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The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

HEADLINES

Year 9 Growth Mindset

During this week's Growth Mindset sessions our Year 9 students demonstrated their willingness to confront challenges, their ability to view failure as a springboard for growth and a passion for learning. The students were asked to complete numerous challenges such as building a tower from limited resources, complete various puzzles which required resilience and make up handshakes to show that many brains are better than one. The moral of day being that 'many brains together can make challenges easier'. As parents will know, we believe Growth Mindset to be a significant part of student development and such sessions are vitally important in engendering our students' belief in themselves. My congratulations to all the students who I understand thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

Beijing Trip Cancelled

It is with some disappointment that, following government advice, we have taken the decision to cancel the trip to Beijing which was due to take place during the half term break. Our students and staff are understandably very disappointed but it is clear from the information coming out of China that it would be inadvisable for the trip to go ahead. The amount of work undertaken in planning such a trip is considerable and we hope that at some point in the future the trip can be rescheduled. I am sure parents will understand our decision.

Sunil Chotai



BROMLEY SCHOOL'S DANCE SHOWCASE



On Monday 27th January Thrive Dance Company and our A Level dancers went to Langley Park Performing Arts Centre for a Bromley School's Dance Showcase. This had been organised through collaboration between dance teachers in the borough and it was great to celebrate dance within the Bromley area. Here schools showcased dances from a range of areas such as exam pieces, extra-curricular work, Key Stage 3 pieces within the curriculum or students' own work. Our girls were as professional as they always have been showing great discipline during the technical and dress runs whilst also being supportive of other schools.

The quality of our dances were impressive and we received many compliments from other teachers and students: not only with the choreography of the dances but also the performance from our students. Thrive has taken on a number of new Year 7's this year and they are certainly helping keep the bar high! Many thanks to Emily Wilson and Annelise Persson for helping with Thrive's 'look' be that cutting up tights for extra-long arms for the nightmare piece they performed or for helping with hair – it's all the little details that make a difference!

Well done to all students involved:

Year 7: Hannah Price, Maddie Rees-Simpson, Eva Ruby, Olivia James, Olivia Dauris, Mia Caryalet-Smith, Millie Walker and Jasmine O'Brien.

Year 8: Jessica Grace, Emmy Vince, Sophie Hanlon, Gaby Mitzeva and Olivia Persson.

Year 9: Olivia Howe, Amy Coop, Keira Dukes, Lola O'Sullivan, Megan Wood, Keziah Adebisi and Millie Beswick.

Year 10: Abbey Parker, Ruby Mitchell and Amelie Morbey

Year 12: Emily Wilson and Annelise Persson

Thank you also to Mrs Rees and Mr Manchester for driving our students to the venue via mini-bus. As always, another successful showcase of Dance at Charles Darwin School, well done!

Miss Abbotts

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YEAR 10s THROUGH TO REGIONAL FINALS



Congratulations to the following Year Ten pupils who took part in the 'Speak Out Challenge' on Tuesday 28th January 2020:

Isabelle Antepim, Ermond Berisha, Aimee Cheeseman, Isabel Doyle, Aliya Forde, Oscar Goodwin, Andrew Handley, Erin Hartley, Lily Hudson, Kirsty Hunt, James Kennell, Abbey Leonard, Ilona Mailet-Elzein, Jayda Meolit, Grace O'Rourke, Lakeisha Richards, Lucy Rooney, William Seddon, Jodie Shillito, Grace Stacey, Lily Steen, Alexander Wilkinson and Gina Woods.

These students were coached in the art of public speaking by professional trainer, Hilary Lyons, who was extremely complimentary about the students who took part – many of whom were very nervous about speaking in front of a group. As well as working with young people, Ms Lyons works with corporate businesses, actors and even members of the UN who wish to enhance their public speaking skills.

Extra special congratulations go to the six students who have been put through to take part in the regional finals at Coopers School on Thursday 5th March 2020: Lily Steen; James Kennell; Andrew Handley; Erin Hartley; Lakeisha Richards and Lily Hudson. Well done!

Two students were also highly commended for their effort: Billy Seddon and Ilona Mailet-Elzein.

It was a real pleasure to be involved in the day and I was extremely proud of everyone who took part. Thank you to Ms Roberts and Ms Foy who also helped to supervise on the day, thank you to Mrs Adams for letting us use the library all day - and the best of luck to our six finalists!

Mrs Pitt

RE M I N D E R YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION

**Thursday, 06 February 2020
3.15pm – 6.15 pm**

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

Governors will also be present on the evening.

Refreshments Available
(courtesy of the Friends of Charles Darwin School).

PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

Please make sure you have activated your Parent Pay account. If you have misplaced your activation letter, please request a copy of this from the Finance Office. If you are having trouble activating your account please also contact the Finance Office.

We no longer accept cash or cheques, any trips, revision guides etc. will be allocated to your child on Parent Pay. The trips are often allocated on a first come first served basis, which could result in your child missing out on a place if you have not set up your account.

Many thanks

Finance Office

NEW AMBASSADORS FOR 'STEP INTO DANCE'

Congratulations to Abbey Parker, Olivia James, Kezia Adebisi, Eva Ruby and Ruby Mitchell who were all successful in their applications to become a Step Into Dance ambassador, associated with the Royal Academy of Dance. They were offered the opportunity to apply through being a member of Thrive Dance Company, Charles Darwin's in-house company where students have auditioned to be a part of.

The step into dance ambassador scheme provides talented and enthusiastic young people with the opportunity to learn new skills that will equip them to support a range of events, projects and performances throughout the academic year. They attended a street dance workshop at the Royal Academy of Dance on Sunday 26th January 2020 and will be attending other events on the dates below throughout the year, giving up their own time to do so. It is an amazing opportunity and shows how dedicated some of our students are to the arts industry. Well done!

- Half Term Intensive:
Tuesday 18 - Thursday 20 February 2020
- Sunday 22 March 2020
- Wednesday 15 April 2020 (Easter Holidays)
- Sunday 17 May 2020
- Sunday 21 June 2020

Miss C Abbotts

Want to find out more
about teaching as a career?

Bishop Justus School
Magpie Hall Ln, Bromley BR2 8HZ
Tuesday 4th Feb from 4pm to 6pm

We are recruiting for:
4-11 General Primary programme
7-14 Middle Years Programme
11-18 Secondary Programme

Please bring along a copy of your
CV.



DANCE 2020

Charles Darwin School
Year 7-13 Dance Competition

Monday 10th February
Main Hall 7.00 p.m.
(Doors open 6.30 p.m.)

Tickets: £4.00
on sale in PE corridor
at break time
on Tuesday 04 February



Monday 3rd - Friday 7th February 2020

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8.30am Year 9 Assembly

Tuesday 4th February

8.30am Year 11 Assembly

Wednesday 5th February

8.30am Year 10 Assembly
Year 12/13 Art & Textiles trip
Spring MusicFest

Thursday 6th February

8.30am Year 12/13 Assembly
Year 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 7th February

8.30am Year 8 Assembly
Zanzibar Day

Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2020

Monday 10 February - Dance Competition Final (Main Hall)

Tuesday 11 February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13 February - Early finish for all students (end of P5: 2.10pm)

Friday 14 February - End of term

Monday 17 - Friday 21 February - Half Term

MARCH 2020

Wednesday 04 March - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 09 March - Head Prefect Application closing date

Thursday 12 March - Year 8 Options Evening

Wednesday 25 March - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

APRIL 2020

Friday 03 April - Ski trip to Austria departs

Friday 03 April - End of Term

Monday 20 April - Summer Term starts

Wednesday 29 April - Year 10 Parents' Evening

Duty Pupils for Praise Week ending 30th January 2020

Many thanks to Lewis Longley, Rubi Sleight, Lydia Forde, Sophie Hanlon, Sonny Champion and Danny Rufford, Year 8.

Miss Payne
Reception

Top Attendance Week ending 24th January 2020

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7SAI	99.0%
8	8CBa	98.6%
9	9ADo	98.0%
10	10CAb	99.2%
11	11SCu	99.2%
12	12DEc	98.8%
13	13SFe	95.5%

Parents Evenings 2020

Year 8: 6 February 2020

Year 9: 4 March 2020

Year 12: 25 March 2020 (2)

Year 13: 25 March 2020 (2)

Year 10: 29 April 2020

Year 7: 7 May 2020

VACANCY

After School Cleaner (£12.00 per hour)

We are looking to appoint an after-school cleaner to join our committed Site Team.

Actual hours are negotiable and will be between 3.00pm – 7.30pm Monday – Friday during term time.

Some additional hours may be available during school holidays.

Applicants should complete the non-teaching staff application form on our website (www.cdarwin.com) and return this to Julie Hodgkinson, Personnel & Administration Manager by Friday 7th February.

Charles Darwin 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.



DARWIN LEISURE CENTRE

Pay as you go (*gym use*)
£5 per session

Centre Member (*gym use & membership rates*)
£25 a year & £4.50 per session

GOLD Membership (*unlimited gym use & membership rates*)
£25 a month

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

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