



Charles Darwin School

Aspire - Endeavour - Achieve

Headlines

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

My congratulations to the students who took part in the DofE expedition last week. The group spent two nights camping in the Ashdown Forest. Having barbecued and set up tents the previous evening, they set off on Friday, accompanied initially by Ms. Candy to ensure that their navigation skills and countryside code awareness was up to scratch, and then, doing well, the students continued for the next two days gradually increasing their independence.

Despite Friday's hot weather the students made it to camp where they cooked and ate a meal and then played cards into the dark. I gather that their spirits were raised with the cooler weather on Saturday and the sense of satisfaction that comes with the successful navigation and walking of their routes, and having their Silver Practice Expedition signed off. The group are now evaluating and preparing for their qualifying expedition in July. Well done everyone, a fantastic achievement!

Biggin Hill Ward Panel Meeting

On Wednesday I attended the Biggin Hill Ward Panel meeting which was held at the airport. The airport are very keen to establish closer working links with us and it was interesting to learn of their development plans which will create opportunities for apprenticeships for those students not moving on to FE or work.

Year 8 Activities Day

My thanks to Mr. Lamb for organising Thursday's Activities Day for our Year 8 students. It was great to hear of all the activities they had taken part in and enjoyed. I managed to get out there after lunch and it was fantastic to see all the students and staff completing their run. The form tutors did a wonderful job in getting the teams together and more importantly in encouraging the students to participate fully on the day. Further thanks to all the volunteers for supporting this event and making it such an enjoyable day.

Aston Smith

Podium places for Year 8 Girls' Athletics team



The Year 8 Girls' Athletics team took part in their first ever athletics competition this term against 14 other schools. All students took part in a track, field or both for their events.

Some outstanding performances include 5th in the Relay, Eva Falvey coming 3rd overall in the 200m and Freya Stalley winning Shot Put! A fantastic building block for the future. Well done everyone!

Millie Priestley, Phoebe Bridges, Eva Falvey, Freya Stalley, Debbie Chapman, Isla Morris-Pratt, Connie Smith and Ella Farquharson.

Miss Owen

COVID Vaccination Survey

The South East London CCG together with the Guy's and St Thomas' Vaccination team have developed two surveys to help evaluate phase 2 of the COVID programme specifically (January-April 2022), capturing feedback from both parents and school staff. The aim is to evaluate the success of the programme, and the future viability of a potential phase 3 model.

The parents of students who were offered an in-school COVID vaccination If you could please complete, that would be extremely helpful, from your perspective. The survey will only take 1-2 minutes and will be highly valuable for the vaccination team. It is important to note that any parent or guardian that completes the form will remain entirely anonymous, except for selecting which school their child attends.

Parent Survey Link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/22YQTKZ

Note: If you get an error message when clicking on the links directly, please copy/paste the link into a browser.

We hope to collate all the responses by next **Friday 1st of July 2022**

Bromley Schools Athletics Championships

Boys and Girls from Year 7 and 8 represented the school over the past two weeks in the Bromley Minor Championships at a re-developing Norman Park Athletics Track, home of Blackheath and Bromley Harriers.

Preparation for the event coincided with the launch of The Darwin Games but left little opportunity for prolonged practice sessions to prepare our athletes for what is an elite event. Our selected athletes were therefore given target times to reach in their events given what staff knew about the likely performance levels our athletes were likely to encounter, this meant that performances were not just judged against the position which each athlete finished in but also the standards of expectation we set for them. The purpose of this is to ensure our athletes did not compare their performances just to the Club and County athletes on show but also to their own target standards; this meant we produced some brave and totally committed performances, generated a great deal of pleasure amongst our youngsters and left feeling positive with some perspective and experience under their belts.

One young man, **Harrison Dooler**, excelled and in his first performance in a major championship ever, he beat all-comers to the Shot Put title in Year 8; in the Year 7 Girls Shot Put, Freya Stalley replicated this feat and in the 100m Eva Falvey came a really creditable third; our 4x100m relay squad came just outside the podium places running in 5th overall; over the two days of competition there were several other notable performances with athletes getting to finals and finishing in the top 8 of 14 schools in their events. The most remarkable thing was how many athletes excelled against their target, thus creating a personal best that they can now aim to beat in future events; our youngsters have been referred to Blackheath and Bromley Harriers as a contact if they want to develop their athletic careers.

