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The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

HEADLINES

October Half Term 2020/21

Parents will be aware that a good number of schools across the country are adopting the practice of scheduling a two week October half term. The rationale for this is based on some experiential evidence of a positive impact of a longer break during the long autumn term on students' and staff wellbeing. Schools that have adopted this practice are reporting improved student motivation and attitudes. Certainly in terms of helping with issues such as student attendance, motivation and optimism the findings seem to be strong in favour of a longer half term break in October.

During this term we will be considering our term dates for 2020/21 and we will be considering the scheduling of this two week half term in October. If parents or carers have any strongly held views on this I would be very happy to hear them.

Uniform Reminders

As we enter the warmer weather I would like to remind parents of our expectations with regard to school uniform. Students should arrive to school wearing the correct uniform and in particular skirts should not be rolled up. We will continue in our endeavours to challenge students where uniform is incorrect and I would appreciate parents' support in ensuring that their children are dressed appropriately when they leave home in the morning. Blazers should be worn to and from school and can be removed in class at the teacher's discretion. Hoodies should not be worn as an alternative to a coat. Shoes should remain smart, black, low heeled and not a trainer-hybrid. If parents are unsure about styles of shoes, please see our website or check with your child's Achievement Co-ordinator.

Sunil Chotai

THRIVE take 'A Step Around Town'



Thrive Dance Company attended 'Step Around Town' with Step Into Dance at Ravens Wood School on Monday 29th April. This was showcasing all of the work through the programme in the Bromley Borough.

Charles Darwin students once again made me a proud teacher by performing with so much energy and massive smiles, and it was clear that performing is something that they love.



They performed 'Dancing across the 2-Bit Blues' which was a fusion of contemporary, capoeira and lindy hop dance styles. Well done for your commitment to the company. Fingers crossed that we get through the next stage to perform at the Southbank centre, 'Step Live'.

Rachel Atfield, Head of Artistic and Programme Development emailed to say 'a huge well done to your group for their performance. The piece was great, really original, lively and had a great use of different dance styles and the dancers performed really well'.

Well done to all the girls, keep up the good work.

Miss Abbotts



Bromley School Athletic Championships

Last Wednesday a select group of students represented the school in the Bromley Championships. Charles Darwin School participates in all athletic championships but it has not had the same profile as other summer sports in recent times and therefore given the early nature of this event the performances of our team was all the more commendable on the day.

Individuals were set high 'Gold standard' targets for their competition using the AA's Performance charts which, if achieved, put the athlete into the top 30% of performers for the event in schools across the country. The focus and team spirit of the girls and boys from Year 8, 9 and 10 was commendable as they sat together on the banked track perimeter and cheered their team mates throughout the events and applauded them back into camp where they were met by the team managers and our Professional athlete and coach, Aiden Sayers, for feedback on their outcome against target and things to work on for the future.

Outstanding performances came from so many athletes with 19 out of 26 achieving 'Gold standard' and others setting personal best times and distances; special mention to Kelsey Pullin who qualified to represent the area in the County Championships in the 300m hurdles.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this event:

Daniel Aduwo, Connor Hill, Leon Hickman, Daniel Edjibia , Jack Lazarus, Jacob Brooks, Billy Eastwood, Josh Cook, Billy Seddon, Alex Wilkinson, Lakeisha Richards, Isabella Antepim, Kelsey Pullin, Evie Ince, Rachael Barnes, Grace O'Rourke, Emma Spear, Geena Wood, Sophie Richardson, Mia Kirby, Saskia Hobbs, Izzy Cairns and Louis Hudson-Broadway

Mr Burtonshaw



SUMMER TERM CLUBS

Boys Cricket (all years)

Monday 15.00 - 16.15

Mr Burtonshaw/Mr Simpson/Mr Bidwell/
Mr Eckersall

Girls Cricket (all years)

