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# Charles Darwin School

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## Headlines

### Road Safety

I continue to receive complaints from the community about the dangerous traffic situation at the start and end of the school. This week representatives from Bromley Council parking and road safety teams along with our local Councillor, Melanie Stevens attended at the end of the school day to observe first-hand the ongoing safety concerns. The Council have agreed to look at possible ways to improve the crossing and pavement area to improve safety for our children. The use of cameras to help with the enforcement of parking rules is also being explored by the Council and enforcement officers will be patrolling the area. Your support in this area by meeting your child away from the school would be much appreciated.

### Year 9 Parents Evening

My thanks to all the families who attended the Year 9 parents' evening on Wednesday. The evening was well attended and feedback I have had was that it was a very positive evening. Thank you also to the prefects who gave out the reports, they did a great job!

### Theatre in Education Performance

Our Year 10's were visited this week by the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation for a hard hitting performance of a true story of the tragic dangers of drug use. It was a highly engaging and educational theatrical experience.

### Rising Stars

On Thursday I had the pleasure of presenting the Year 7 Rising Stars with their Bronze badges. We met over break with cake and it was wonderful to be able to speak to the students and listen to their accounts of what they have been doing. My thanks to Mrs. Quinn and all the contributors for their amazing work with this lovely group of students.



*Aston Smith*

### Reminder: Early Closure – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

This is a reminder to parents that the school will be closing early, with students leaving at 2.00pm, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. This is to allow borough wide teacher training to take place.

# Rotary Awards

I had the privilege of attending the Bromley Rotary Club Community Awards evening on Friday at Langley Park Boys School. Two of our students, Alex Withers in Year 11 and Callie Louise Fossey in the 6th form received recognition for their outstanding work in the community both outside of school and within. The evening was truly a red carpet affair with certificates awarded by the Mayor. It was humbling to hear how much good is being done by young people from so many schools in Bromley and Beckenham.

Congratulations to our two awards winners and thanks to their families for their support.

Mrs Kearney



## Charles Darwin School

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## Exam Invigilators £11.60 per hour

We are looking for suitable persons to join our dedicated pool of Exam Invigilators responsible for the invigilation of public and internal exams and tests. Invigilators will be present throughout the main summer exam season as well as at other times in the school year and may also undertake tasks such as checking registers against scripts and packing them at the end of exams.

Applicants should be available from 08.30 for the morning session and/or from 13.00 for the afternoon session. Training will be provided.

Closing date: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Please note: all applicants must complete the Charles Darwin School application form which is available on our website: [www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com) (information/job vacancies).**

**CVs alone will not 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 an Enhanced Disclosure with the Disclosure and Barring Service and full background checks.*

## A general reminder to all students for keeping safe on the way to and from school.

As previously advised by the Bromley Youth Policing Team (BYPT), young people should:

- Try not to walk alone – find a friend to walk with.
- Do not walk down a lane or unlit road that isn't busy with traffic or pedestrians for a short cut. Take a longer route which is safer.
- **Run, yell and tell.** If you are approached by someone and don't feel safe start to run, yell loudly at the same time and head towards where there are people such as shops.
- Safe places include shops, schools, libraries, restaurants, take away shops, stations and bus stops where people are waiting.
- Speak to an adult you know, if you have concerns about your safety.
- Do not walk around with headphones in and a phone out on display.
- Call police on 999 in an emergency.

## Year 9 Immunisation - DTP/MEN

Bromley immunisation team will be visiting our school on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to carry out DTP/MEN vaccination for year 9 students. If you have not yet **consented** or **do not want** your child to have the vaccination, please use the online link which was sent by email and text to parents on 4/1/24 and email reminder sent on 22/1/24. Please complete the consent form by midnight **04/02/2024** before the link closes. Any enquires please contact the immunisation team on 0203 903 3375.

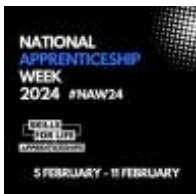
Thank you

**Mrs Booth**  
Health Care Lead

### Apprentice Information Event

**TUESDAY 6 February 2024 | 4.30pm – 6.30pm**

**Bromley Campus: Rookery Lane, Bromley, BR2 8HE**



**Apprenticeships are a great way to start a career, boost your skills, and take the next step in your chosen career.** Hosted by our Apprenticeship Team, the event will include:

Employer guest speakers

- Information on what an apprenticeship is and who can apply
- What roles are available for an apprenticeship, and what current Vacancies we have in a wide range of sectors, such as:
  - Construction
  - Engineering
  - Business and management
  - Service industries
  - Health, care, and education
  - Experience economy

If you don't know what industry you'd like to work in, don't worry! Our apprenticeship team will be on hand to provide you with some inspirational ideas.

