



04.10.2019

The Link

Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

HEADLINES

Open Morning and Open Week

Saturday's Open Morning was a great success. The turnout of visiting parents was excellent – the highest turnout for several years with over 1,000 people visiting our school. The feedback from the visiting families was superb, they spoke very positively about the school, its ethos, its staff, its reputation and our overall welcoming nature.

The feedback from this week's parental tours has also been very pleasing. Each day we have had a large number of families touring the school with senior members of staff. So far we have conducted three tours each morning, popping into lessons and generally helping families to get a feel for the school whilst it is in operation. Again the feedback has been great, particularly about the atmosphere they had witnessed and often about how informative the conversations with the tour leaders had been.

Many parents also commented favourably about our students and particularly our student guides. A huge number of students helped prepare the displays before Open Morning and also helped with tours and in departments on the day itself. Without exception they were all amazing and such wonderful ambassadors for our school. My congratulations and thanks to them all.

Sunil Chotai

PARENTS EVENINGS 2019/20

- Year 11: 7 November 2019 (1)
- Year 12: 27 November 2019 (1)
- Year 13: 27 November 2019 (1)
- Year 11: 23 January 2020 (2)
- Year 8: 6 February 2020
- Year 9: 4 March 2020
- Year 12: 25 March 2020 (2)
- Year 13: 25 March 2020 (2)
- Year 10: 29 April 2020
- Year 7: 7 May 2020

The Great Languages Bake Off



Andrew Handley, 10FLf



We are very pleased to announce the winners of this year's Open Morning Languages Cake Baking Competition. This year we had some great entries and managed to sell a lot of cakes to the many visitors that came to our European café. Thank you very much to everyone that brought cakes along and to those students who helped on the day. They were all fantastic.

This year's winners are:

- The Most Authentic Cake - Ellie Delaney, 7GCu
- The Best Cake Design - Savannah Milliner, 8KWo
- The Fastest Selling Cake - Emily Kerr, 7MEd

Could the winners please come and collect your prize from the Languages Office from Monday 7th October.

Mrs Kaye-Chubb

Student drop off/collection

Please note that for the safety of all children, staff and visitors to the school, there is no parking/stopping permitted on any of the yellow lines within the school grounds. Thank you.



Presentation Evening Thursday 17 October

The Year 11, 12 and 13 students from 2019 and their parents are cordially invited to attend this celebration of exam results and academic achievement.

More details to follow.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events - Autumn Term 2019

OCTOBER

Monday 7 October - Year 10 Geography trip to Stratford

Monday 7 October - Year 10/11 Theatre Trip (evening)

Tuesday 8 October - Year 10/12 Art Textiles Trip - Tate Modern

Thursday 10 October - Year 7 Settling in Tea

Monday 14 October - Year 10 Geography trip to Stratford

Wednesday 16 October - Year 7 Growth Mindset Parents' Evening

Thursday 17 - Monday 21 October - GCSE Geography trip to Iceland

Thursday 17 October - Presentation Evening

Friday 18 October - INSET Day - School closed to students

21 - 25 October - Half Term

Monday 28 October - INSET Day - School closed to students

Wednesday 30 October - Autumn Music Fest (Hall)

NOVEMBER

Thursday 7 November - Year 11 Parents' Evening (1)

Friday 8 November - Year 12/13 Biology in Action Conference

Thursday 14 November - Sixth Form Trip to Chemistry in Action

Thursday 14 November - GCSE PE Cycling - Gravesend Cyclopark

Thursday 21 November - Sixth Form Open Evening

Saturday 23 November - Choir - Biggin Hill Christmas Lights 4pm

Wednesday 27 November - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening (1)

DECEMBER

Tuesday 10 December - Student History Conference

Friday 13 December - French Christmas Markets Trip

Monday 16 December - Wednesday 18th - School Production

Thursday 19 December - End of Autumn Term

Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending
04.10.19**

Many thanks to Brandon Nobrega,
Grace Kelly and Harrison Payne-
Gilchrist, Year 8.

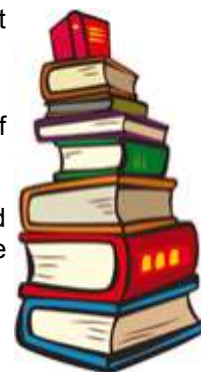
Reception

Overdue Books

The Library currently has 136 books
overdue which need to be returned
to the Library asap.

Please can all students check 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

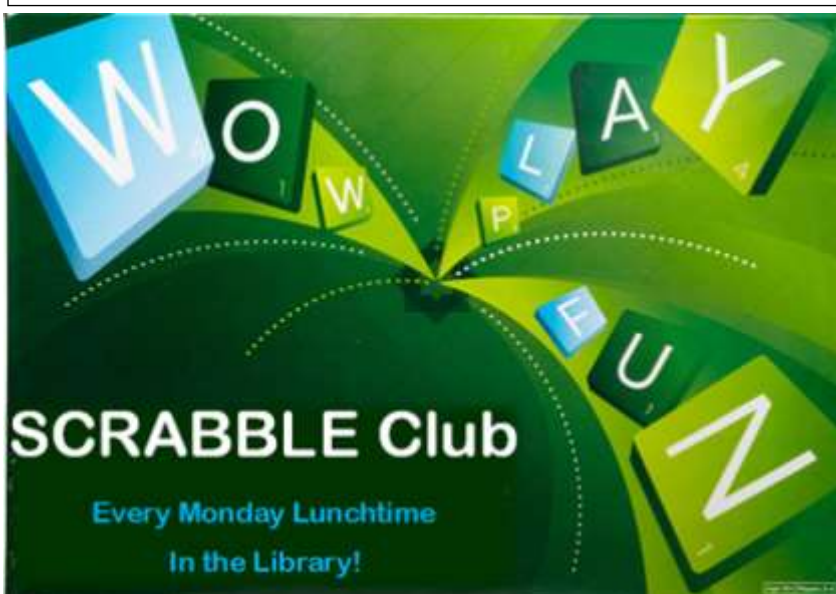
Mrs Adams

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Please can we request families of any ex students who have recently graduated, completed an apprenticeship or found employment to send a photo and a few details for our "wall of fame" and "where are they now" book.

We are always interested in where our ex pupils are and what they are up to. Please spread the word too. Info and photos to be sent to kal@cdarwin.com

Mrs Allum



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