Squad:

Boys: Henry Shorter, Ryan Moody, Zak Brooks, Nehemiah Mensah, Jake Bussy, Jake Fowler, Max Parish, Oliver King, Louie Alfara, Zak Benham, Kamren Sidki and Dariss Jacquinot.

Girls: Millie Priestley, Phoebe Bridges, Eva Falvey, Freya Stalley, Debbie Chapman, Isla Morris-Pratt, Connie Smith and Ella Farquharson.

Mr Burtonshaw

The Darwin Games

The Darwin Games is an idea put together by the PE department to create an opportunity for an inclusive athletics event for all students to become involved in during curriculum time. The event includes track and field athletics with points for performance and not for position; this year it has been linked to the Commonwealth Games which takes place this Summer, so we have had the opportunity to do some cross-curricular work with departments using measuring and timing in Maths, investigating the concept of the Commonwealth in Geography and form tutors providing some information about the country they are representing in tutor time.



To date (and there is still a week to go) there have been over 10,000 individual performances across four year groups and 5 sports, the atmosphere in lessons is incredibly competitive and the performances from some of our young athletes is simply outstanding.

Current leaders in each Year group are:

Year 7 HBu Year 8 COn Year 9 ADo Year 10 JLa

Mr Bidwell, Miss Owen

Year 9 Relationships and Sex Education lessons

To let all parents know, students in Year 9 will have a series of lessons from **4th July** taught by their Science teachers to discuss and learn, in an age appropriate way about:

- The facts about reproductive health, including fertility and the potential impact of lifestyle on fertility for men and women and menopause
- The facts around pregnancy including miscarriage
- The facts about the full range of contraceptive choices
- How the different sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV and AIDs, are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including through condom use) and the importance of and facts about testing
- The concepts of, and laws relating to, FGM, sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, and how these can affect current and future relationships
- That all aspects of health can be affected by choices they make in sex and relationships, positively or negatively, for example physical, emotional, mental, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing.

If you would like to withdraw your child from any of these sessions please contact Ms Sampson, on ksa@cdarwin.com before 30th June so we are able to make alternative arrangements.

Well Done Year 11

I would like to congratulate all of Year 11 on their overall behaviour and the way they have faced the GCSE exams over the last month. They have had an incredibly difficult time over the last 2 years and I know that the anxiety building up to the exams was difficult to manage at times. However, we have got there with the last exam happening on Thursday 23rd June.

I wish all of Year 11 the best and look forward to seeing them on 25th August to collect results and welcome many of them back in Sixth Form. For those pupils who are not joining us in Year 12 and 13 I wish you every success in whatever you do.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support over the last 5 years we really appreciate it.

Mrs Tsang

A Level Art, Textiles and Photography Exhibition



Thank you to all who came to the A Level Private View Art, Textiles and Photography Exhibition.

It was a lovely evening celebrating students hard work and achievement.

Miss Doughty
Head of Art & Textiles



GCSE POD Rewards

Year 9 Report (1289 streams)

Form	Total Streams
9ADo/GJo	172 streams
9GCu/BDe	162 streams
9HCo/VMa	245 streams (1st)
9IJo/LWr	38 streams
9MEd	202 streams (3rd)
9RPI	112 streams
9SAI	155 streams
9SDa/RMk	203 streams (2nd)

POD King
James Shanks

POD Queen
Neve Ladd-Talbot

Most Improved Pod User
Iestyn Copestake

GCSE POD Rewards

Year 10 Report (3733 streams)

Form	Total Streams
10KWo	357 streams
10NDy	353 streams
10NYe	349 streams
10CBa	322 streams
10LBr	1027 streams (1st)
10ORo	468 streams (3rd)
10JLa	367 streams
10KMa	490 streams (2nd)

POD King
Jon Wilson

POD Queen
Precious Shaumba

Most Improved Pod User
Jack Maslin

First Aid

Parents should be advised that the school **does not** provide students with Paracetamol unless it is a medical emergency.

We have a limited supply in school and prefer that medication wherever possible is administered at home.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Booth
Lead First Aid



Hay Fever Season is Here!

