



Charles Darwin School

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HEADLINES

Students catching up with work

Now that we have been back to school following the extended period of school closure and established the new routines, members of staff across the school have turned their attention to the task of collating information about where pupils have fallen behind with their work over the lock down period. As most parents will appreciate this is not an exact science and it will take us a short time to develop a full picture. Once we have a clear picture of where the greatest need for catch-up is we will plan some additional provision to enable this.

Yesterday we received information from the government about the scale of the funding available for this – it amounts to about £65 per pupil. Parents will be aware that this is unlikely to enable us to purchase much in the way of additional tuition time, so we will have to be creative and use these resources with help, support and additional time provided by our existing staff to enable an effective catch-up programme.

Covid Arrangements

Whilst school has settled down to work really well and pupils and staff are becoming accustomed to the changed routines because of the pandemic, parents need to be aware that we are at the moment stretched to capacity because of these additional routines. If members of staff do take a couple of days to respond to a query please be understanding of this.

Sunil Chotai

Update from Inspector Kathy Morteo and Detective Inspector Dave Adams from South Area Police.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may be aware, recently South Area police have received a number of reports regarding suspicious males and an attempted abduction near one of our schools in Bromley. These incidents are being actively investigated and over the weekend South Area CID arrested two males in relation to two separate incidents. Both of these males have been released on police bail, pending further enquiries.

We are aware of the messages of concern regarding these incidents, circulating on social media channels, and we would like to remind our community that incidents of this nature are extremely rare.

Please continue to reinforce the personal safety messages that you have already given to your children. If you have any information relating to any of the incidents that have previously been reported, please speak to your school who can contact me direct, or call 101. In an emergency, dial 999.

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn 2020

Tuesday 1st September - Friday 16th October
Half term: Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October
Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 -
Friday 1st January 2021

Spring 2021

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February
Half term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
Monday 22nd February – Thursday 1st April

Summer 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May
Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Monday 7th June – Friday 23rd July

Notes:

Good Friday – 2nd April 2021
Easter Monday – 5th April 2020

INSET Days - School closed to students

Monday 4th January 2021
Friday 29th January 2021
Thursday 22nd July 2021
Friday 23rd July 2021

Attendance

Winning Tutor Groups week ending 18.09.20

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| 7HCa | 99.20% |
| 8SOa | 98.40% |
| 9PEI | 99.30% |
| 10NDy | 97.50% |
| 11JSn | 98% |
| 12DWa/JDa | 99.50% |
| 13ARo/KMn | 97.20% |

Year 7 Assessments

Year 7 will have some Maths and English CAT Assessments on the 6th and 7th of October. We would like students to prepare by completing their Maths and English homework over the next few weeks but we do not want to add to any other pressure.

Kind regards,

Mr Woods

Vacancies

Learning Support Assistant 25 hours per week Monday – Friday, term time only (actual salary £12,146 – pay award pending)

We are looking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant to join a well-established team supporting a range of students' needs in class, in small groups and/or specialised individual learning. Applicants should ideally have experience of working with secondary-aged students with a range of SEN; *experience of working with students with ASD would be an advantage.*

Applicants should have good English and Maths skills (GCSE equivalent grade C or above) and be confident working with IT.

Further details and an application form are available on our website and should be sent to jho@cdarwin.com. Closing date: 9th October 2020. Please note CVs alone cannot be considered.

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.

The Friends of Charles Darwin School

A weird end to the school year has led to quite a predicament for the Friends. With already dwindling numbers (due to school leavers and not enough new parents stepping forward) we find ourselves in urgent need of some "new blood" once the next school year starts and we lose yet more of our wonderful team as their children move on to university/college/work etc.

Our Facebook request has brought in some parents interested in finding out more about us and as potential new members. However, we still require more 'bodies' in order to be able to run successfully.

Please email us at friends@cdarwin.com or pm us via our Facebook page if you would like more information and to see how you can get involved. Without an influx the Friends may find themselves unable to continue which would be devastating for the pupils and school.

Examples of events/donation/support for the school provided by the "Friends" include; football tournaments/refreshments at parents eves/discos/quiz nights to support: ecology garden, "Book Buzz", trackers for DofE participants, donations to various faculties e.g. radio mikes, support for recording studio, printers for textiles, table tennis tables for PE to name but a few.

