



HEADLINES

DoE Award Practice Walk

On Saturday morning, whilst I was supervising the Saturday detention it was wonderful to see a large group of our Year 10 students, dressed ready for a significant hike, gathering at the front of the school in preparation for their practice DoE walk. The group congregated were impressive for a number of reasons; they all seemed very well turned out, well-mannered and enthusiastic to complete their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. Over the last few years the school's DoE cohort has grown considerably in number, last year we had approximately 100 students and this year we again have a similar number enrolled onto the award scheme. Given that this has increased from about 25 not so long ago is superb.

I am pleased to say the students successfully completed their first bit of countryside walking and navigation and supported each other up the steep inclines around Cudham and also on the home stretch as fatigue started to set in. The weather was ideal for a countryside walk and the students did a fantastic job of putting their training into practice.

Sixth Form Hustings

It was really good to listen to this year's candidates for Head Prefect at the Hustings to staff on Wednesday. It must have been incredibly unnerving for the students to address the whole staff body. Despite this challenging context I thought that all of them coped really well; performing well and giving us a good insight into their thinking and character. It was so reassuring and so good to see how well some of the students have developed over the years. I thought it significant that several of the candidates chose to acknowledge the influence that members of staff across the school have had on them and on their development. I look forward to learning the results in due course.

End of Term

As another term draws to a close I would like to thank all families for their support over what has been an extremely busy term. I do hope everyone manages to enjoy the break and return ready for the final term of the school year.

Sunil Chotai



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



With the increased awareness of pollution issues, such as plastic in the ocean, the Charles Darwin School Council are aware that more and better recycling can help with pollution and climate change. With the help of Mr Chotai, they have purchased four new plastic bottle recycling bins to be placed around the school in the hope that each and every one of us can make a difference.

The School Council will monitor the amount of waste collected over the Summer term and hope to increase the number of bins and materials being recycled as we go into the new academic year.

Please ensure you all do your bit to help.
Thank you.

Attendance and House Points update

Attend today: achieve tomorrow

The House Point totals for the Spring term 2019 are as follows:

Wedgwood	6963	(1st)
Grant	6883	(2nd)
Lyell	6791	(3rd)
Henslow	6757	(4th)

Attendance percentage by house for the Spring term 2019

Grant	95.6%	(1st)
Henslow	95.4%	(2nd)
Wedgwood	95.3%	(3rd)
Lyell	95.1%	(4th)

Congratulations to **7WCa** with the highest form House Point total across the school, with **1931**.

11MFo had the highest form attendance of **98.2%**, followed by 7NWe on 97.8% and 7KMa on 97.7%. Years 7, 8, 9 and 12 are currently above the whole school target of 95% attendance – well done to them all.

Mrs Rees



Congratulations to the U16 Girls Football team who beat Bullers Wood in the Bromley Cup Final. At half-time the score was 0-0 and a close first half where Bullers Wood were mainly in our half. After a stern half time talk and a wake up call the girls improved their game. A number of corners were given to us which opened up a great opportunity. Amber Boswell scored the first goal and Izzy Franklin scored the second.

Thank you to all the girls who played in the Final - a fantastic score and the first time CDS has been put on the U16 Bromley Cup. Thank you to all the parents and siblings who came to support in the awful weather.

Miss Case

Equipment Checking over the Holiday

Could all students please check their pencil cases over Easter and re-stock the essentials they need for lessons so they can come back to school in the summer term really well-organised.

Students should have the following:

- Several pens they can write neatly with-black or blue
- Sharp pencil for drawing-more than one is ideal in case one breaks or is mislaid
- Ruler
- Coloured pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Calculator
- A highlighter pen and a glue stick are also very useful

Students taking public examinations, e.g. GCSE or A levels will need all of the above equipment and a clear pencil case.

Ms Kelly

RE M I N D E R YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION

Thursday, 2 May 2019
3.15pm - 6.15 pm

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

Oz Schoolwear will be selling school uniform and PE kit during the evening

Governors will also be present on the evening

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

Want to find out more
about teaching as a career?

