



21.09.2018

The Link Charles Darwin School

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HEADLINES

Governance

This week at the Governors meeting on Monday and then at the Trust Board meeting on Friday the Chair and Vice Chair for 2018 were agreed.

Our Governors and Trustees undertake a significant amount of work for the school behind the scenes and are an invaluable asset. My continued thanks to all our Governors and Trustees for their commitment to our school, it is very much appreciated.

The following appointments have been agreed for 2018-19:

Chair of Governors:
Spencer Roberts

Vice Chair:
Iain Turner

Chair of CDAT Board:
Mervin Sharp

Vice Chair of CDAT Board:
David Dilling

Friends of Charles Darwin School

Another group of committed volunteers are the Friends of Charles Darwin School. The Friends do an enormous amount of work raising much needed funds for the school. Every parent/carer is automatically a "Friend" and I would like to encourage our new parents to become involved and support the various fund-raising initiatives which will be held this year.

Sunil Chotai

Open Morning 2018

Saturday 29 September
09.30—12.30

Headteacher's talks at
09:30 and 11:15

Open Week:

Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 October

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

BMX champion aims to retain title



Congratulations to Lewis Longley in 7WCa who came eighth in the British BMX Championships 2018 in Blackpool last week-end.

During the competition Lewis got through all the heats up to the quarter finals without dropping a lap which, at this level, is exceptional, especially as Lewis broke his wrist badly at the start of the season and has had to take time to recover.

BMX racing is a contact sport, based on both fitness and skill and like most sports requires great mental discipline too.

We wish Lewis good luck for the South BMX Championships at Bournemouth on 23 September when he is aiming to retain his South Champion status from last year.

Miss Case

Welcome to new staff

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing new members of staff



My experience as a student at Charles Darwin School was nothing but positive and so I am really pleased to be working here. I have had an exciting 10 year career in teaching working as Deputy Head of PE, followed by Head of Year 12 and then 13. I found that I prefer taking on a pastoral role with the younger years.

I get a real sense of team work and friendliness here and I am looking forward to being part of your community. As a PE teacher I am a keen trampolinist and netball player, playing three times a week for a Bromley team.

I look forward to meeting and working with the staff, students and parents here. Charles Darwin School gave me the opportunities to achieve good GCSEs and A-Levels allowing me to pursue a teaching career at Brighton University. I hope to pass this forward and give the pupils the wealth of opportunities and the tremendous support I received when I was a student here myself.

Miss Dobney

Year 8 Achievement Coordinator

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 24 to Friday 28 September

- 26 September 2018** — Darwin's got Talent auditions
26 September 2018 — European Day of Languages
27 September 2018 — information evening for Silver Duke of Edinburgh students and parents 5:30pm to 6:00pm
28 September 2018 — Early close for Open Morning
29 September 2018 — Open Morning

Forthcoming events: autumn term

- 1 October 2018** — late start for students
2 to 5 October 2018 — Open Week tours of the school
8 to 12 October 2018 — Year 7 penny collection
8 to 12 October 2018 — Year 10 inter form football
9 October 2018 — Year 10 geography field trip to Stratford
10 October 2018 — Year 10 geography field trip to Stratford
11 October 2018 — Year 7 Settling in tea
15 and 16 October 2018 — Healthy relationships workshops [selected Year 8s]
18 October 2018 — Presentation Evening
Friday 19 October 2018 — INSET

Fun with the Friends

The Friends of Charles Darwin School Quiz Night on Friday 14 September was a hugely successful evening both in terms of the fun had by the participants and also the money raised. With questions on sport, TV and a few fun rounds thrown in, comments afterwards included "great fun" and "best quiz night I've been to". The evening included an individual tables' impromptu dress up round.



Thank you to everyone who helped organise and indeed attended this event to raise in excess of £700 for the school. We will be planning another for the new year – watch this space as this event is expected to be very popular.

The Friends

Vacancy for Library Supervisor

11.30 am – 4.00 pm Monday – Friday (term time only)
Actual Salary £10,731 per annum

Further details and application forms are available on our website or alternatively email: smc@cdarwin.com for an application pack. CVs alone cannot be considered. Closing date: Wednesday 26th September 2018.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to a DBS Enhanced Disclosure and full background checks.

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
13.07.2018

Harry Burden and Ellen Wilson
 from 8NDY

It was a very good start to the year
 from a lovely form.

Mrs Mills, Reception



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Waitrose green token scheme and chose to use their tokens to donate to our cause. An amazing £363 was raised! Thank you all.

The Friends of
 Charles Darwin School

UCAS

Completed applications can now be submitted for courses starting in 2019.

The UCAS Parent Guide 2019 is now available and is designed to give guidance to anyone supporting a young person applying to study at a university or college in 2019. Parents can sign up to receive emails direct from UCAS, download the guide, and get top tips at www.ucas.com/parents, including how to make the most of open day visits and how they can help students to choose the right course.

The Sixth Form Team

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

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.