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# The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## HEADLINES

### End of Year

As we come to the end of another school year, a year that has been productive and successful, I am sure that all students and their families are looking forward to the coming summer holiday. I would like to thank all families for their support this year and I look forward to seeing our students returning refreshed in September. In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a super summer break.

Sunil Chotai

### Open Morning 2019

**Saturday 28 September**  
9.30am - 12.30pm

Headteacher's talks at  
9:30am and 11:15am

**Open Week:**  
**Tuesday 1 – Friday 4 October**

A daily guided tour of the school in action at 08.40 followed by a Headteacher talk at 09.30am.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

On **Friday 27 September** the School will close at 12.40pm so that staff can prepare for Open Morning on Saturday. Pupils eligible for free school meals should collect sandwiches from the Canteen at break time.

On **Monday 30 September** there will be a late start for pupils who should be in school for 9.30am

### The Heist in Year 10 Computer Science

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, nine Computer Science students worked in teams of three to crack open as many safety deposit boxes using their skills and subject knowledge. They also had to plan their own escape route AND get out in time before the Charles Darwin Police showed up!

The teams had 90 minutes to crack through a virtual gate and into the location of the numbered safety deposit boxes. Two out of three teams were successful in cracking through as many deposit boxes, and only two of the teams managed to get out in time using their escape plan! However there was only one winning team, who escaped with the most amount of loot AND cracked the final code...the winning team were: Abby Williams, Vinnie Johnson and Louis Bingham! Well done to you three!



### Attendance & House Points Summer 2019

**Attend today: achieve tomorrow**

The house point totals for the Summer term

Grant	9882 (1st)
Lyell	9354 (2nd)
Wedgwood	9097 (3rd)
Henslow	9023 (4th)

Attendance percentage by house for the Summer term

Grant	95.5% (1st)
Wedgwood	95.2% (2nd)
Henslow	95.1% (3rd)
Lyell	94.9% (4th)

Congratulations to **7WCa** with the highest form House Point total across the school, with **2574**.

Mrs Rees

## 2019/20 Start of Term Arrangements

Monday 02 September - INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 03 September - Year 7 and Year 13 Prefects

Wednesday 04 September - All Years normal start, Registration 8.30am



## DARWIN'S DANCERS SHOWCASE



On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July there was a new dance show called 'Darwin's Dancers Show'. This was to showcase the exam pieces that have been created in GCSE and A Level Dance and also the works created by students in extra-curricular clubs and Thrive Dance Company. There were students from year 7 to year 13 in it, including over 60 dancers. It was very successful with a large audience and all students were very professional with their performances. It was clear that Dance is enjoyed through the school. The show was to raise money to make significant changes to the Dance department such as building a small second space. If you would like to make a donation to the Dance department (any contribution would be appreciated) please do make this on ParentPay by contacting [cab@cdarwin.com](mailto:cab@cdarwin.com) who will be able to organise you being added to parent pay. The standard here is amazing and continues to make me a proud teacher – well done all!

**Miss C Abbotts**



## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Forthcoming events - Summer Term 2019

#### JULY

**Friday 19 July** - End of Term

**Monday 22 July** - INSET Day - School closed to students

**Tuesday 23 July** - INSET Day - School closed to students

#### AUGUST

**Thursday 15 August** - A Level results day

**Thursday 22 August** - GCSE results day

#### SEPTEMBER

**Monday 2 September** - INSET Day - School closed to students

**Tuesday 3 September** - Year 7 & Sixth Form ONLY start

**Wednesday 4 September** - All pupils in School as usual

**Friday 27 September** - Early finish for pupils at 12.40pm

**Saturday 28 September** - Open Day

**Monday 30 September** - Late start for pupils at 9.30am

#### OCTOBER

**Friday 18 October** - INSET DAY School closed to pupils

**Monday 21 - Friday 25 October**—Half Term

**Monday 28 October** - INSET DAY School closed to pupils

## Cyber Discovery Competition Challenge

Throughout this academic year, for the first time, we have participated in the HM Government's national competition, Cyber Discovery. The competition ran throughout the year and this is open to anyone aged between 14-18 years old. You don't have to be a Computer Science student to participate OR have any coding experience as you will learn this as you go!

This is an online competition which means you can log into it from anywhere and try to complete the levels and solve as many problems to accumulate points. The competition is free to join and has four stages: CyberStart Assess, CyberStart Game, CyberStart Essentials and CyberStart Elite. If you are one of the lucky few to complete CyberStart Essentials, you are invited to attend CyberStart Elite, an in-person camp to compete.

This academic year we had a total of 21 students across years 9-13 who took part. We had a total of 11 students who participated in the first round, CyberStart Assess:

- Abby Williams – Year 10, GCSE Computer Science
- Cameron Mackenzie – Year 10, BTEC IT
- Cameron Gifford – Year 10, GCSE Computer Science
- Haydon Carty – Year 10, GCSE Computer Science
- Jamie Meredith – Year 10, GCSE Computer Science
- Jamie Ferris – Year 13, A'Level Computer Science
- Jay Farrow – Year 10, BTEC IT
- Louis Bingham – Year 10, GCSE Computer Science
- Matthew Kenton – Year 10, GCSE Computer Science
- Vinnie Johnson – Year 10, GCSE Computer Science

We were very lucky to have two of our students who made it through to third round, CyberStart Essentials:

- Jake Hartley – Year 13 A'Level Computer Science
- Thomas Dawkins – Year 13 A'Level Computer Science

Congratulations to the students above for getting through to those stages! The competition is re-opening in September 2019 and if you would like to participate in next year's competition, please come and speak to Mrs Elliott in IT/Computer Science department to register your interest!

**Mrs Elliott**

### Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending  
19.07.19**

Lemar Mckoy, Jack Wells, Ciara Bain,  
Michael Molinaro, 8SHo

**Mrs Mills, Reception**

## LOCKERS

**Reminder:** all lockers should be emptied before the end of term as they are cleaned out during the summer holidays and anything left in them will be disposed of.

Please make sure you take all your belongings home at the end of the summer term. Thank you.

**Student Services**

## Librarian's Award

**Harvey Bridges, 7NWE**

Harvey is an avid reader who has really impressed Mrs Adams in the library this year. Well done, Harvey!

**Mrs Pitt**



**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.**



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# SUMMER HOLIDAY

## Orpington - 29th July to 30th Aug 2019

Percussion • Gymnastics • Sports • Taekwondo • Arts & Crafts  
Dance • Archery • Fencing • Team Games • Inflatable Games

What?

Sports, Dance & Gymnastics Children's Academy

Where?

The Highway Primary School, The Highway, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9DJ

Who?

Boys and Girls aged 5 to 12

When?

Monday 29th July to Friday 30th August 2019

8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Academy day)

Price?

£37 per day (Extended day) & £29 per day (Academy day)

Optional extras: £5 for 'Special Events' e.g. Archery & Fencing

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# SUMMER HOLIDAY

## BROMLEY - 26th July to 2nd Sep 2019

Percussion • Gymnastics • Sports • Taekwondo • Boxing  
Dance • Archery • Fencing • Team Games • Inflatable Games

What?

Sports, Dance & Gymnastics Children's Academy

Where?

ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR

Who?

Boys and Girls aged 5 to 12

When?

Friday 26th July to Monday 2nd September 2019

8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Academy day)

Price?

£37 per day (Extended day) & £29 per day (Academy day)

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