



12/01/2018

# The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## HEADLINES

### Year 11 return to mock examination feedback

On Wednesday morning we had the Year 11 Mock Results assembly, an event that was very beneficial for our students in Year 11 who are earnestly preparing for their GCSEs this summer.

This assembly signalled the next stage of our work with Year 11 at the start of this vital term. This term our intention is to work with all our Year 11 students in all subjects to hone their examination preparation and revision, gradually building momentum with them so that they are fully prepared and at a peak when they sit their examinations this summer. This year because of the scale of curriculum changes the preparation is more complicated and difficult.

At this stage of the year, to support our work in school, I ask all families with children in Year 11 to congratulate them if appropriate on their efforts thus far and please encourage them to take full part in the after school revision sessions; each year it is noticeable that those who do attend these additional revision sessions do much better in the summer exams. **Sunil Chotai**

**The closing date for applications [with references attached] for entry to Sixth Form for 2018 is Friday 26 January**

### Holiday revision classes

Holiday revision classes for Year 11 will run this year on week days from Tuesday 3 to Friday 13 April during the Easter holiday and from Tuesday 29 May to Friday 1 June during the summer half term. A timetable will be published in February. Please keep these dates free and encourage students to attend. Thank you. **Ms Kelly**

## Students make a splash in Biggin Hill



Last academic year Miss Miller, head of creative arts was approached by staff at the Biggin Hill Memorial Library and Pool regarding a project to make the children's party room there more interesting and engaging for visitors.

Miss Miller offered the opportunity to two talented A Level students and Hannah Sims and Tiannion Richards, now in Year 13, led a team of artists who worked on transforming the look and feel of the space over the summer holiday.

The party room has windows overlooking the pool and it was an obvious choice to develop this link with water. An ocean-themed painted mural, featuring sea creatures now adorns the walls.

This project is not only a valuable contribution to the local community but will be very useful experience for Hannah Sims and relevant to her future career plans as she is applying to study set design at university.

## Christmas Jumper day



Thank you to everyone who helped to "make it better with a sweater" on Christmas Jumper day last term. Students and staff raised money for the chosen year group charities as follows:

Year 7—RSPCA	£170.00
Year 8—Alzheimer's Society	£142.97
Year 9—Macmillan Nurses	£89.16
Year 10—Rainbow Trust	£110.13
Year 11—London's Air Ambulance	£67.50
Year 12 and 13—London's Air Ambulance	£112.00

Well done to all who took part.

**Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:  
Parents/carers must phone before 8:30am with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.**

## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Monday 15 to Friday 19 January

**16 January 2018**—Year 11 drama trip to see The Woman in Black

**17 January 2018**—Year 8 and 9 reward trip to Jump Giants

**17 January 2018** —Year 9 DTP and meningitis vaccinations

**18 January 2018**—Year 11 Parents' Evening

### Forthcoming events: spring term

**22 January 2018**—Year 7 bowling trip to reward 100% attendance

**22 January 2018**—Dance Competition semi finals for Years 7 and 8

**23 January 2018**—Dance Competition semi finals for Years 9 to 13

**26 January 2018**—Deadline for Sixth Form Applications

**26 January 2018**—Year 11 Pathways trip to Mansfield College, Oxford

**1 February 2018**—Intermediate Maths Challenge

**2 February 2018**—Year 7 Cinema Night

**5 February 2018**—Dance Competition Final

**7 February 2018**—Year 8 Parents' evening

**20 February 2018**—Beauty and the Beast cast perform at the Bromley Schools Festival of Music

**23 February 2018**—GCSE PE conference

**26 February 2018**—Sixth Form geography residential to Bournemouth

**27 February 2018**—Year 9 Enterprise Day

**1 March 2018**—Year 8 Options Evening

**7 March 2018**—Year 9 Parents Evening

**17 March 2018**—Nuclear Race mud run challenge

**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

**3 to 13 April 2018**—Easter revision sessions

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

**2 May 2018**—Year 10 Parents Evening

**16 May 2018**—Year 7 Parents Evening

**18 May 2018**—Key Stage 3 netball tour

**6 June 2018**—Dance trip to performance of XENOS at Sadlers Wells

**13 June 2018**—Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening

**14 June 2018**—Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews

**15 and 20 June 2018**—Year 6 into 7 interviews

**9 to 12 July 2018** —Year 7, 8 and 9 girls football tour

## Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending  
**05/01/2018**

Elliott Mote and Melissa Hewitt  
from 8FLf  
Mrs Mills

## Set yourself a challenge for 2018

Places are still available for the mud obstacle race at the Nuclear Race headquarters in Brentwood, Essex on Saturday 17 March.

Anyone who would like to have a community place and join us can put £32.50 in an envelope with their name and contact details and hand this in to main reception marked for the attention of Miss Miller. If you have any queries about the event, please email Miss Miller on [smi@cdarwin.com](mailto:smi@cdarwin.com).

Thank you.

## Annual Dance Competition 5 February 2018

### Important dates

The semi final for Years 7/8 will take place at 3:15pm on Monday 22 January and for Years 9 to 13 on Tuesday 23 January.

The dress rehearsal for finalists will take place on Thursday 1 February from 3:00pm to 5:30pm.

The final will take place on Monday 6 February at 7:00pm and tickets price £3:00, will go on sale on Monday 29 January.

Mrs Rees

## WANTED URGENTLY

The art department is in desperate need of old towels. If you have old papers at home, rather than putting them out for recycling, please bring them in to school and give them to Mrs Austin in art.

Thank you.

## Policy Review

The school's Anti-bullying Policy will be reviewed by Year 8 Student Voice and the School Council this half term.

Please speak to your representatives on either body if you would like something to be mentioned in this review. The revised policy will be discussed at the governors' ethos committee meeting on Monday 12 March.



## Darwin Leisure Centre New Year, new you?

Gold membership: £25 per month

Unlimited use of the gym and discount on other facilities

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

Enquiries to 01959 540606

email: [leisurecentre@cdarwin.com](mailto:leisurecentre@cdarwin.com)

See school website

[www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com) for full details

## YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION

on Thursday, 18 January 2018

3:15pm – 6:15pm

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

Governors will be present and refreshments will be available courtesy of the Friends of Charles Darwin School.

## PARENTS EVENINGS 2017/18

**Year 11:** 18 January 2018

**Year 8:** 7 February 2018

**Year 9:** 7 March 2018

**Year 12:** 27 March 2018 [2]

**Year 13:** 27 March 2018 [2]

**Year 10:** 2 May 2018

**Year 7:** 16 May 2018