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## Headlines

### Ukraine and Russia Situation

Understandably, there are lots of worries at the moment for us all in relation to what is in the news and we understand that your children may have questions or be seeking reassurance. As educators we are not allowed to make any political comments, but we will of course talk to our children about any worries and anxieties they have about what is happening in the world.

If parents would like to access child friendly news platforms at home, I would recommend Newsround, which is a resource we often use in tutor time to facilitate discussion on world and national news:

Newsround:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002?fbclid=IwAR3eFNq362E4C\\_ziLGfVbT-T6v30OwXHS7rzvKRISw356JE-sgzyHA2ZdQ](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002?fbclid=IwAR3eFNq362E4C_ziLGfVbT-T6v30OwXHS7rzvKRISw356JE-sgzyHA2ZdQ)

I have also included a link to a useful guide to facilitate conversations at home.

[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation. - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

### Parent Survey

Thank you to families who have responded to the Parent Survey. I have reproduced the link to the survey below for those parents who have yet to respond. Please note that the survey will close at 9.00am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Dtc8viXNVkq-ix6aYGqMUECrjW1d3yJOoc3Vgv97LcBUOVIEOEtGNUtZODFVM1ZSNFMyWVYzVVhFVY4u>

### Safer Schools

This week I sent a letter out to families regarding the Safer Schools initiative which many other local secondary schools have joined. As part of this, PC Anton attended the Year 7 assembly this week to talk about anti-social behaviour. We look forward to having him back in the Year 10 assembly next week.

### Covid Vaccinations

A reminder that the second round of vaccinations for 12-17 year olds will be held on Monday 7th March. This time around the vaccine programme is being administered by Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust who have confirmed that they will be offering second jabs to eligible students as well as 1st doses and booster doses to any student 12+ years who may require one. The link to the electronic consent form has been sent out and is included below:

<https://hrch.jotform.com/220261980290957>

Please note that no vaccination will be given without explicit parental consent.

If parents have any questions or wish to discuss the vaccination with a member of the GSTT COVID-19 Vaccination team, please email [Covid19schools Vaccination programme@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Covid19schools Vaccination programme@gstt.nhs.uk).

*Aston Smith*

### Charles Darwin Parents & Carers : Young People & Healthy Relationships



Wednesday 9th March 2022

6pm - 7pm

Online Event



An online workshop exploring Relationships Education open to all parents and carers of students at Charles Darwin School.

To book onto this online workshop, please click on the link below.

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charles-darwin-parents-carers-young-people-healthy-relationships-tickets-262591627627](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charles-darwin-parents-carers-young-people-healthy-relationships-tickets-262591627627)

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

**Parents/carers must  
phone before 08:30am  
with a full reason  
on every day of their  
child's absence.**

# Bromley Dance Showcase - Langley Performing Arts Centre



On Monday 21st February I took students from Year 7 to Year 13 to perform in the Bromley Dance Showcase at Langley Performing Arts Centre. Here we joined Langley School for Girls, Langley School for Boys, Coopers School, Ravensbourne School and Darrick Wood School. Everyone showcased dances from extra-curricular activities to GCSE and A Level pieces and it was fantastic to watch!

We took a piece choreographed by Angelina from 'Step Into Dance' for Thrive Dance company which was a dance based around growing up, a contemporary abstract piece from the Year 9 GCSE group, a group performance from the Year 11 GCSE students and a duet from Year 12 A Level students.

They performed in front of a very large audience for the first time since the pandemic, and I was so proud of their professionalism and confidence to perform again. It was heart-warming to see everyone together again and to celebrate the World of Dance in Bromley.

Thanks to Miss Woods for accompanying us on the trip, and to Mrs Rees and Mr Culver for helping us get there via the extra mini-buses!

Well done to the following dancers:

## **Year 7**

Bella Harding, Sarah Wood and Jessica Santry.

## **Year 9**

Eva Ruby, Hannah Price, Olivia James, Kiarna Williams, Isabelle Waite, Jasmine O'Brien, Honey Crowhurst-Rance, Elizabeth Aspinall, Ruby Lee Baker, Olivia Dauris, Nikol Pavlova, Amber Steer and Millie Walker.

## **Year 10**

Alex Horner, Olivia Persson and Savannah Milliner.

