



29.03.2019

# The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## HEADLINES

### Options Meetings

It has been really good to see so many parents coming in over the past few days for the Year 8 options meetings with Form Tutors. These discussions are very important in terms of finalising students' GCSE option choices and having spoken to several parents it seems that they have valued the time that tutors have been able to devote to them. Many of our Year 8 students have also been very appreciative of the input from staff and seem to have been enthused, uplifted and visibly inspired by the opportunity to decide their courses for future study.

### Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

The Year 12/13 parents' evening seemed to go very well on Wednesday, my thanks to all families who attended.

The atmosphere was positive and purposeful. The preparation that our Year 13 students undertake over the remaining few weeks is clearly crucial in terms of achieving their subject grades. It was therefore good for us all to have an opportunity to discuss the details of how it is best to approach this final phase before the examinations commence.

**Sunil Chotai**

## LET'S CLEAR THE AIR!



In support of the work by a Student at Biggin Hill Primary School, this poster was designed to encourage parents to turn off their car engines whilst waiting to collect their children from school. The poster is now on the gates at the front of Charles Darwin school, aiming to promote awareness surrounding the damaging effects car fumes have on the environment and children's health.

Her message with this poster is clear: 'Stop idling, think about your health and that of your children, and in doing so, save your money and the earth's climate and resources'.

Let us hope we can all listen to this important message and all do our bit to create a cleaner air around the school.

**Mrs Rees**

## SMSC Enrichment Activities

As we approach the Summer term we begin to look forward to the SMSC Enrichment Activities at the end of term. SMSC stands for Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural aspects of education. There will be activities for Years 7, 8 and 9 in school and off-site including London-based and overseas activities. Year 10 take part in an all-important careers and interview programme.

You will begin to see some activities appear on ParentPay. Letters will go out in early May for the majority of enrichment activities. Where activities are available to multiple Year groups, they will be published on ParentPay at the same time. It would be great for us to release all activities at the same time, however, some of the events require plenty of notice for pre-booking, so are released much earlier. This is true for theatre tickets and the trip to Strasbourg for example. We are also limited by the number of coach spaces or venue capacities. Every year there are trips that are booked up incredibly quickly and there are no exceptions to the maximum numbers on each trip. There are a number of opportunities to develop 'Cultural Capital' too. Trips where students can develop their knowledge and understanding of our society and how it works, through visits to museums, art galleries, castles and exhibitions in London and beyond.

We strongly encourage students to try something different this year. There are of course activities in-school. Hiring in equipment and outside agencies, administration and insurance as well as buying craft and making-based resources are a significant cost to the school so we kindly ask for a core contribution to the enrichment activities. This will remain at the same price as last year of £8.50 per pupil.

**Mr Jones**

## 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

**Pupils for Praise**  
Duty pupils of the week ending  
29.03.2019

Jack Wells and Ruby Hatton, 8PWa

Mrs Mills, Reception

## Parents Evenings 2019

Year 10: 2 May 2019

Year 7: 8 May 2019

## FOOTBALL

Well done to the U16 Girls Football team who beat Ravensbourne 11-0 in their Bromley League game. Lots of goals were scored and the team played very well to outwit their opponents.

Miss Case

## Overdue Library Books

Please can all overdue books be returned to the Library before the end of term.

Many thanks.

Mrs Adams



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# Non-Uniform Day & Easter Eggstravaganza

Friday  
5th April

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Charles Darwin School  
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