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# The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## HEADLINES

### Sports Day

This year's Sports Day last Friday was an excellent occasion. It was really good to talk to several members of staff and a number of students after the event who all relayed to me how positive this year's event had been. Several members of staff mentioned to me how pleasing it was to see the pupils conduct themselves so maturely.

Given the temperature and the obvious need for water and shade the positive atmosphere generated by our pupils and staff was all the more notable and impressive.

My congratulations to all who took part.

### Bromley Schools' Graduation Ceremony

On Monday I attended the Bromley Schools Collegiate graduation ceremony. This year the keynote speaker was Sue Mordecai who gave a passionate and elegant speech to the newly qualified teachers which was most fitting of such an occasion. Her wisdom and advice gained from a long and successful career had the effect of reinforcing and reconfirming the values which prompted many of us to enter teaching.

It was really good to see the trainees receive their certificates and to be able to talk to them - their enthusiasm was infectious and bodes well for the future.

*Sunil Chotai*

### Time to fly

I woke up at five in the morning to get to RAF Benson by 8:00am and as I arrived I saw a Chinook helicopter taking off. We watched a safety video on how to get into a plane and exit in case of an emergency. In the next building we put on our flight suits, gloves, parachute and helmets. The pilot came in and introduced himself at this point as it was time to fly. I boarded the plane with a mixture of fear and excitement but remained calm and we taxied up the runway then off we went. I looked down on Oxford and the River Thames. Then I took control and was taught barrel rolls and loops. This is one of the best opportunities I have been offered as an RAF cadet and is certainly one I will never forget.

*Mollie Mitchell*



### Ryman National Enterprise challenge

Congratulations to Sharna Alleyne, Isabel Finch, Adam Lineker, Mason Pridham, Victoria Towersey and Riley Tuxford from 9RMA on reaching the last five in the finals of the prestigious annual Ryman National Enterprise Challenge, the UK's largest school's enterprise education competition.

The Challenge is part of the Inspirational Learning Group, whose aim is to provide innovative and enterprising off-timetable; engaging, inspiring and motivating students to be the best they can be. Over 450 schools and 200,000 students have participated since the first challenge back in 2013.

The Charles Darwin School team designed a 'back to' marketing campaign for Ryman and joined students from 160 schools at the finals which took place at The International Centre, Telford on Wednesday 4 July. On the day the schools each pitched the ideas they have worked hard to create. As one of the last five, our team was selected to pitch in front of over 1,600 people and the event ambassador Theo Paphitis. These six students represented the school with their amazing 'Swarmie' campaign which blew the judges away. They were mature, professional and confident when presenting their idea and although they did not win they still made an impact at the finals. They also received lots of positive feedback from the judges. They represented Charles Darwin School in a positive way throughout the day including being selected to film a promotional video for The Ryman National Enterprise Challenge. Well done Team Swarmie.

*Mrs Mathieson*

## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Monday 16 to Friday 20 July

**16 to 20 July 2018** — Year 12 Work Placements, career development, courses, Zanzibar trip

**18 July 2018** — Year 10 Headhunters careers event

**18 and 19 July 2018** — Summer enrichment activities for Years 7, 8 and 9

**20 July 2018** — End of term and celebration of success assemblies

### Forthcoming events: autumn term

**4 September 2018** — Start of autumn term for Year 7

**5 September 2018** — Start of autumn term for all other years

## Sportsworld Girls Football Tournament winners



Our Year 7, 8 and 9 girls travelled to Shrewsbury school in Shropshire this week to compete against seven other teams in the HD Sportsworld Girls Football Tournament. The teams came from all over the country and we played seven 11-a-side matches across three days. With five wins and two draws we finished top of the table and were crowned overall winners at the end of the tournament. The trophy was presented to the girls by Manchester City and England midfielder Jill Scott. On Day 4 we competed in a 5-a-side tournament and our Charles Darwin Utd team again finished as winners, after a 2-0 victory in a closely fought final. Beating teams from Manchester, Newcastle, Shrewsbury, London and our local rivals Hayes School, Charles Darwin School came home with both trophies from the four day trip, an outstanding achievement by our girls.

Well done Kadelia Wilkins, Megan Perkins, Leah Weston, Saskia Hobbs, Kelsey Pullin, Rachel Barnes, Nicole Ingleby, Izzy Franklin, Geena Wood, Amber Boswell, Emma Spear, Sophie Richardson, Nanci Powley, Matilda Dryden, Savannah Howell and Evie Williams.

**Miss Curwood**

**All medication** held in the first aid room must be collected by the end of term if it needs to be used during the holidays or is no longer taken.  
Thank you.

## END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS – 20 July 2018

Celebration of Success assemblies will be held on Friday 20 July.

Years 7–9 are expected in school at the usual time in full, correct school uniform. Year 10 attend by invitation only and pupils will be dismissed at intervals during the course of the morning as follows:

**Year 10 dismissed at 10:20am**

**Year 9 dismissed at 11:30am**

**Years 7/8 dismissed at 12:15pm**

The bus services have been informed and school buses will adjust their times accordingly.

## Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending  
**06.07.2018**

Callum Bloomfield and Holly Wild  
from 8RMO

**Mrs Mills, Reception**

**Congratulations to** Taylan Ahmet, Harley Barleycorn, Chloe Bevan, Cameron Gifford, Alfie Hudson, Kayleigh Jennings, Matthew Kenton, Niamh Robinson, Jamie Simpson, Paula Szczyrba, Riley Tuxford and Isabel Wilkins who attended the *South East London Science and Technology Challenge Day* at Shooters Hill Sixth Form College alongside pupils from nine other schools in the South East area.

Teams, comprising two students each from two of the ten schools competing, were given three challenges [out of a possible four] and were judged on how well they worked together as a team and planned their response to the tasks as well as on how they performed.

**See website for full write up**

## Important information for Year 10 English speeches

ALL Year 10 students have been set home work to complete their speeches over the summer holiday. It is vital that this is done as they will take their actual GCSE exam on this in the first half of the autumn term. More information is available on ShowMyHomework. **Ms Roberts**

## REMEMBER

Good attendance and punctuality are vital to learning all year round and all pupils are expected to be in school and on time on every school day.

**Pupil absence line:**

**01959 574043, option 1:**

**Parents/carers must phone before 8:30am with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.**

## LOCKERS

**Reminder:** all lockers should be emptied before the end of term as they are cleaned out during the summer holidays and anything left in them will be disposed of.

Please make sure you take all your belongings home at the end of the summer term. Thank you.

**Student Services**