This event targets people interested in starting an apprenticeship or parents interested in learning more about apprenticeships for their son/ daughter.

**Get your tickets now**

Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.lsec.ac.uk/events/3770-naw24>

## Reading Corner at Charles Darwin

Congratulations to Alex Mack 7SMA who has just achieved his silver badge for the Hundreds and Thousands Reading Club.

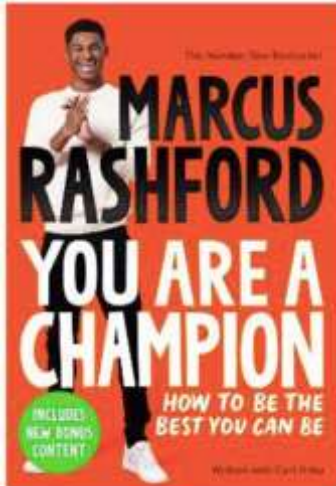
To achieve the bronze badge, students read 1000 pages and write one book review on the book they have enjoyed most.

To achieve the silver badge, students start again but this time read 2000 pages and write two book reviews.

To achieve the gold badge, students read 3000 pages and write three book reviews. At least one of the books they read must be a more challenging text and/or from the English literary canon.

See Mrs Pitt, Mrs Adams [our librarian] or your English teacher for more information...

Here is one of Alex's book recommendations...



### Marcus Rashford: You Are a Champion

This book is very inspiring and teaches you how to live life.

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5 stars

#### Remember:

Book Club meet every Thursday lunchtime in EN3 with Mrs Lamb.

Mrs Pitt

## Lost Property

We have a large quantity of coats and PE kits in lost property at the moment, please remind your children to pop to Student Services and take a look.

Items not collected by Friday next week will be donated to charity to make space ahead of the new term.

Thank you

Student Service Team

Please see below MENU Week 3 for the week commencing 5th February 2024.

WEEKLY MENU Charles Darwin Week 3				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese	BBQ Chicken with Rice	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mexican Style Soft Chili Beef Taco with Toppings & Mexican Style Rice	Fish & Chips
Mixed Bean and Vegetable Chili	Indian Style Vegetable Biryani with Chickpea Chutney	Vegetable Moussaka	Sweet Potato Stir with Spiced Vegetable Rice	Veggie Finger & Chips (V) (G)
Pesto Pasta	Vegetable Tagine	Roast Vegetable & Tomato Pasta	Mac'n'Cheese	Chili Bean Wrap & Salads with Chips
Sweetcorn or Peas	Garlic Green Beans / Roasted Vegetables	Broccoli / Herb Roasted Butternut	Broccoli / Carrots	Beans or Peas
Berry Sweet Sponge with Custard	Marble Sponge & Custard	Glazed Carrots / Green Beans	Apple & Berry Oat Bar with Custard	Fruit Flapjack

Available from 12.30pm to 2.30pm daily.  
Just Potatoes, Salad Bar available daily.

**HARRISON**  
food with thought



## Achievement Points Leader Board

### Top 10 achievers across the school for the period 01.09.2023 - 02.02.2024

Ivy Bird	7LMc	165
Leah Benwell	7SHu/WCa	143
Milly Rogers	8ZHa	141
James Azzopardi	8ZHa	132
Pallika Ramnath	7SMa	131
Jade St John	8RSi/RBr	126
Phoebe Vincent	9RMo	125
Riley Turnbull	9DLa	122
Jack Wilson	9RMo	122
Daniel Assemien	8SHo	118



### Top highest achievers per each year for the period 01.09.2023 - 02.02.2024

Ivy Bird	7LMc	165
Milly Rogers	8ZHa	141
Phoebe Vincent	9RMo	125
Jessica Dorsett	10ZPa	89
Khushi Sinha	11ADo	92
Scarlett Towersey	12JDa	70
Piper Roseman	13MCR	54



## Maths Revision Classes

The mathematics department are holding revision classes after school on the following days from 3.15 to 4.15:

### Higher Tier

Monday MA7 Mr Yerassimou  
Wednesday MA2 Mr Watson

### Foundation Tier

Monday GE2 Ms Harris"



**Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:**

Reminder – please can parents call the absence line each day of your child's absence before 8.30am. This ensures we know your child is safe and their absence is authorised where possible. Our Attendance Officer is having to spend an increased amount of time each day chasing for responses.  
Thank you for your support.

