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HEADLINES

Creative Explosion: The artwork from pupils across the school, the DT exhibits and the photography work on display at the Creative Explosion exhibition this week were outstanding. The work demonstrated the rich creativity of our pupils and staff and showcased the variety of dimensions of learning that our pupils participate in and benefit from. Indeed this demonstration was so effective that several members of staff, parents and visitors took the opportunity to express how impressed they were with what they had seen. My congratulations to all students whose work was on display.

Rounders Tournament: Over the last two weeks our PE department hosted the annual Bromley Schools Rounders Tournament. The weather held on both days and it was a great success with our Year 8 team coming second and all our teams reaching the semi-finals. The Year 8 and 9 helpers were a credit to the school and contributed to the smooth running of both tournaments. A special thank you to Year 9 students Saskia Hobbs and Nicole Ingleby who were chief time keepers for the Year 7 and 8 tournament and kept their focus throughout allowing it to run without a hitch. My congratulations to all who took part. **Sunil Chotai**

Attendance update

Students need to be in school to realise their full potential. Unfortunately there has been a noticeable increase recently in the number of students signing out for appointments on a Friday afternoon. Wherever possible please make medical appointments out of school time to minimise any disruption to learning. If this is not possible please ensure that you always write a note in your child's planner with the full details of the appointment. Thank you. **Mrs Paterson**

Creative Explosion showcases artistic talent



On Wednesday 20 June, the school library was once again transformed into a professional exhibition space for the annual Creative Explosion exhibition. The opening was extremely well-attended and visitors had the chance to see a range of work from across the creative arts subjects: textiles, art, photography, media studies and design and technology.



"It was a pleasure to welcome so many students and their families to the exhibition this year and to be able to display the artwork made by our talented and creative students," said Miss Miller, Head of Creative Arts. "I would like to thank everyone who contributed, either by creating and mounting the displays or by coming along to see the exhibition."

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.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 25 to Friday 29 June

- 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 breakfast—late start for other year groups
29 June 2018 —Year 11 ball
29 June and 2 July 2018 —Year 10 kayaking trip to Danson Watersports

Forthcoming events: summer term

- 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
4 July 2018 — Year 12 history and politics trip to Apsley House
6 July 2018 — Sports Day
6 July 2018 — Science Challenge Day
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, courses, Zanzibar trip and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition
19 July 2018 — Year 10 Mock Interviews
20 July 2018 — End of summer term

Friends included in Waitrose tokens scheme

During the month of July, the Friends of Charles Darwin School will be one of the three good causes that you can support through the Community Matters scheme in the Biggin Hill branch of Waitrose.

If you are shopping in any branch of Waitrose between now and the end of July, please save your tokens to put in the Friends' collection in the Biggin Hill store. The school will benefit from a share of £1,000 so the more tokens you can put in the collection, the more money we receive.

The Friends will also be running a stall at the Biggin Hill Festival on Saturday 7th July, featuring a bottle and chocolate tombola. We would therefore like to request donations of bottles and chocolates for the stall. These can be handed in either to the school main reception or, when this is closed, to the Leisure Centre reception. Thank you.

Gillian Simons, chair of the Friends



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.

Year 9 and Year 10 parents

Students in Year 9 and Year 10 will be having Sex and Relationships Education sessions in their science lessons following their exams. If any parent wishes to withdraw for this they should make this known in advance by writing a note in the student's planner.

Thank you.

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
15.06.2018

Lorna Thorpe and Aaron Hollis
from 9KSa/HCA

Mrs Mills, Reception

Good luck to our Year 9 students Sharna Alleyne, Isabel Finch, Victoria Towersey, Riley Tuxford, Adam Lineker and Mason Pridham who will be travelling to Telford on 4 July to take part in the Young Enterprise Finals.

Miss Mathieson

