



# Charles Darwin School

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## Charles Darwin School Summer 2021 outstanding GCSE examination results

### Congratulations to all our GCSE students on their results!

As all parents and families will appreciate, GCSE year for so many of last year's Year 11 was a turbulent topsy-turvy period in their lives. However, our students' perseverance, dedication and resilience to their studies shone through. We applaud each and every one of our students for their hard work commitment and diligence. They should all be very proud of their achievements as they venture onto the next step in their education in the Sixth Form.

Sunil Chotai, Headteacher, comments "We are so proud of our students' outstanding achievements, it has been a privilege to work with such a fantastic cohort of students buoyed by supportive parents and their diligent teachers. Every student should be extremely proud of their remarkable achievements; the pressure on young people has been enormous and our students have shown commitment to their studies and resilience that has made us all very proud indeed.

Our special congratulations go to the following for their outstanding achievements of at least 5 grades 9-7.

Oluwatobi Abiodun  
 Michaela Bell  
 Aimee Cheeseman  
 Thea D'apice  
 Aliya Forde  
 Erin Hartley  
 Louis Ince  
 Abbey Leonard  
 Ria Peters  
 Mantha Radford  
 Billy Seddon  
 Jodie Shillito  
 Lily Steen  
 Alexander Wilkinson  
 Samuel Woods

Isabella Amankwah-Antepim  
 Dylan Brocklehurst  
 Megan Chenery  
 Izzi Doyle  
 Elizabeth Fox  
 Elley Hollman  
 James Kennell  
 Ilona Mailet-Elzein  
 Freya Philip  
 Lauren Rufford  
 Christopher Shanks  
 Sadheera Singhara Mudalige  
 Jake Stirrat  
 Geena Wood

Lily Ash  
 Yasmin Cazalet-Smith  
 Maddie Clements  
 Holly Doyle  
 Andrew Handley  
 Kirsty Hunt  
 Leila Lagder  
 Abbey Parker  
 Nanci-Mae Powley  
 Nyah Sawyer  
 George Sheldrick  
 Samuel Sleath  
 Emily Turnham  
 Jack Woods

Sunil Chotai

## SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMMING

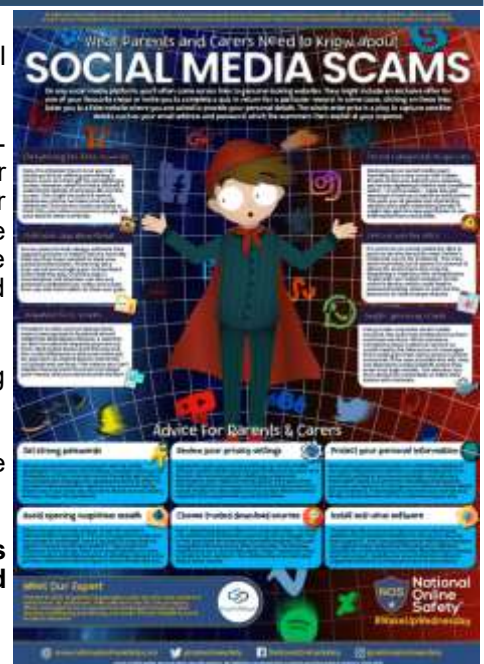
Please see attached to this week's Link a free online safety guide on social media scams published by National Online safety this week.

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as phishing scams, untrustworthy URLs and 'payment first' scams.

I will continue to include these online safety guides from National Online Safety in future Links. I hope they are of some use to families.

