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# The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## HEADLINES

### Driven by Consequences

Wednesday's Driven by Consequences day for the Sixth Form was a very successful, hard-hitting and by all accounts incredibly worthwhile event. We have hosted this event, which is organised by the Bromley Road Safety Team and attended by a whole range of emergency services including the Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service), for a number of years.

This year I popped into a couple of the workshops with Paul Woolfenden, one of our Governors, and a guest visitor. We could not help but be impressed by the content, style and delivery of the workshops we sampled. The feedback from the students that I spoke to informally at lunch was superb, they found the event very thought-provoking, emotionally challenging and overall very beneficial.

### Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

My congratulations to the five Year 12 students who successfully completed their practice expedition on Monday and Tuesday this week [see right]. The students camped for two nights near Ashurst and walked for two days to reach Chiddingstone Causeway.

As temperatures continued to rise they did a fantastic job supporting each other, not only having to deal with the heat but also with many of the footpaths being overrun with stinging nettles and brambles and paths through fields hidden by crops.

The students were an absolute credit to the school and overcame each challenge they came across. On behalf of all staff I would like to wish them well for their qualifying expedition in the New Forest in a couple of weeks' time.

*Sunil Chotai*

## Silver Duke of Edinburgh award



The Year 12 students did incredibly well on their Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. The tents became unbearably hot before 7:00am and the temperature rose throughout the day. We kept students hydrated by ferrying gallons of water between checkpoints and the students were incredibly supportive of each other. Overall they covered about 14 miles on Monday and 12 miles on Tuesday. The students are now taking the lessons they have learnt from this practice to prepare for their qualifying expedition in the New Forest in July.

**Mr Culver**

## Year 8 activities day

On Wednesday this week Year 8 took part in a fundraising activities day, featuring traditional competitive events such as a tug of war and track events including a wheel barrow race, a sack race and a three legged race. Watch out for next week's Year 8 Evolution newsletter for further details.



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 2 to Friday 6 July

**29 June and 2 July 2018** — Year 10 kayaking trip to Danson Watersports

**2 July 2018** — Year 11 into 12 taster day

**2 July 2018** — Year 11 into 12 parents' information evening

**3 July 2018** — Year 9 trip to the Design Museum

**4 July 2018** — Sports Awards 2017-18

**4 July 2018** — Year 9 trip to National Enterprise Finals in Telford

**4 July 2018** — Year 12 history and politics trip to Apsley House

**4 July 2018** — Year 12 METRO conference

**4 July 2018** — Year 8 Running down Dementia

**6 July 2018** — Sports Day

**6 July 2018** — Year 9 to Bromley Science Challenge Day

### Forthcoming events: summer term

**9 to 11 July 2018** — Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition

**10 July 2018** — Young carers trip to Quasar

**10 July 2018** — Year 13 drama trip to see The Phantom of the Opera

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

**10 to 13 July 2018** — Year 12 Horizons

**16 to 20 July 2018** — Year 12 Work Placements, career development, courses, Zanzibar trip and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition

**18 July 2018** — Year 10 Headhunters careers event

**18 and 19 July 2018** — Summer enrichment activities for Years 7, 8 and 9

**19 July 2018** — Year 10 Mock Interviews

**20 July 2018** — End of summer term

### Forthcoming events: autumn term

**4 September 2018** — Start of autumn term for Year 7

**28 September 2018** — Early close for Open Morning

**29 September 2018** — Open Morning from 9.45am—12.30pm

**2 to 5 October 2018** — Open Week guided tours of the school in action at 08.45am

**18 October 2018** — Presentation Evening

## Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending  
22.06.2018**

Jodie Shillito from 8FLf and

George Walter from 8EKa

**Mrs Mills, Reception**

**Incredibly well done** to Holly Wright in Year 12 who is taking up a fully funded football [soccer] scholarship in America in September. We wish her the very best of luck.

**The Sixth Form Team**

**Well done** to the Year 9 Drama class [9C/Dr1] who responded with purpose and enthusiasm to a difficult new topic this week. We are following Frantic Assembly's method of devising work which is complicated and pushes some people out of their comfort zone but the students contributed and participated fantastically well. **Miss White**

**Good luck** to Year 9 students Harley Barleycorn, Kayleigh Jennings, Alfie Hudson, Chloe Bevan, Isabel Wilkins, Niamh Robinson, Taylan Ahmet, Matthew Kenton, Paula Szczyrba, Riley Tuxford, Cameron Gifford and Jamie Simpson who will be representing the school at the Bromley Science Challenge Day on 6 July. **Dr Piercy**

## Sports Awards

### 4 July 2018

A final reminder for all pupils who have received letters regarding Sports Awards that the deadline for buying tickets is Monday 2 July. Any queries regarding this please contact [wca@cdarwin.com](mailto:wca@cdarwin.com).

Pupils attending must be in full school uniform and arrive at 6:30pm for a prompt 7:00pm start. Thank you. **Please remember to pick your tickets up from main reception.**

**PE Department**

### WANTED

Donations of any good quality, outgrown blazers, trousers and skirts especially in smaller sizes, as well as ties that we can keep as spares and items of PE kit.

If you can spare any of these items, please bring your donations to Student Services. Many thanks for your help.

**Mrs Paterson**

## Where are they now?

**Congratulations to Aimee Haywood** who graduates with a first class masters degree in Biomedical Sciences from Southampton University.

**Congratulations to Megan Williams** who graduates with a first class degree in Forensic Investigation from Canterbury Christ Church University.

**Congratulations to ex Head Boy Greg Cooper** who graduates from Kent University with a first class degree in History.

**Congratulations to Abi Powell** who graduates from Canterbury Christ Church University with a first class degree in Educational Studies.

**Congratulations to Charlie Thynne** on gaining a first class degree in Product Design from Hertfordshire University. She is now training to become a design and technology teacher.

**Well done to Stacey Gardner** who also graduates from Canterbury Christ Church University with a 2:1 in Business Studies and Advertising.

**Congratulations to Meghan Duggan-Stevens** who graduates from Oxford Brookes University with a first class degree in English Literature and Drama.

**Well done to Jodie Holyoake** on gaining a 2:1 in Marine Wildlife Conservation and is pursuing a career in underwater photography.

**Congratulations to Tom Mills** who graduates from Reading University with a first class degree in Mathematics.

**Well done to Emily Best** who gained a 2:1 in English from Sheffield Hallam University.

**Well done to William Macadam** who achieved a 2:1 in English Literature from Reading University.