



## Headlines

### Celebration of Success

My thanks to all families who attended the Celebration of Success event last Thursday and my particular thanks to Chair of Governors, Iain Turner, and to the other Governors and Trustees who attended. It was a really lovely evening and I thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the success of our students. Thank you to Mrs. Kearney and the Sixth Form team whose hard work in organising the event resulted in such a wonderful evening.

### External Review

This week we have had an external review by three Ofsted inspectors who we invited in to support our development planning. There were many positive comments for individuals and departments and it will be a pleasure to share these with those involved over the coming days. It was a really good opportunity to gain outside input and scrutiny and very valuable in supporting us to be ready for an Ofsted inspection, which of course will happen with less than 24 hours' notice, but more importantly it has given us valuable external feedback which will help us with further shaping our progress and priorities.

The inspectors met with a number of our students and they were excellent ambassadors for our school. Inspectors also spent time walking round the school, going into lessons, reviewing books and observing break and lunch times. Again they were very impressed with our students – my thanks to you all.

*Aston Smith*



## School Social Media

A reminder to parents that as well as the LINK and the 'latest news' section on the website, you can follow the latest events happening in our school community on:

- Twitter @CDarwinSchool
- Instagram CDarwinSchool

**Mr Jones**

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# Charles Darwin School

Operated by the Charles Darwin Academy Trust

Headteacher: Aston Smith, BA (Hons) MA NPQH

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## Open Morning - Saturday 8th October 2022

Parents of prospective students are invited to visit our high performing school to view and sample the exciting opportunities we have to offer. Maximum 2 adult per Year 5/6 child with pre-booking essential **by 9.00am on Thursday 6th October**. Priority will be given to Year 6 children. Presentations will start promptly at the advertised time so please leave sufficient time for parking. (There will be very limited on-site parking available).

**Tour only  
9.00am**

Email to book your place  
[earlytour@cdarwin.com](mailto:earlytour@cdarwin.com)

**Presentation & Tour 1  
9.00am**

Email to book your place  
[hallandtour1@cdarwin.com](mailto:hallandtour1@cdarwin.com)

**Presentation & Tour 2  
10.00am**

Email to book your place  
[hallandtour2@cdarwin.com](mailto:hallandtour2@cdarwin.com)

**Presentation & Tour 3  
11.00am**

**FULLY BOOKED**

Please email the relevant tour/presentation with your name and the number of places being required (max 3).

## Open Week - Tuesday 11th - 13th October 2022

If you are unable to attend our Open Morning you can pre-book a tour at 8.45am or 9.00am followed by a short Q&A session with the Headteacher on one of the following dates:

**Tuesday 11th October - NOW FULLY BOOKED**  
**Wednesday 12th October - NOW FULLY BOOKED**  
**Thursday 13th October - NOW FULLY BOOKED**

Numbers are limited per tour to ensure management of visitors. Only 1 adult per child with pre-booking essential by 12.00pm on Monday 10th October.

*Due to Covid-19, Open Morning and Open Week are subject to*

### Provisional 2021/22 GCSE outcomes

English & Maths (9-4 in both subjects)	72%
English (9-4)	85%
Maths (9-4)	73%
Science (9-4 at least 2 sciences)	63%

### 2021/22 A Level outcomes

21% at A*-A
52% at A*-B
84% at A*-C
100% at A*-E

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### Year 8 Duty Pupils

Many thanks to Caroline K, Bailey S, Millie H, Jemiah G-B, Lyam O, Lollie S, Kayleigh J, Tullula H, Callum B, Ella L

**Reception Team**



A huge Thank You to all the students duties this week. You all have been amazing.

**Students Services Team**

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## Dates for the Diary

### October

**3rd October** – Drama Trip (National Theatre) 6pm-11pm

**6th October** - Year 11 Information Evening (6pm)

**7th October - Early Close (12.20pm)**

**8th October** -Open Day

**10th October -Students Late Start 9.30am**

**11th October** -Year 7 Photos

**12th October** -Year 7 Settling In Tea/ Meet the Tutor  
3.30

**13th October** -Trip to Mansfield College, Oxford (year  
11 PHa)

**14th October** -End of Half Term

**31st October** -Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

#### Reminder:

**31st October - INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)**

### November

**1st November** -Year 8 Charity Event

**10th November** - Trip to BFI Southbank (MFL  
German), 10am -3.30pm (KWo)

**10th November** - Trip to The Emmanuel Centre,  
London, 9.15am-3.35pm (JSi)

**14th November** -Trip to The Emmanuel Centre,  
London 9.45am-16.15pm A Level

**17th November** -Sixth Form Open Evening

**24th November** -Year12/13 Parents' Evening

## Term Dates 2022 - 23

### AUTUMN 2022

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September - 14<sup>th</sup> October

*Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October*

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

*Christmas Holiday: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December –  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January*

### SPRING 2023

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

*Half Term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February*

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

*Easter Holiday: Monday 3<sup>d</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April*

### SUMMER 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

*Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 32<sup>nd</sup> June*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**INSET Days** - School closed to pupils

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

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

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

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