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HEADLINES

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition

My congratulations to the students who completed the two day/one night qualifying expedition in Ashurst last week as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Fortunately the weather was perfect and the students were, I am told, brilliant and an absolute credit to the school. All 68 students completed the expedition independently and with minimal navigation issues.

It is a fantastic achievement to get such a large group through and this is a credit not only to the staff who have worked with them but to the students themselves. We anticipate possibly even more signing up next year as the Award gains popularity every year.

Expressive Arts Showcase

On Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Expressive Arts showcase. Although I missed the opening couple of items I could still see the superb quality of the items showcased. At the end of the evening it was a pleasure talking with parents about their children's performance and about the range and depth of talent that we had seen during the evening. These evenings are always an uplifting and inspiring occasion and my congratulations to all who took part.

Sunil Chotai

WANTED URGENTLY:

donations of any good quality, outgrown uniform including blazers, trousers and skirts especially in smaller sizes, as well as ties that we can keep as spares.

If you have anything you can spare, please bring your donations to Student Services. Many thanks for your help.

Mrs Paterson

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition



Mr Culver, Miss Zysemil and I have really enjoyed working with the 68 Year 10 students who took on the Duke of Edinburgh bronze challenge this year. Everyone in the group planned, walked and passed the recent two day/one night expedition in Ashurst and Peshurst.

On the whole they have made it extremely easy to organise and lead and have all proven themselves to be independent and trustworthy when out and about in the countryside. Group cohesion has been brilliant and students completed most of the expedition with a smile on their face. A few were a little tired and grumpy by the end of day two, however everyone looked extremely satisfied and happy to have completed the expedition.

It was brilliant to see how positively these Charles Darwin School students reacted when out of their comfort zones. You would expect a few moans and groans along the way when looking after a huge cohort of tired teenagers, but it is a huge credit to our students that they all complete these challenges with a certain amount of ease. We do have some students that find it tougher than others, whether it be fitness, camping or being away from home but they show their resilience by gritting their teeth and getting on with it. For that, as staff, we are really thankful and look forward to working with those who take on the challenge of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award next year.



Mr Simpson, PE

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 18 to Friday 22 June

- 18 June 2018 — Head Girl/ Head Boy hustings
 18 June 2018 — Year 8 potential high achievers trip to Roehampton University
 20 June 2018 — Bromley Interschool Rounders Tournament for Years 7 and 8
 20 June 2018 — Creative Explosion art exhibition
 22 June 2018 — Year 8 HPV vaccination
 22 June 2018 — Year 12 Geography trip to Dungeness Power Station
 22 June 2018 — Sixth Form summer ball

Forthcoming events: summer term

- 24 to 26 June 2018 — Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition
 25 to 29 June 2018 — Year 12 into 13 interviews
 27 June 2018 — Year 12 Driven by Consequences
 28 June 2018 — Year 12 trip to Business Design Centre to see Graduate creative show
 29 June 2018 — Year 11 Ball
 29 June and 2 July 2018 — Year 10 kayaking trip to Danson Watersports
 2 July 2018 — Year 11 into 12 taster day
 3 July 2018 — Year 11 into 12 parents' information evening
 3 July 2018 — Year 9 trip to the Design Museum
 4 July 2018 — Sports Awards 2017-18
 4 July 2018 — Year 9 trip to National Enterprise Finals in Telford
 9 to 11 July 2018 — Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition
 10 July 2018 — Young carers trip to Quasar
 9 to 12 July 2018 — Year 7, 8 and 9 girls football tour
 10 to 13 July 2018 — Year 12 Horizons
 16 to 20 July 2018 — Year 12 Work Placements, career development,

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
08.06.2018

Amy Wilson, Harry Clarke and
Niamh Robinson from 9KSa/HCa
Mrs Mills, Reception

Congratulations to Elaine Wall who won the May draw of the Friends' 50/50 club.

The Friends

Very well done to the Year 8 rounders team for a fantastic result last Thursday beating Langley Park Girls School 8 - 4. We expected it to be a close game after the match last season which came down to the last ball and we beat them by half a rounder.

Last week the girls went into the second innings half a rounder ahead, and knew they had won after the first three balls but they kept working hard and won convincingly in the end. Well done girls for your continued commitment and focus this season. A special mention to Nanci Powley and Grace O'Rourke who made some great catches during the game.

Miss Case

Well done and congratulations to all the talented students who took part in the Expressive Arts showcase on Tuesday 12 June.

The evening was an opportunity for students to share performance work across Music, Drama and Dance in front of a large audience.

Students showcased classwork and assessment pieces from earlier in the year as well as performances created during extra curricular activities. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the show and all of the students who performed should be commended for the talent, enthusiasm and dedication they displayed.

Miss Currie

Save the date

Sports Awards 2018

celebrating sporting achievement in the 2017-18 season

will be held on

**Wednesday 4 July at 7:00pm
by invitation only**

The PE department is in the process of issuing invitations to pupils who have made a contribution to sports at the school.



You are cordially invited to come and see a showcase exhibition of examination work comprising photography, product design, art, graphic design, media and textiles at this year's annual

Creative Explosion
in the library on

**Wednesday 20 June 2018
from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**

We look forward to seeing you there. **Creative Explosion team**

Summer enrichment

A few places are still available on some of the enrichment trips on 18 and 19 July this year.

If you would like to ride a toboggan down the longest track in the UK [Years 7 and 8]; take an aerial trek through a magical tree-top canopy [Year 9]; ride the world's longest tunnel slide [Years 7 and 8]; mingle with super heroes and take a Thames boat ride [Years 7 and 8] or experience rainforest and desert conditions in one day at London's largest World Heritage site [Year 9] you can sign up via ParentPay. To join the FREE visit to the Natural History Museum [Year 7] simply return the slip to reception.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note:

the Year 11 Leavers' Breakfast takes place on

Friday 29 June 2018.

There will therefore be a late start for all other year groups who should register at 10:30am ready for lesson three on this day.