Wednesday 15.00 - 16.15

Miss Dobney/Miss Case

Girls Rounders, Years 7, 8

Tuesday 15.00 - 16.15

Mrs Wray/Mrs Wheeler

Girls Rounders, Years 9, 10

Thursday 15.00 - 16.15

Miss Dobney/Miss Case

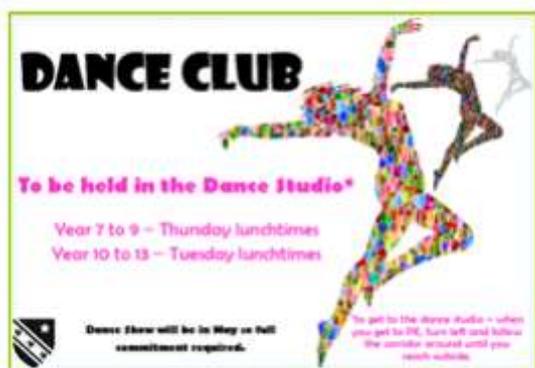
Trampoline Club

Thursday 15.00 - 16.00 - KS3

Thursday 16.00 - 17.00 - KS4

This is a paid club held in the Small Gym. Students will need to speak to Mrs Wray to get a letter to join.

CLUBS



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.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events Summer Term 2019

MAY

- 8 May - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 16 May - Year 13 Leavers Assembly
- 17 May - Year 7 Growth Mindset
- 24 May - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

JUNE

- 6 and 7 June - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition
- 11 June - GCSE Art and Textiles Private View
- 12 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening
- 13 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews
- 18 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews
- 18 June - A Level Art and Textiles Private View
- 21 June - Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations
- 21 June - Sixth Form Ball
- 23 to 25 June - Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition
- 26 June - Year 12 Driven by Consequences
- 27 June - Year 12 Ecology Field trip to Westerham
- 28 June - Year 11 Ball

JULY

- 1 July - Year 12 Taster Day
- 1 to 5 July - Year 7 Penny - Collection
- 3 July - Sports Awards
- 5 July - Sports Day
- 8 to 10 July - Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition
- 17 and 18 July - Enrichment days
- 18 July - Year 10 Mock interviews
- 19 July - Year 12 trip to Zanzibar
- 19 July - Celebration of Success Assemblies
- 19 July - End of Term

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending 03.05.19

Keziah Adebisi, Joshua Jeal, Lacey Morris and Austin Wild, 8JSt

Mrs Mills, Reception

History Star of the Week

Isobel Cairns, Year 10

Isobel always gives her very best in History, both with her homework and classwork. She is always prepared to go that extra mile to ensure that her work is completed to the very best of her ability. She is working well above her target grade and should be extremely proud of the progress that she is making. A real star!



Mr Lamb

Overdue Library Books

Please can all overdue books be returned to the Library as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Mrs Adams



Latest News – and new Members



Our Easter Egg sale and the associated non-uniform day raised a fantastic total of over £1100 and we look forward to receiving funding requests for future projects.

As we approach the end of another successful year, the Friends are actively recruiting new members to "swell our ranks" as pupils leave the school to continue their journey and we lose parental members as a result of this. On Monday 13th May the Friends are holding a meeting at 6:30pm in the Sixth Form Hub with a view to meeting parents who are interested in joining our organisation. The requirements are simple; enthusiasm, an interest in pupil welfare and the availability to help at least one event in a school year or to take on a role within the Friends, e.g. 50/50 Club Co-ordinator or Treasurer etc.

Please do consider coming along – either on your own or with a friend or two. Some of our members cannot make all the meetings but our e-mail and WhatsApp group allow them to be involved in decisions and also to keep abreast of what we are doing.

Mrs Stockwell

RE M I N D E R

YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION

Wednesday, 8 May 2019
3.15pm – 6.15 pm

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

Oz Schoolwear will be selling school uniform and PE kit during the evening

Governors will also be present on the evening

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

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