## **Year 11**

Megan Wood, Keziah Adebisi, Jessica Champion, Amy Coop, Keira Dukes, Oliva Howe, Daisy Kittlety, Lola-Fay O'Sullivan and Grace Watton.

## **Year 12/13**

Amelie Morbey, Abbey Parker and Jessica Barton.

**Miss Abbotts**





## Year 9 History Students collaborate with Year 2 Students from local Primary School



On Monday we led a trip with Year 9 History students collaborating with Biggin Hill Primary School children in Year 2. Students were looking at the story of 1066 and helped lead a Big Stories for Little Historians workshop. The students were amazing and I was so proud of how our students interacted with the younger students. They were a real credit to Charles Darwin and a massive thank you from Ms Ruth and I.

We also had the help of the Media department and a thank you to Mr Archer - where nothing is ever too much trouble. Ellis Hollman and Seam Cambridge did a great job at capturing the workshop and Paula Szczyrba will be making a promotional video following this for the book publishers Tarquin, a paid piece of work from one of our aspiring students.

*" I though it was extremely fun and I loved Ms Davies story, it was a brilliant experience to use our knowledge and teach others" Neve Ladd Talbot.*

*" I loved the activities from firing arrows to acting out the Battle of Hastings" - Sienna Hobbs.*

*" We got to hold artefacts that were nearly a 1000 years old" - Georgia Robinson.*

*" I think we would of have been great at Archery in 1066!" - Freddie Sinclair and Jedd Hobbs*



**Mrs Davies and Mrs Ruth**



A big thank you to all parents who have helped make this play happen with their generous contributions on ParentPay. Danke schön, thank you very much.

**Ms Wood**



On Thursday 24th March, Year 11 Drama students took part in a practical revision workshop on their set text 'DNA' by Dennis Kelly. Theatre Director, Sean Hollands came in to school to work with the students, having directed the text with the National Youth Theatre and at Southwark Playhouse.

Students explored the power dynamics between characters, spatial relationships and vocal skills and also looked at how design elements had been used in professional productions to bring the text to life. Students responded really well and have kicked started their revision for the summer exam. Keep going Year 11!

**Miss Currie**

## This week's Pupils for Praise

### Year 8 Duty Pupils

Many thanks to **Zachary Reddish, Elizabeth Spencer, Seb Thompson, Freya Stalley, Frankie Billingham, Kiara Umukoro, Louie Alfarra, Leila Alfarra, Andreas Ioannou** and **April Arslan**. Also many thanks to our Year 9 pupil **Luciana Paul** for stepping in and helping at the last minute.

**Miss Todd  
Reception**

### Year 9 Duty Pupils

Many thanks Macy Swaby-Rogers, Kyra Thornhill, Mia Cazaley-Smith and Isabel Elkins for all their hard work this week.

**Miss Paterson  
Student Services**

## Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 25 February 2022.

7HBu	96.4%
8KSa/ASh	96.9%
9SDa/RMk	94.6%
10ORo	97.8%
11EOI/DDe	93.2%
<b>12TJo</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
13IMr	94.4%

## Term Dates 2021 - 22

### SPRING 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 11th February

*Half Term: Monday 14th – Friday 18th February*

Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

### Easter Holiday:

Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April

### SUMMER 2022

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May

*Half Term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June*

Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July

## Term Dates 2022 - 23

### AUTUMN 2022

Thursday 1st September – Friday 14th October

*Half Term: Monday 17th October – Friday 28th October*

Monday 31st October – Wednesday 21st December

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 22nd December - Tuesday 3rd January

### SPRING 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February

*Half Term: Monday 13th – Friday 17th February*

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

### SUMMER 2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May  
(Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday)

*Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June*

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

**Notes:** Good Friday 7th April 2023  
Easter Monday 10th April 2023

**INSET Days** - School closed to pupils  
Tuesday 30th October 2022  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Dates for the Diary

### March

**Tuesday 08 March** - A Level Chemistry in Action 2022

**Wednesday 30 March** - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

### April

**Friday 1 April** - End of Term

**Friday 15 April** - Good Friday

**Monday 18 April** - Easter Monday

**Tuesday 19 April** - Summer Term starts

**Thursday 28 April** - Year 7 Parents' Evening

### May

**Monday 2 May** - Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 4 May** - Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Friday 27 May** - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

**Friday 27 May** - End of Term