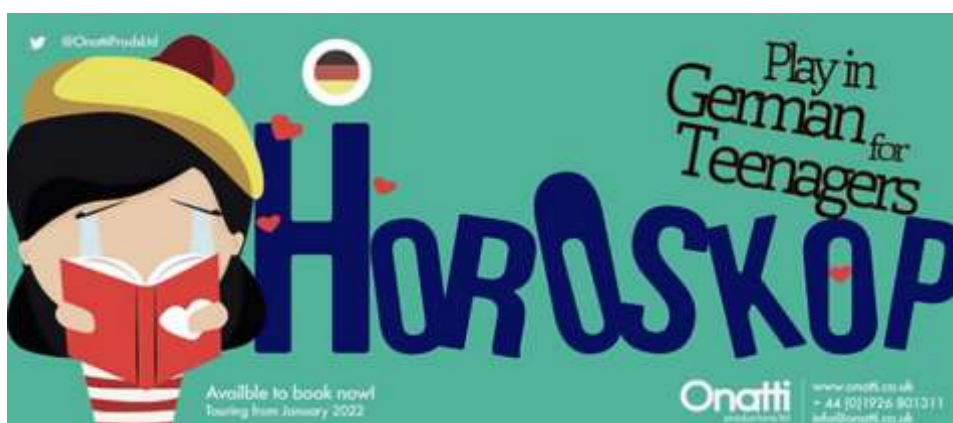
To book onto this online workshop, please click on the link below.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charles-darwin-parents-carers-young-people-healthy-relationships-tickets-262591627627

Year 8, 9 and 10 German pupils had the fantastic and unique opportunity to experience watching a play fully in German on Wednesday morning in the Hall.

Two native German speakers performed a funny, interactive and engaging play and it was so encouraging to see our pupils be able to follow the plot and actually understand more German than they thought they would - what an achievement! It was also

delightful to see some pupils get involved, engaging and asking questions with the actors afterwards in a fun and relaxed Q&A session, some pupils even daring to ask them questions in German!



A big thank you also to all parents who have helped make this play happen with their generous contributions on ParentPay. We are still accepting contributions and would gladly welcome and appreciate more! Danke schön, thank you very much.

Ms Wood

Covid Vaccinations for 12-17 year olds

We have now confirmed that Covid vaccines for students aged 12–17 will take place on: **Monday 7th March 2022.**

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For more information please check your email sent on Monday 21st February.

Mrs Booth

Year 9 GCSE Pod Report

Top Pod Users Year 9

These students have made a big effort! Next assembly will be on Friday 4th March and the prize for the top 3 Pod users will be drawn at random. We have had 100% log on so well-done Year 9 but we need to get streaming.

Holly Kerr
Zara Lewis
lestyn Copestake
Alexis Andrews
Olivia Cuddy

Kiarna Williams
Crystal Armstrong
Ellie Delaney
Barbera Boye

Lois Bax
Lois Clark
Joshua Reilly
Olivia Dauris

Neve Ladd-Talbot
Lewis Burgess
Hugh Sartori Lambert
Jaiden McQuillan

Year 9 Pod King and Queen

Holly Kerr and Lestyn Copestake

Top performing Form Group

1st 9MEd
2nd 9HCo
3rd 9SDa/RMk

Year 10 GCSE Pod Report

Top Pod Users

Everyone has logged on and a Voucher draw will be held during the next assembly. Everyone get streaming. Here are our Top Users:

Jaiden McQuillan
Macey Swaby-Rogers

Max Brandrick

Kane Sansom

Isabelle Elkins

Year 10 Pod King and Queen

Jaiden McQuillan and Isabelle Elkins

Top performing Form Group

1st 10WCa
2nd 10ORo
3rd 10KWo

Year 11 GCSE Pod Report

Well done Year 11 for 100% Account Activation and 5091 streams!

Top Subject Streams

1437 English Literature
944 Geography
609 History
567 Chemistry

Year 10 Pod King and Queen

Andrew Waddington and Amelia Mackay

Top performing Form Group

1st 11NDy
2nd 11SHo
3rd 11MHu

Top 50 users in the Year Group – 3students will be chosen at random in the next assembly to win a voucher.

Amelia Mackay
George Walker
Olivia Howe
Macey Jones
Liam Wescott
Tristan Kittoe
Shaquille Owusu- Junior
Madison Lovarini
Reggie Fay
Daisy May Kittlety

Andrew Waddington
Ciara Bain
Megan Walker
Ben Witt
Lily Smithson
Freddie Jones
Piper Roseman
Laura Poplawska
Myesha Graham
Amy Strange

Sophie Brenton
Katherine Quartey
Keira Dukes
Lara Gok
Ellen Wilson
Jack Counter
Justine Twum
Adela Snelgrova
Matthew Gurney
Jacob Helps

Benjamin Rawlins
– Papafio
Faye Grant
Emily Golby
Luke Bevan
Alfie Dejonge
Lara Bell
Amy Coop
Elizabeth Davis
Anthony Webb

Savannah Tuaima
Courtney Williams
Lemar Mckoy
Gracie Varney
Harry Burch
Polly Elliot
Isaac Holden
Nyasha Dombojena
Chloe Hudson
Benjamin Reeves

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

This week's Pupils for Praise

Year 8 Duty Pupils

Many thanks to **Jayden Edwards, Miley Darlington, Leo Day, Saskia Davis, Elliott King, Georgia Butterworth, Jack MacDougall and Emily Brooker.**

**Miss Todd
Reception**

Dates for the Diary

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

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.

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

traceyjduanne@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
GOLD Membership	£25.00 per month
Concession	£15.00 per month
<i>(unlimited gym use and membership rates)</i>	

