



Autumn 2018

# Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## TERM DATES 2018-19

### Autumn 2018

Tuesday 4th September – Thursday 18th October

*Half term: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October*

Tuesday 30th October – Friday 21st December

### Spring 2019

Monday 7th January – Friday 15th February

*Half term: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February*

Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April

### Summer 2019

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May

*Bank holiday: Monday 6th May*

*Half term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May*

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

### INSET Days (school closed to pupils)

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 19th October 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

### Notes:

Good Friday – 19th April 2019

Easter Monday – 22nd April 2019

## Other important dates:

30 and 31 August—Year 12 enrolment

4 September 2018—Year 7 start

4 September 2018—Year 12 induction interviews

5 September 2018—all years in school

5 September 2018—Rivers of the World art exhibition at Gallery @Oxo, South Bank

10 to 14 September 2018—Auditions for the school production

13 September 2018—Year 7 finance workshop

14 September 2018—Year 7 Student Voice elections

19 September 2018—Thrive Dance group auditions

19 September 2018—UCAS parents information evening

21 September 2018—Year 12 finance workshop

28 September 2018—Early close for Open Morning

29 September 2018—Open Morning

1 October 2018—late start for students

2 to 5 October 2018—Open Week tours of the school

11 October 2018—Year 7 Settling in tea

18 October 2018—Presentation evening

Friday 19 October 2018—INSET

22 to 26 October 2018—Half term

Monday 29 October 2018—INSET

9 November 2018—launch of annual Dance Competition

14 November 2018—Year 9 Your Choice Your Voice

5 December 2018—Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church

6 to 9 December—Year 9/10 trip to German Christmas markets

14 December 2018—Year 7 Christmas Fair

17 to 20 December 2018—performances of the school production

25 January 2019—deadline for Sixth Form Applications

6 February 2019—Spring Music Fest

11 February 2019—Dance Competition Final

14 March 2019—Year 8 Options Evening

28 June 2019—Year 11 ball

17 and 18 July 2019—Enrichment days

18 July 2019—Year 10 Mock interviews

## PARENTS EVENINGS 2018/19

Year 11: 7 November 2018

Year 12: 28 November 2018

Year 13: 28 November 2018

Year 11: 24 January 2019 [2]

Year 8: 7 February 2019

Year 9: 6 March 2019

Year 12: 27 March 2019 [2]

Year 13: 27 March 2019 [2]

Year 10: 2 May 2019

Year 7: 8 May 2019

## Sixth Form applications for 2019

The open evening for entry to Sixth Form is on

**Thursday 15 November 2018**

**times to be confirmed**

Applications must be submitted with references attached.

**Closing date: Friday 25 January 2019**

## Open Morning 2018

**Saturday 29 September 9.30am—12.30pm**

Headteacher's talks at 9.30am and 11.15am

### Open Week:

**Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 October**

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

## Achievement Co-ordinators and Pastoral Managers for 2018-2019

Year 7 ACo: Mrs Wheeler

Year 7 Transition Manager: Mr Woods

Year 8 ACo: Miss Dobney

Year 9 ACo: Mr Lamb

Year 8 and 9 Pastoral Manager: Mrs Haywood

Year 10 ACo: Mr Tilley

Year 11 ACo: Mrs Tsang

Year 10 and 11 Pastoral Manager: Mrs Gater

Head of Year 12: Mr Goss

Head of Year 13: Mrs Furness

Head of Sixth Form: Mrs Kearney

## Learning Development

Learning Development runs a drop-in session for parents between 8:00am and 8:45am every Tuesday morning.

Parents must report to reception first.

## With a little help from our Friends

### Volunteers wanted

Charles Darwin School is extremely fortunate to have the support of the Friends - a committed and active organisation which works hard to raise important additional funds for the school.

New members and fresh ideas are always welcome, so please join us.

Please contact Gillian Simons, chair of the Friends, for more information on [gilliansimons@hotmail.com](mailto:gilliansimons@hotmail.com).

If you are shopping on-line over the coming months for a new holiday wardrobe, please remember that Charles Darwin School is registered with the Giving Machine at [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk). If you choose to donate while internet shopping there is no charge to you but retailers will pay a percentage of your purchases to the school.

**Thank you from The Friends**

## Applications for the School Council 2018/19

Pupils interested in applying for a position on the School Council for 2018/19, can either:

- Collect an application form from the main office or,
- Write a short letter of application to include a brief description of yourself and outlining why you would like to become a member of the School Council.

Completed applications forms/ letters are to be returned for the attention of Mrs Rees via the main office. Deadline for return:

**Friday, 14 September 2018**

**Thank you**

## END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS – 20 July 2018

Celebration of Success assemblies will be held on Friday 20 July. Years 7—9 are expected in school at the usual time in full, correct school uniform. Year 10 attend by invitation only and pupils will be dismissed at intervals during the course of the morning as follows:

**Year 10 dismissed at 10:20am**  
**Year 9 dismissed at 11:30am**  
**Years 7/8 dismissed at 12:15pm**

The bus services have been informed and school buses will adjust their times accordingly.

## The Friends of Charles Darwin School invite you to a Quiz Night

**on Friday 14 September at 7:00pm in the Hub**

Over 18s only and strictly no current students

Tickets: £5.00 Tables of six to eight

Please email [friends@cdarwin.com](mailto:friends@cdarwin.com) to register your interest

## Darwin Leisure Centre



Autumn opening hours  
2018 as term time

Gym membership:  
**£25 per month**

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

Enquiries to 01959 540606  
or email:

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

## Urgent health matters

Please ensure you keep your contact details up to date in case of an emergency and let the school know if your child has any medical conditions. Spare, in-date asthma inhalers and epipens should be brought in to school in September. Help us to keep your child safe.

## Consent for photographs

If you do not wish your child's photograph to appear on the website, in the Link or local papers, to illustrate the breadth and variety of our curriculum and extra-curricular activities, please make sure you have told your child and made them aware that they must remove themselves from any photographs. Thank you.

## PRESENTATION EVENING 2018

*Thursday 18th October*

The current Year 11,12 and 13 students and their parents are cordially invited to attend Presentation Evening to celebrate exam results and academic achievement.

The evening will start with drinks and canapés at 6:15pm in the canteen.

The ceremony will begin at 7:15pm in the main hall and should be concluded by approximately 8:45pm

Please email [jho@cdarwin.com](mailto:jho@cdarwin.com) to confirm you will be attending.

## Year 7 Settling in Tea and e-safety presentation

**11 October 2018 3.00pm—6.00pm**

All Year 7 pupils, their parents and carers are invited to a "Settling in Tea" to meet form tutors and other staff members.

Cakes will be sold in aid of the Year 7 charity.