



17.01.2020

## HEADLINES

### PPE Results Assembly

On Wednesday our Year 11 students collected their PPE results at a formal assembly. It was a very positive and clear assembly and I thought that the Year 11 students responded really well. It was clear from their response that there is a desire amongst the vast majority to work hard and try to improve upon their current grades. For me it was really good to have a number of individual conversations during the rest of the day with Year 11 students who, without exception, were self-critical and wanting to improve on their current grades. I could not help but be pleased with their demeanour and expressed intention to try to do well.

Of course going forward we will be using this expressed desire to succeed in a positive and constructive way, working optimistically with practical strategies for revision and high demand in terms of focus, behaviour and effort.

### DofE Celebration Evening

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the DofE evening celebrating the achievement of many of our students who are participating in the DofE Award scheme. I understand that the evening went really well, the attendance was really good and the atmosphere generated was positive, inspiring and exciting.

The DofE Award scheme has really taken off in this school over the past few years. The number of students participating, completing the various staged awards and benefiting from character developing activities has increased from below 20 six or seven years ago to consistent numbers in the 60s. This is such a good achievement and has resulted in a very positive buzz amongst these students in the school. My congratulations to them all.

**Sunil Chotai**

## LEGALLY BLONDE HUGE SUCCESS



The school production of Legally Blonde took place on the 16th, 17th and 18th December. Students performed to a packed audience every night and produced an incredibly professional performance. The cast, crew and orchestra, also had matinee performances to members of the local community and to local primary schools which were also excellently received.

Legally Blonde is a tricky musical to stage with complicated location changes, challenging music to play and lots of big song and dance numbers. Students had been rehearsing for the show since September. Hours were spent at lunchtime and after school, learning the songs, perfecting dance routines, rehearsing with the orchestra, painting set and developing characterisation.

However students more than rose to this challenge, performing with energy, focus and outstanding commitment. Audience's responded brilliantly, eagerly watching Elle Wood's triumph at law school and her blossoming relationship with Emmett Forest.

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The Expressive Arts faculty are really proud of all of the students involved and the hard work and dedication they put in. The success of the production was down to the efforts of a huge team; the students performing or helping backstage, the support and direction of Expressive Arts staff, parents who supported with costume and line learning and staff who came along to watch or who helped with the running of the show.

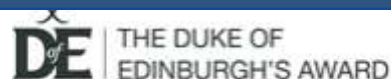
Thank you to everyone who came along to see the production and a big well done to the students for making it such a success.

Miss Currie



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# DofE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



On Monday 13th January, a Celebration Assembly was held to congratulate and celebrate the success of both our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) participants.

A Duke of Edinburgh award at Bronze or Silver level consists of sections covering volunteering, skills and physical activities as well as the expedition section. Our students have volunteered in school and at local charity shops, coached younger students and shared their skills, worked with the environment and animals, learnt to be self sufficient, how to plan and develop their teamwork skills, learnt first aid skills, carpentry skills, cooking skills, learnt new sports from martial arts to football and squash to dance and last but not least learnt to drive.



This is the first year I've really analysed the services that students have done and the contributions that students are clearly making to our local community and all the ways they are enriching themselves really confirms to me the value of a Duke of Edinburgh award and highlights the calibre of students that we have at our School.

We have 40 of 54 Bronze students pass their award and 14 of 15 Silver students also pass their awards which when compared to the 50% pass rate target for London Schools really emphasises the commitment of our students.

Thank you to Miss Zysemil who has helped lead the training and run expeditions. Her support is pivotal and reassures not only the students but also myself. Thanks also to the following students for standing up and sharing their DofE experiences:

Charlotte Brewster (Year 13 Silver)  
 Susanna Whitlock (Year 13 Silver)  
 Niamh Robinson (Year 11 Bronze)  
 Paula Szczyrba (Year 11 Bronze)



Mr Culver

## Monday 20th - Friday 24th January 2020

### Monday 20th January

8.30am Year 8 Assembly

### Tuesday 21st January

8.30am Year 7 Assembly

### Wednesday 22nd January

8.30am Year 10 Assembly

### Thursday 23rd January

8.30am Year 12/13 Assembly  
Year 11 Parents' Evening (2)

### Friday 24th January

8.30am Year 9 Assembly

## Forthcoming Events

### JANUARY 2020

**Monday 27 January** - Thrive Dance Company, Bromley Showcase

**Thursday 30 January** - Dance Competition Semi-Final

**Friday 31 January** - INSET DAY - School closed to all pupils

### FEBRUARY 2020

**Wednesday 05 February** - Year 12/13 Art & Textiles trip

**Thursday 06 February** - Year 8 Parents' Evening

**Monday 10 February** - Dance Competition Final (Main Hall)

**Thursday 13 February** - Sixth Form trip to Beijing departs

**Thursday 13 February** - Early finish for all students (end of P5: 2.10pm)

**Friday 14 February** - End of term

**Saturday 15 February** - Sixth Form trip to Berlin departs

**Monday 17 - Friday 21 February** - Half Term

### MARCH 2020

**Wednesday 04 March** - Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Monday 09 March** - Head Prefect Application closing date

**Thursday 12 March** - Year 8 Options Evening

**Wednesday 25 March** - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

### Understanding Children's Mental Health qualification

We have an opportunity for staff and parents to complete a government funded online qualification around Mental Health.

It will take approximately 10-14 hours but must be completed in 6 weeks from the induction at the school or the school incurs a cost.

Any interest, please respond to Mrs Rees on [Ire@cdarwin.com](mailto:Ire@cdarwin.com) asap, by Monday 20 January at the end of the day at the latest. We do need 10 people.

**Mrs Rees**  
Deputy Head



### LOST PROPERTY

We have an increasing number of glasses and keys in Student Services, so please ask your child to come and have a look if they have lost any since Sept. 2019.

Many thanks

**Student Services**

### Duty Pupils for Praise Week ending 17th January 2020

Many thanks to Finley Payton, Grace Doyle, Imogen Nevard and Ruby Farmer, Year 8.

**Miss Payne**  
Reception

### Top Attendance Week ending 10th January 2020

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7MEd	96.7%
8	8CBa/MDi	99.6%
9	9ADo/GJo	97.7%
10	10FLf	99.3%
11	11RBr	98%
12	12ARu	100%
13	13SMe	97.1%

### Parents Evenings 2020

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

### RE M I N D E R YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION (2)

**Thursday, 23 January 2020**  
**3.15pm – 6.15 pm**

This is an opportunity for pupils and their families to come and speak to staff about their progress.

Governors will also be present on the evening.

Refreshments Available  
(courtesy of the Friends of Charles Darwin School).

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