



05/01/2018

## HEADLINES

**Welcome back** to all our pupils and a happy new year to pupils and families. 2018 promises to be an exciting and stimulating year and I hope it is full of joy for all of you.

Our examination year groups come back from the Christmas break to receive formal feedback from the mock examinations and internal assessments they completed just before the end of term. The spring term, as all students and parents will agree, is particularly important for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students as they continue their progress towards their important external examinations.

Overall it is too early to comment properly on the mocks but it seems from conversations with staff that our students are progressing well overall. They have responded to the much-publicised changes to the curriculum with positivity and determination: well done!

Of course this term we will all need to build momentum in terms of examination preparation and guide pupils to organise themselves fully for the summer's challenges.

In this context it is really important that all students take advantage of the additional out of class revision opportunities that all subject areas will be offering. If parents and carers could help by encouraging students to attend these revision classes regularly I would be most grateful.

**Sunil Chotai**

### YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION

on Thursday, 18 January 2018

3:15pm – 6:15pm

This is an opportunity for pupils and their families to come and speak to staff about their progress.

Governors will be present and refreshments will be available courtesy of the Friends of Charles Darwin School.

## Beauty and the Beast



**Congratulations** to all the members of the cast, backstage crew and orchestra who staged such a fabulous production of Beauty and the Beast. Your hard work and commitment was rewarded and the reviews have been fantastic. A huge thank you also to all the parents and families who supported in any way, either by making costumes or by coming to see the show and to the Friends for providing welcome refreshments. See overleaf for more photos.

**From everyone in Expressive Arts**



A BIG thank you to everyone who supported the Year 7 Christmas Fair in aid of the RSPCA South Godstone Animal Centre at the end of the autumn term. So far £540 has been raised and money is still being donated. A further £170 was collected by Year 7 for Christmas Jumper day.

**Mrs Wheeler**

## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Monday 8 to Friday 12 January

**11 January 2018** —Silver Duke of Edinburgh training session in Sc1

### Forthcoming events: Spring term

**16 January 2018** —Year 11 drama trip to see The Woman in Black

**17 January 2018** —Year 8 and 9 reward trip to Jump Giants

**18 January 2018** —Year 11 Parents' Evening

**22 January 2018**—Dance Competition semi finals for Years 7 and 8

**23 January 2018**—Dance Competition semi finals for Years 9 to 13

**26 January 2018**—Deadline for Sixth Form Applications

**1 February 2018**—Intermediate Maths Challenge

## Pupils for Praise

### Duty pupils of the week ending

15/12/2017

Maisie Dell, Jake Stirrat, Ben Seaton,  
Yasmin Cazalet-Smith, Lily Ash  
Ameer Sutton, Ellie Burdis,  
Shakira Bah, Bradley Wright,  
and Teddy Tolland from 8FLf

All the duty pupils were a great help during a very busy week which included a snow closure as well as cast reminders for the production.

**Mrs Mills**

## Set yourself a challenge in 2018

If you are looking for a challenge, why not "get down and dirty" and take part in the mud obstacle event at the Nuclear Race headquarters in Brentwood, Essex on Saturday 17 March with the Zanzibar team? This event is open to students in Year 10 and above as well as parents, older siblings and friends of the school. Each year group will have their own race, depending on numbers. The cost is just £32.50, [which is heavily discounted] and students can sign up via ParentPay.

If you are not on ParentPay but would like an adult/community place please drop Miss Miller an email to secure your place on [smi@cdarwin.com](mailto:smi@cdarwin.com). Thank you.



## Attendance and House Points update

### Attend today: achieve tomorrow

The house point totals for the autumn term are as follows:

Lyell	3627 (1st)
Henslow	3550 (2nd)
Grant	3370 (3rd)
Wedgwood	3234 (4th)

Attendance percentage by house for the autumn term 2017

Henslow	95.3% (1st)
Grant	95.1% (2nd)
Lyell	94.7% (=3rd)
Wedgwood	94.7% (=3rd)

Congratulations to 7GWO with the highest form House Point total across the school, with 910.

7GWO also has the highest form attendance of 98.5%, followed by 7AWs on 97.6% and 9ZPa on 97.2%. Years 7, 8, 9, and 11 are currently above the whole school target of 95% attendance – well done to them all.

**Mrs Rees**



## Darwin Leisure Centre New Year, new you?

**Gold membership: £25 per month**

Unlimited use of the gym and discount on other facilities

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

Enquiries to 01959 540606  
email: [leisurecentre@cdarwin.com](mailto:leisurecentre@cdarwin.com)

See school website  
[www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com) for full details

## Applications for entry to Sixth Form for 2018

The closing date for applications, with references attached, is

**26 January 2018**

## PARENTS EVENINGS 2017/18

**Year 11:** 18 January 2018

**Year 8:** 7 February 2018

**Year 9:** 7 March 2018

**Year 12:** 27 March 2018 [2]

**Year 13:** 27 March 2018 [2]

**Year 10:** 2 May 2018

**Year 7:** 16 May 2018