A red rose is in the top left corner, and a gift box with a red ribbon and heart patterns is in the top right corner. The background is white with red heart confetti and gold glitter.

# SIXTH FORM **VALENTINES** **TOMBOLA**

**Thursday 8th February**


**Lunchtime - outside Student Services**

**All Year groups welcome**

**5 tickets for £1**

***Cash only***

**Lots of prizes to be won: Sweets and treats,  
chocolates, cuddly valentines bear, bath bombs,**

A red rose is in the bottom right corner, and a gift box with a red ribbon and heart patterns is in the bottom left corner. The background is white with red heart confetti and gold glitter.

*All proceeds will go to the Sixth Form's  
chosen charities: The Chartwell Cancer Trust,  
Friends of Charles Darwin & Biggin Hill  
Community Association.*

## Attendance

**Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 26 January 2024.**



7JWi	96.6%
8PDg	100%
9EKa/CAh	92.1%
10ZPa	92.1%
11DNe	100%
12JDa	100%
13RPi	93.3%

*As you are aware attendance is linked to a student's attainment and at Charles Darwin we work closely with the parents to keep students' attendance levels as high as possible. Please could we ask that if your child feels unwell in the morning (headache etc.) and they do feel better later on, that you send them in. This will benefit them as they will not miss a whole days learning.*

**Please can we also remind parents to call in before 8.30am for each day of your child's absence and not rely on receiving a text from us chasing their absence.**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**Students Services Team**

A reminder that pupils **should not** contact home if they feel unwell but should be seen and assessed by Mrs Booth, our Health Care Lead.

Parents should be aware that pupils will not be sent home without being seen by Mrs Booth in the first instance.

If your child contacts you directly, please phone the school to confirm whether they are unwell and have permission to go home.

Thank you

**Student Services Team**



Parents should be advised that the school does not provide students with Paracetamol unless it is a medical emergency.

We have a limited supply in school and prefer that medication wherever possible is administered at home.

Many thanks for your support.

**Mrs Booth  
Lead First Aid**

### Year 8 Duty Pupils

Oliver Anderson  
William Aspinall  
Georgie Brooks  
Chloe Budd  
Tilly Cole

Freddie Cox  
Olly Davies  
Jimmy-John Ball  
Stephanie Cole  
Jemima-Dede Weah

### Student Services Duty Pupils

Jennifer Kerr  
Luke Berry  
Alexander Hannaford  
Jolyon Coombs  
Eric Scataru



**They have been fantastic this week, and their help has been invaluable.**



## Dates for the Diary

### February

8th February - Early close - 2pm

12th - 16th February - HALF TERM

23 February - Year 9 DTP Vaccinations

29th February - Year 8 Parents' Evening

### March

7th March - World Book Day

8th March - Year 9 HPV2 vaccinations

26th March - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

28th March - End of term

29th March - Good Friday

## 2023-24 Term Dates

### Autumn 2023

Tuesday 29th August – Friday 13th October

**Half Term: Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October**

Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 18th December - Monday 1st January**

### Spring 2024

Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 9th February

**Half Term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February**

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

**Easter Holiday: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April**

### Summer 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

**(Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday)**

**Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May**

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

### Note:

Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Easter Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

**INSET Days** - School closed to students

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Friday 28th June 2024** - INICIO Day (home learning for students)

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# Volunteer as a mentor

**Bromley Mentoring Initiative  
with Bromley EBP**

**Support ⇌ Develop ⇌ Inspire**

**Could you spare just one  
hour a week as  
a mentor to help  
Bromley's young people  
build a brighter future?  
Guidance and training provided.**

**Web: [www.bromleyebp.org.uk](http://www.bromleyebp.org.uk)  
Email: [mentoring@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:mentoring@bromley.gov.uk)  
Tel: 020 8461 6240**



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