



HEADLINES

Snow Days

Closing the school because of snow is always an awkward decision to have to make, balancing the obvious health and safety concerns with the need to ensure that the school is kept open if at all possible is something that is always tricky no matter how many times we go through this. Unfortunately the weather, as had been predicted, deteriorated to such an extent that closure was the only option. Now that we are back and functioning fully, I would like to reassure parents that we will do all we can to make up any lost ground with student progress.

Speak Out Challenge

Last Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of going to the Jack Petchey "Speak Out Challenge", an annual public speaking competition for students across all the Bromley schools. Nicholas Marshall in Year 10 was selected to represent Charles Darwin School and in front of a packed audience (despite the snow) Nicholas spoke about being a male feminist in a most impressive manner which was both very engaging and charming.

Whilst Nicholas did not win one of the top three awards, he must have been really close as his speech was one of the best. My congratulations to Nicholas who was an excellent ambassador for our school.

Ofsted 2018

The Ofsted letter following our inspection at the end of January is available to view on our website: www.cdarwin.com.

Sunil Chotai

PARENTS EVENINGS 2017/18

Year 12: 27 March 2018 [2]

Year 13: 27 March 2018 [2]

Year 10: 2 May 2018

Year 7: 16 May 2018

Where are they now?



Shane Ward, who left Charles Darwin School last summer, is now studying at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, USA. Now in his second semester, he has been shadowing a former Bates alumnus at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, looking at conservation policy and meeting the residents [pictured].

Look out for a full report from Shane in the Sixth Form edition of The Link to be published at the Sixth Form parents' evening on 27 March 2018.

Message from Bromley Youth Policing Team

Following an incident in the area recently, Bromley Youth Policing Team is asking people to remain vigilant when they are out and about in the local area and to report any suspicious activity as soon as possible. Their officers will be on patrol in the area to reassure members of the community but if you have any concerns, please speak to one of the officers, call the police on 101 or call Crimestoppers.

Immunisation update

Due to the school closures the catch up immunisations scheduled for Thursday 1 March will now take place on Friday 23 March. Appointment times remain the same, but students due for an immunisation have been given appointment cards and will receive a reminder via CallParent. Thank you.

Miss Allan, Health Care lead

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 12 to Friday 16 March

12 March 2018—Band On The Run/Pick 'n Mix music concert at 4:00pm in the main hall

16 March 2018—Year 13 dance trip to *Move It 2018*

Forthcoming events: spring term

17 March 2018—Nuclear Race mud run challenge

22 March 2018 —Year 12 and 13 English trip to see *Measure for Measure*

24 March 2018 — 8:30pm Earth Hour—turn off your lights to support climate action

26 March 2018 — Year 12 and 13 drama trip to see *The Plough and the Stars*

27 March 2018 — Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening

28 March 2018 — Dance trip to performance of *Sutra* at Sadlers Wells

28 March 2018 — Governors Open Morning

29 March 2018 — Non-uniform day

30 March to 15 April 2018 — Easter break

3 to 13 April 2018 — Holiday revision sessions

18 April 2018—Year 9 Your Choice Your Voice

18 April 2018 — UCAS conference

27 April 2018 — Applications for Year 12 into Year 13

30 April to 4 May 2018 — Year 12 internal exams

1 May 2018 —Year 10 Drama trip to see *DNA*

2 May 2018 —Year 10 Parents Evening

10 May 2018 — Sixth Form Leavers' assembly

11 May 2018 — Deadline for Year 12 into Year 13 applications

14 May 2018 — Start of external examinations

16 May 2018 — Year 7 Parents Evening

18 May 2018 — Key Stage 3 netball tour

25 May 2018 — Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

Important travel information:

664 bus timetable change from Monday 12 March 2018

From Monday 12 March the 664 bus route from New Addington will depart 15 minutes earlier than the current published timetable.

We have been working hard with TfL and the bus company to address the issues around the late arrival of buses and have negotiated a timetable change.

The revised timetable will not be visible on the TfL website for approximately 3 weeks but **will take effect from Monday**. The first stop for the 664 service is Homestead Way/Milne Park and every stop will run 15 minutes earlier than timetabled. Please ensure that your child is aware of this and that they get up earlier if necessary to get to the bus stop for this earlier time.

Some feedback from TfL is that students are not tapping in their Oyster/Zip cards. We know that both 664 services are full, but TfL data suggests otherwise. We would not want one of those services taken away so urge you to:

- make sure your child has an Oyster/Zip card and
- remind them to tap in **whenever** they board the bus.

Thank you for your on-going support in ensuring students are in school on time and ready to learn each day.

Charles Darwin School Alumni

Are you a former student? Would you like to join our ever growing alumni? We hold a number of events across the year when students are able to hear about the many and varied career pathways of our former students. Your input would be much appreciated. Follow the link on our website:

<https://www.cdarwin.com/page/?title=News+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=3> .

Thank you.

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
23/02/2018

Amy Glossop, Connor Hill, Danny Rees, Ellie Johnson, Ellie Holman, Ryan Poole, Frankie Rodway, Megan Lewis, Daisy Green and Connor O'Shea from 8 JSn

Mrs Mills, Reception

Good luck U13 girls

The U13 Girls will play Highworth Grammar School from Ashford in the Kent Cup Final at 6:00pm this evening, Friday 9 March at Bromley FC on their first team pitch.

We wish them all good luck—we are so proud of you.

Tickets cost £6.00 per adult and £3.00 per child—all support most welcome.

PE Department



Thank you to Hannah Kenton in 7Mcr who sent in some photos taken during the adverse weather last week. Unfortunately there is not enough space for them all.