



18.01.2019

# Charles Darwin School

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## HEADLINES

### Proposed Merger with Impact Trust

On Monday we sent out a letter to all parents regarding the proposed merger of our Trust with Impact Trust. Impact Trust consists of two secondary schools, Hayes School and Ravens Wood School and in essence this will mean that the four schools (Charles Darwin School, Biggin Hill Primary School, Hayes School and Ravens Wood School) will operate under a single Multi Academy Trust arrangement from September 2019. The letter was accompanied by a Frequently Asked Questions sheet which gives further information. Copies of the letter and FAQs are also available on our website ([www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com)).

The consultation meeting for parents of children at both Charles Darwin School and Biggin Hill Primary School will take place at 6.00pm on Tuesday 22nd January in the main hall. Comments may also be submitted to [consultation@cdarwin.com](mailto:consultation@cdarwin.com) for the attention of Julie Hodgkinson, Company Secretary, Charles Darwin Academy Trust. The deadline for comments is Friday 15th February 2019.

### 5\* Rating for the Canteen

This week we received a surprise visit from Environmental Health and I am pleased to report that following the structural works in the canteen, the food hygiene rating has returned to 5 stars. As parents will remember, this time last year the standard dropped due to structural issues (ceiling tiles) which were due to be replaced as part of the fire upgrade. Now this has taken place Environmental Health are extremely pleased with the hygiene in the school canteen.

Sunil Chotai

### 50/50 Club Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the November and December draws:

November Draw - Number 129 - Dorothy Fisher  
December Draw - Number 140 - Paula Wootton

## Fundraising for Zanzibar 2019

Charles Darwin School has a successful partnership with a school in Zanzibar, Tanzania called Kijito Upele. With over 3000 students in classes of 100 - 130, we work with the school to support them in making



improvements to their buildings, resources and teaching. Classrooms are simple without tables or chairs and resources are scarce.

In July some of our Year 12 students will have the

opportunity to visit the school and get involved in teaching, coaching sports and renovating classrooms. To do this students find part-time work and organise many fundraising events.



To start the fundraising off for 2019 they are organising a Quiz Night. Please see details opposite, a great opportunity for a fun night out.

The Zanzibar trip is life-changing, hard work, challenging and very fulfilling and this year's students look forward to continuing building on the schools relationship with Kijito Upele.

### Tombola Donations

If you have any unwanted items (chocolates, gifts, alcohol or toiletries) or similar, the School Council are collecting donations for the tombola which will be held at parents' evening this term. Donations can be dropped into the Main Reception next week.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Friday 25 January 2019  
7pm in the Hub  
Teams of 6 - 8

£5pp to include snacks.  
BYOB, soft drinks available.  
Email [hca@cdarwin.com](mailto:hca@cdarwin.com) for more information or to book your table.  
All proceeds to Zanzibar 2019 trip.

### REMIINDER YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION (2)

Thursday, 24 January 2019  
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).

## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Forthcoming events Spring Term 2019

#### JANUARY

- 29 January** - Y7/8 Dance Competition semi-final  
**30 January** - KS3 & KS4 London Youth Games Dance Competition  
**30 January** - Year 9 Growth Mindset  
**30 January** - Y9-13 Dance Competition semi-final

#### FEBRUARY

- 6 February** - Spring Music Fest  
**7 February** - Year 8 Parents' Evening  
**9 February** - Trip to WW1 Battlefields of Ypres  
**11 February** - Dance Competition final

#### MARCH

- 4 to 7 March** - Year 12 Geography residential  
**5 March** - Year 12 & 13 Theatre Trip, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'  
**5 March** - GCSE Drama Trip, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'  
**6 March** - Year 9 Parents' Evening  
**14 March** - Year 8 Options Evening  
**27 March** - Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening [2]  
**28 March** - Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

#### MAY

- 2 May** - Year 10 Parents' Evening  
**8 May** - Year 7 Parents' Evening  
**17 May** - Year 7 Growth Mindset  
**23 May** - Year 13 Leavers' Assembly  
**24 May** - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

#### JUNE

### Pupils for Praise Duty pupils of the week ending 18.01.2019

Harley Smith, Ellis Welch and  
Kai Muller, 8AWS

Mrs Mills, Reception

### PARENTS EVENINGS 2019

- Year 11:** 24 January 2019 [2]  
**Year 8:** 7 February 2019  
**Year 9:** 6 March 2019  
**Year 12:** 27 March 2019 [2]  
**Year 13:** 27 March 2019 [2]  
**Year 10:** 2 May 2019  
**Year 7:** 8 May 2019

### HISTORY STAR OF THE WEEK

#### Ciara Dwyer-Burchill, Year 10

Ciara is a very conscientious student with a very positive attitude. Ciara has really impressed me with her hard work in History, in particular her recent essay on the increased support for the Nazi Party. Ciara is always pushing herself to gain the best possible grade. All of her exam answers illustrate her knowledge and her understanding of the questions and of Weimar Germany.

Miss Zysemil



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## Exam Invigilators £8.50 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 whole exam and may also undertake tasks such as checking registers against scripts and packing them at the end of exams. The main exam season runs from 13<sup>th</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> June and 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**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.*

**Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:  
Parents/carers must phone before 08:30 with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.**