Bishop Justus School
Magpie Hall Lane, Bromley, Kent, BR2 8HZ
25th April 4pm to 6pm

We are recruiting for:
3-7 Early Years programme
4-11 General Primary programme
7-14 Middle Years Programme
11-18 Secondary Programme

To book your place email
administrator@gradteach.co.uk



Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events Spring Term 2019

MAY

- 2 May - Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 8 May - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 16 May - Year 13 Leavers Assembly
- 17 May - Year 7 Growth Mindset
- 24 May - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

JUNE

- 6 and 7 June - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition
- 11 June - GCSE Art and Textiles Private View
- 12 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening
- 13 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews
- 18 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews
- 18 June - A Level Art and Textiles Private View
- 21 June - Sixth Form Ball
- 23 to 25 June - Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition
- 26 June - Year 12 Driven by Consequences
- 27 June - Year 12 Ecology Field trip to Westerham
- 28 June - Year 11 Ball

JULY

- 1 July - Year 12 Taster Day
- 1 to 5 July - Year 7 Penny - Collection
- 3 July - Sports Awards
- 5 July - Sports Day
- 8 to 10 July - Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition
- 17 and 18 July - Enrichment days
- 18 July - Year 10 Mock interviews

OCTOBER

- 17 -21 October – Geography Trip to Iceland

DARWIN LEISURE CENTRE

Pay as you go (*gym use*)
£5 per session

Centre Member (*gym use & membership rates*)
£25 a year & £4.50 per session

GOLD Membership (*unlimited gym use & membership rates*)
£25 a month

A variety of private classes, facilities and pitch hire is available

Enquiries to 01959 540606
email: leisurecentre@cdarwin.com
See school website
www.cdarwin.com for full details

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending 05.04.19

Polly Elliott, Dominic Howes, Foley Jones and Brandon Ratnage, 8PWa/8NDy

Mrs Mills, Reception

Parents Evenings 2019

Year 10: 2 May 2019

Year 7: 8 May 2019

History Star of the Week

Sam Walker, Year 11

Sam achieved 100% in his Whitechapel history paper. Sam works incredibly hard attending all revision sessions available to him and always seeks advice on how to improve his answers. His calm and reflective approach makes me sure he will do incredibly well in his upcoming exams. Well done Sam!

Mrs Swinscoe

Evening Caretaker

27.5 hours a week

Hours: 2.30pm – 8.00pm Monday - Friday

Actual salary £17,043 rising to £18,303 per annum

We are looking to appoint an Evening Caretaker to undertake general handyman duties each night after school from May 2019. The successful candidate will join our committed and hard working Site Team. The Site Team is managed by the Premises Manager who is assisted by two Senior Caretakers, two Assistant Caretakers and a team of cleaning personnel.

The role of the Site Team is to ensure that the learning process of the pupils is underpinned by the effective discharge of duties and certain personal qualities are expected. Above all else the successful candidate is expected to have good practical skills, be honest and willing to work hard. A full driving licence and use of a vehicle is essential.

Application Forms and further details are available on our website www.cdarwin.com – key information – vacancies. Please note CVs alone will not be considered. Closing date 25th April 2019

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 an Enhanced Disclosure with the Disclosure and Barring Service and full background checks.

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Parents/carers must phone before 08:30 with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.



HM Courts &
Tribunals Service

Croydon Crown, Family & County Courts

Open Day

Saturday 11 May 10.30am – 2.30pm

Visit our cells, observe a mock trial, meet a prison sniffer dog, try an electronic tag, experience a video link, children's court & activities.

Learn about the Justice System.

Admission Free - all ages welcome



Croydon Law Courts, Altyre Road,
Croydon CR9 5AB

Justice matters

All visitors are expected to go through security to enter the building. Check our guidance so you know what to expect, please note photography is not allowed.



**HM Courts
& Tribunals
Service**

Croydon Crown Court
The Law Courts
Altyre Road
Croydon
Surrey
CR9 5AB

DX 97473 Croydon 6
Telephone: 020 8410 4700
Email: croydoncrowncourt@justice.gov.uk

February 2019

HMCTS Croydon Courts Open Day
Saturday 11th May 2019 @ 10:30am – 2:30pm
The Law Courts Altyre Road, Croydon, CR9 5AB.

ART COMPETITION

“THE RULE OF LAW”

As part of our Open Day we are running an art competition open to children/ students of all ages up to and including 18 years old. You may submit a piece of art which should be your interpretation of the theme “the Rule of Law”. Any medium is permitted e.g. drawing, acrylic, watercolour, oil, collage or even sculpture!

All entries will be displayed at our Open Day for your friends and family to admire. There will be prizes for different age groups which will be awarded on the day and every student submitting an entry will receive a certificate. If you cannot attend on the day the prize and/or certificate will be posted to your school.

All entries must be submitted by **Friday 12th April 2019**. Please make sure your entry is marked **Open Day Art Competition** and has the following information on the back: **your name, age and school**. Without this information you will not receive a prize and/or certificate!

Should you have any questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Rachael Vincent on 020 8410 4686 or Rachael.vincent@justice.gov.uk