If your child suffers from Hay fever, it is important that they are correctly treated. **Their symptoms may affect their academic work.**

Please ensure your child takes their Hay Fever medication in the morning before school as we are unable to give this out during the school day.

Many thanks.

Mrs Booth
Health Care Lead

MONDAY 27 JUNE

MAIN Spiced Vegetable Mince and Bean Chilli, Topped with Nachos, Sour Cream, Salsa and Guacamole served with Rice, Fresh Broccoli and Green Beans (VEGETARIAN)
 MAIN Pea, Leek and Thyme Risotto with Garlic Slice, Fresh Broccoli and Green Beans (VEGETARIAN)

STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Peach and Apple Crumble with Custard

TUESDAY 28 JUNE

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

STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Chocolate Orange Mousse

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

MAIN Honey and Thyme Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes Fresh Cauliflower and Green Beans

MAIN Sweet Pepper and Lentil Loaf served with Roast Potatoes Fresh Cauliflower and Green Beans (VEGETARIAN)

STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Marbled Chocolate and Vanilla Sponge with Custard

THURSDAY 30 JUNE

MAIN Creamy Chicken, Garlic, Herb and Courgette Tagliatelle with Ciabatta Slice, served with Fresh Carrots and Greens

MAIN The Ultimate Handmade Margherita Pizza topped with Fresh Oregano with Potato Wedges Carrots and Slaw (VEGETARIAN)

STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Banoffee Pie

FRIDAY 1 JULY

MAIN Traditional Cod and Chips served with Beans or Garden Peas or Chef's Salad

MAIN Filo Tartlet Layered with Brie, Cherry Tomatoes, Caramelised Onions and Roasted Beetroots served with Chips, Garden Peas or Chef's Salad (VEGETARIAN)

STREET FOOD OF THE DAY

DESSERT Raspberry Ripple Cake with Custard

AVAILABLE DAILY FRESH CHEF'S SALAD - WHOLE GRAIN BREAD - GRAB AND GO POT MENU**PLUS A PLANT BASED MAIN COURSE EVERY DAY!****THE DELI**

FRESH CUT SANDWICHES - ROLLS - WRAPS - PITTAS - BAGUETTES

SEE THE BLACK BOARDS FOR SOUPS, THEME DAYS AND THE CHEF'S SPECIAL

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



FRESH MEAT



FRESH FISH



FRESH PRODUCE



ORGANIC



LOCALLY SOURCED



WHOLEMEAL FLOUR

INDEPENDENTCATERING.CO.UK

EDUCATERLIMITED.COM



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



Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 17 June.

Group	% Attend
7SAr	96.7%
8CO n	95.9%
9SDa/RMk	98.5%
10KMA	95.3%
12TJo	99.4%

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
Library Supervisor



RAINBOW CAKE SALE

•Cakes •Cookies •Badges •Sweets •Flags •Laces

WHERE: STUDENT SERVICES

WHEN: BREAK TIME MONDAY 27TH JUNE

In support of **PRIDE MONTH**.
All proceeds go to JustLikeUs.org



FIND YOUR SQUAD



Community
Sports Trust



TIME AND DATE: Starting 28th June 6-7pm

LOCATION: Bromley FC The Stadium, Hayes Lane, Bromley BR2 9EF

WHO WE ARE: Bromley FC Community Sports Trust

NEXT STEPS: VISIT <https://faevents.thefa.com/bookevent?eventID=6559>

SCAN THE BELOW QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR FIRST SESSION, OR CONTACT US TO

FIND OUT MORE: andrea.ellis@bromleyfc.co.uk community@bromleyfc.co.uk

SCAN ME:



SQUAD

GIRLS' FOOTBALL



Dates for the Diary

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 24 June 2022

Many thanks to our Duty Pupils this week: Millie

Priestley, Philippa Jones, Alex Vaman, Tia Anderson, Henry West and Debbie Chapman .

**Miss Todd
Reception**

Many thanks to our Duty Pupils this week: **Eva Falvey, Danielle Williams, Emmanuella Opara, Erlis Berisha, Teddie Marsh-Temple and Eray Dyson.**

**Mrs Paterson
Student Services**

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

**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.