Mrs Rees  
Deputy Head



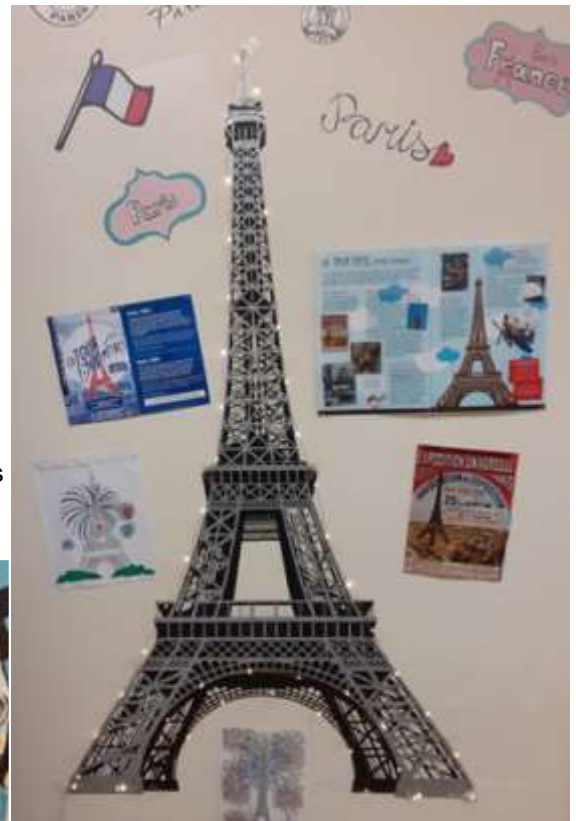
## MFL Department gets a makeover



During the final days of the summer term the Languages Department had the opportunity to spend a couple of days working with a selection of Year 8 pupils and the Art department to give the corridor in the Languages area a make-over. We wanted to include as many culturally interesting facts and images as we could, relating to France and Germany and their differing cultures.

Mrs Davies organised some fund-raising through ParentPay and ordered the relevant materials so that by the end of our work we had created the following:

- ◆ A section of the Berlin Wall
- ◆ An Eiffel Tower that lights up
- ◆ A jungle scene with the animals labelled in French and German
- ◆ Famous works of art
- ◆ Tongue Twisters in French/German
- ◆ A chalk board with and French and German menu
- ◆ A football pitch
- ◆ World Map showing French/German speaking countries
- ◆ Berlin and Paris historical information
- ◆ A diversity board
- ◆ Photos from school trips to Strasbourg and the Christmas markets



The feedback from pupils and staff has been really positive and it has been great seeing people admiring and commenting on the new displays. A massive thank you to all of the parents who contributed to the resources.

**Mrs Kaye-Chubb**

## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

### Mrs Mehra - English



In my career as an English Teacher, I have had the opportunity to teach in South Africa, India and inner-city London schools. This has certainly enriched my cultural capital and enhanced my understanding of different social and traditional value systems. I am passionate about teaching English and hope to share my knowledge and skills with my students. Needless to say, I love reading! Some of my favourite books are "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte and "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini.

In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, going out for long walks and spending time with family and friends. Something that I would like to do in future when I have some spare time is to teach children and adults who do not speak English as their first language. I look forward to working with the Charles Darwin community and further developing my expertise as a teacher. I also want to thank both staff and students who have been extremely warm and welcoming in my first few weeks here.

## YEAR 9 DRAMA

Congratulations to my Year 9 Drama class who have excelled in their whole class improvisation. Every one of you have impressed me with your commitment to your characters and your mature and focused approach to all the activities. Fantastic work, keep it up!

Mrs Suttun

# POPSTARS

*The 90's Musical*

**Congratulations to all our students  
who successfully auditioned!**

**Production dates and ticket on-sale  
dates coming soon...**

## B ♥ U ♥ D ♥ D ♥ I ♥ E ♥ S

Want to meet new friends and spend a lunchtime playing games and activities? Why not go to Buddies, a social group led by 6th Form Prefects.

**When?** Starting Thursday 16 September at lunchtime.

**Where?** For the first week, Year 7s should meet the prefects on the Year 7 courts at 1.15pm after they have eaten their lunch. They will then be shown where to go.

The club will be held in Dr2 every week

## Term Dates 2021-22

### **AUTUMN 2021**

Staff Professional Development day 31st August

Wednesday 1st September – Friday 15th October  
*Half Term: Monday 18th October – Friday 29th October*  
Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December

### **SPRING 2022**

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 11th February  
*Half Term: Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February*  
Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

### **Easter Holiday:**

Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April

### **SUMMER 2022**

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May  
*Half Term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June*  
Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July

### **INSET Days** – school closed to pupils

Monday 1st November 2021  
Monday 20th December 2021  
Tuesday 21st December 2021  
Friday 28th January 2022

## Pupils for Praise

### **Duty Pupils: 13.09.2021 - 17.09.2021**

Many thanks to Rufus Aston-Fleming, Lizzie Stanford, Jonathan Oryema, Eloise Mitchell, Michael Robinson, James Prudence, Henry West, Davina Osafo and Natalie Radford.

**Mrs Todd  
Reception**

## Dates for the Diary

### **Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 September**

Year 10 Geography Trip to Olympic Village, Stratford

### **Wednesday 15 September**

Year 13 UCAS Evening

### **Wednesday 13 October**

Year 7 Settling in Tea - Meet the Tutor

### **Friday 15 October**

End of Term

**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.**