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## HEADLINES

### Year 8 Options Evening

My thanks to all families who attended Options Evening this week. The evening seemed to go really well with a very positive, busy and purposeful feel around the departmental stands. I spoke with many parents during the evening who all seemed very positive after their discussion with departmental colleagues. Over the next few days all our Year 8 students and their families will have an opportunity to discuss their choices, ensuring appropriateness with their Form Tutor at an options meeting.

### Girls U13 Football Team Success

It was a pleasure to hear that the girls U13 team had won the Kent Cup. A few days prior I met the girls for Break with Cake and had the pleasure of discussing their route to the final and their hopes and plans for the Cup final match.

Clearly they are not only a delightful group of students but obviously also very talented and diligent. My congratulations and thanks to them and to Miss Curwood and Mrs Ruth who have worked so hard to establish such a positive culture amongst our female footballers. This success is very well deserved.

**Sunil Chotai**

## U13 girls win County Cup Championship

Last Friday evening our U13 girls played their Kent Cup Final match at Bromley FC against Highworth Grammar School from Ashford. The girls had shown a mixture of nerves and excitement all day and this grew as they walked out of the tunnel onto the first team pitch, with over 100 supporters loudly cheering them on.

Early on the game was tight, but Charles Darwin School took an early lead through captain Izzy Franklin after a penalty was awarded for an opponent's hand ball. But it was short lived with Highworth quickly equalising. Emma Spear scored her first goal of the night a few minutes later, but Highworth responded well again, making it 2-2. Our girls grew into the game, scoring two goals in quick succession from Emma Spear and Nanci-Mae Powley, to go into half time with a 4-2 lead.

Both teams started the second half well and there were chances at both ends. Emma Spear completed her hat-trick to increase our lead, followed by an own goal after significant pressure from our girls. The game finished 6-2, with a well-deserved victory, after an outstanding performance by all of our girls.

This is the first time in six years we have become County Cup Champions and it was a fantastic occasion the girls will always remember.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the team—the volume from the crowd provided a real boost.

Well done to the whole team: Izzy Franklin, Geena Wood, Tallulah Botton, Nanci-Mae Powley, Emma Spear, Amber Boswell, Matilda Dryden, Lacey Morris, Sophie Richardson, Siobhan Dwyer-Burchill, Adela Slegrova, Georgina Walker, Evie Williams and Savannah Howell.

**Miss Curwood and Mrs Ruth (team managers)**

*See also overleaf for the response from Mervin Sharp, chair of Charles Darwin Academy Trust.*

The girls U13 football team will be looking to make it a double cup winning season when they play in the Bromley Cup Final on

**Monday 23 April at 6:00pm at Bromley FC.**

**Please come and support them if you can.**



## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Monday 19 to Friday 23 March

**17 March 2018**—Nuclear Race mud run challenge

**22 March 2018** —Year 12 and 13 English trip to see *Measure for Measure*

**23 March 2018** —Catch-up immunisations

### Forthcoming events: spring term

**24 March 2018** — 8:30pm Earth Hour—turn off your lights to support climate action

**26 March 2018** — Year 12 and 13 drama trip to see *The Plough and the Stars*

**27 March 2018** — Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening

**28 March 2018** — Dance trip to performance of *Sutra* at Sadlers Wells

**29 March 2018** — Non-uniform day

**30 March to 15 April 2018** — Easter break

**3 to 13 April 2018** — Holiday revision sessions

**18 April 2018**—Year 9 Your Choice Your Voice

**18 April 2018** — UCAS conference

**21 April 2018** — Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice walk

**27 April 2018** — Applications for Year 12 into Year 13

## Keeping track of homework and deadlines

Is your son/daughter struggling to meet homework deadlines? Did you know you can login to Show My Homework to check what homework they have been set so that you can help them and keep track of deadlines?

Students who use a smartphone or tablet can download the APP for Show My Homework and register with their PIN or their username and password to have easy access to their homework, including a box to tick when it is completed.

Please contact your son's/daughter's form tutor if you would like a copy of your Show My Homework PIN so you can see the homework too.

Teachers of year 11 students are using Show My Homework to attach revision booklets, useful videos etc., so it is very important that all of the students have logged on so they can make full use of this valuable support.

### Year 11 Revision Seminar

On Tuesday 5 March, year 11 had a seminar from Elevate Education which taught them revision techniques to help improve both their recall of information and their success rate in retaining the information. The feedback and the participation was excellent and we hope the students will now feel inspired to attack their revision in earnest. A selection of students' favourite tips were:

- Put your phone in another room when revising
- Do not listen to music when revising
- Do not lie down or sit in a relaxing position
- Work in a quiet space
- If using the computer, don't have any other programmes/documents open at the same time
- Revise for short periods of time-e.g. 20 minutes
- If you feel you are losing focus, take a break and then move on to something else
- Use song words, stories and rhyming words to help you to remember key information

Other students and parents may find these tips helpful as well. As always, our staff are offering lots of support to year 11 students with their revision and timetables for additional revision at school as well as holiday revision classes have been given out. Copies of these will also be enclosed with their school reports which will be coming home on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Ms Kelly**

## Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending  
09/03/2018

Geena Wood, Emma Zeelie, Megan Lewis and Emma Spear from 8 JSn  
**Mrs Mills, Reception**

★ **Business Studies Star of the Week** is awarded to Billy Potter in 9MGr. Billy spent a double lesson creating a 2D model of a new ride for Thorpe Park using primary and secondary research. The model was of near professional quality and Billy demonstrated great levels of determination and perseverance in completing this piece of work. Well done indeed.

**Mr Tracy**

★ **History Star of the Week** is awarded to Latifah Lutaya in 7SHo. Latifah has a wonderful attitude in class, always tries to do her best work and seems to really enjoy the subject. Latifah is one of the most polite students I have ever taught and is quite simply a delight, Well done Latifah. **Mrs Furness**

Dear Miss Case,

It was a great privilege to be at the game on Friday night and see the under 13 girls team win the Kent Cup with an emphatic victory.

I believe that sport contributes so much to the ethos of Charles Darwin School and teaches essential life skills to our students.

Players must learn to cope with defeat and to work as a team to do better in the next game. They must be quick to congratulate the goal scorer but even quicker to support someone who made a mistake that results in a goal being scored against them.

That support for one another was so clear on Friday night and the girls won because they worked far better together as a team than their opponents.

Please congratulate them on their well deserved victory and thank them for being such a great credit to the school, the staff, their parents and themselves.

Yours

Mervin Sharp, Chair of CDAT.