A few hours a year from you is all we need if we can swell our numbers, a minimum of one evening of serving refreshments per year is all we ask...

Please do "like" our Facebook page (Friends of Charles Darwin School) in order to keep abreast of our news and activities.

As we (hopefully) have your attention please do take the time to read the information below regarding Amazon Smile - with many people getting ready to tackle Christmas shopping this could be a really good fundraiser for us with only a few minutes of time needed by participants to get themselves registered.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

The Friends of Charles Darwin School

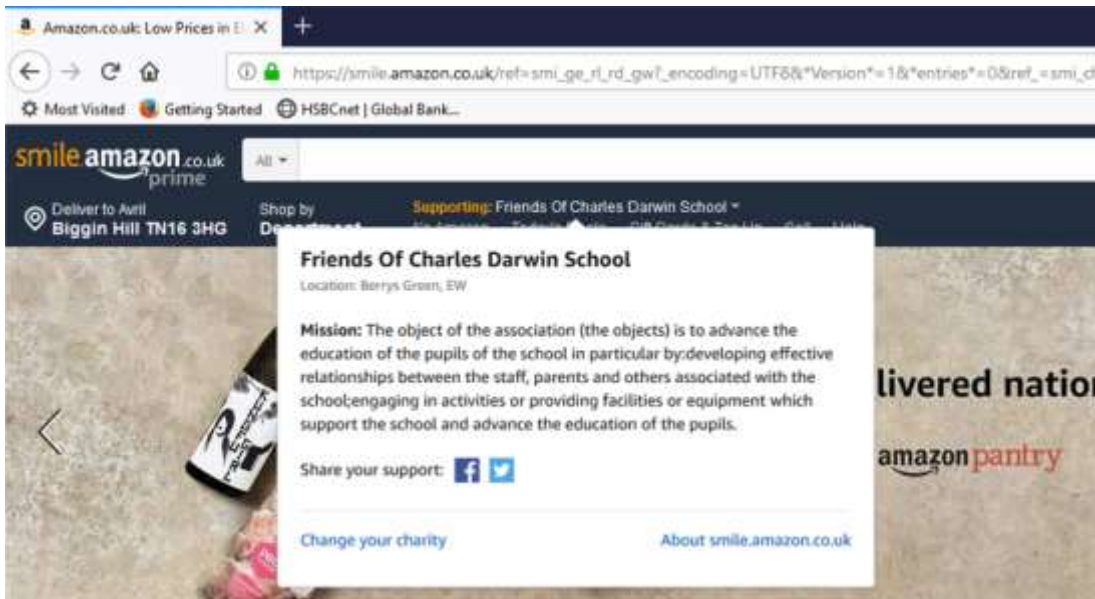


Amazon Smile – Easy and free to donate to the Friends of Charles Darwin each time you shop at Amazon!

Amazon.co.uk has a designated site that you only link to once which will then donate a percentage of your amazon spend directly to a charity of your choice. The Friends of Charles Darwin have a set up a specific page and a very brief “how to” is shown here.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/charity/homepage.html>

Access the smile web page (this should bring up your home amazon page but with the addition of a “Supporting Link”) – here you will see Friends of Charles Darwin School selected. If a different charity is listed simply click the down arrow to the left of the charity name and then select [Change Your Charity](#) and search for [Friends of Charles Darwin School](#)




This is a one-off procedure! From now on always shop at www.smile.amazon.co.uk (instead of www.amazon.co.uk) and the donations will be raised automatically. With Christmas on the horizon there is no easier way to raise free funds for the school. All of your amazon account information will automatically be linked to the Amazon Smile site.

THANK YOU

Shopping by Phone? Amazon App users:

Unfortunately as yet you cannot use Amazon Smile with the Amazon App on the iPhone/Android. However, the good news is that you can set up a shortcut to the Amazon Smile website which gives a near identical experience to the app. It's very quick and easy to do.

1. If you have the Amazon App installed you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold the app icon until it starts to jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm that you want to delete it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. Now open the internet browser and go to smile.amazon.co.uk
3. Tap the 'share' button  on the bottom of the screen.
4. Tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon. You may need to swipe to the left to see this. Note: you can use the 'Add to Home Screen' option on android phones.
5. You will now have an Amazon Smile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

We hope as many of you as possible will subscribe to this site.
Thank you

Friends of Charles Darwin School