



15.11.2019

# The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## HEADLINES

### Remembrance Ceremonies

On Sunday, along with Charlotte Brewster, Head Prefect, and Ben Reilly and Shanice Moore, Deputy Head Prefects, I attended the annual Biggin Hill Act of Remembrance and laid a wreath on behalf of our school. It was a very moving occasion and the number of people attending representing the various organisations was impressive. It was great to see that many of these organisations included some of our students who were smartly dressed and took part in the ceremony with due reverence. My thanks to all our students who took part and were excellent ambassadors both for our school and the organisations they represented.

On Monday we held our own Act of Remembrance in the courtyard and this was again a moving occasion. The ceremony, which was attended by staff and Sixth Form students, included a beautiful rendition of The Last Post by Miss Mace. I do believe that events such as this as are extremely important for our school.

Sunil Chotai

### Student drop off/ collection

Please note that for the safety of all children, staff and visitors to the school, there is no parking/stopping permitted on any of the yellow lines within the school grounds.

Thank you.



## YEAR 9 STUDENTS AIM HIGH

On Friday 8th November a group of Year 9 students visited Goldsmiths University as part of the Potential High Achievers programme. The AIM Higher London Programme is designed to show young people who live in London that they are realistically able to attend university.

This was an aspirational day designed to get students thinking about their future. Our students learned what a typical day for a university student looked like as well as practising core skills they will need when they are to fend for themselves such as making a bed or food shopping on a budget.

Students also took part in a circus master class showing them the



wide scope of courses and societies available to them at university. They finished with a scavenger hunt around the university showing them the amenities that a university such as this has to offer - a cafe, dining room, libraries, banks, social spaces and many more.

The students involved were Kai Watson, Harrison Tubritt, Savannah Tuaima, Katherine Quartey-Papafio, Bonnie Bolton, Lacey Morris, Rosie Smith, Emmanuel Berkoh-Prince, Anthony Webb and Ellis Welch. These students were a credit to Charles Darwin School and really embraced the

day. They all have the potential like many of our students to study an array of subjects at university and I think the day really opened their eyes to further opportunities.

Miss Dobney

## British Gymnast Display Champions

On Friday 8th November, Scarlet Smith-Lee, Eva Ruby, Hannah Price, Olivia James and Maddie Clements travelled as part of the Allstarz Senior Display team to Liverpool to compete in the British Ministrada.



After performing two fantastic routines, the Team were awarded the Winners of the Senior Category and entire competition and are now British Display Champions. As I am sure you will agree this is a fantastic achievement for someone so young and hope you will join me in congratulating them.

Claire Ongley  
Allstarz GC

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## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Forthcoming events

#### NOVEMBER

**Thursday 21 November** - Sixth Form Open Evening

**Saturday 23 November** - Choir - Biggin Hill Christmas Lights 4pm

**Wednesday 27 November** - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening (1)

#### DECEMBER

**Friday 06 - Sunday 08 December** - Year 9 & 10 French & German Christmas Markets Trip

**Tuesday 10 December** - Student History Conference

**Friday 13 December** - Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 13 December** - Christmas Lunch

**Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 December** - School Production

**Thursday 19 December** - End of Autumn Term



## Christmas Raffle

The Friends of Charles Darwin School are pleased to announce some of the confirmed prizes in this year's Christmas Raffle (in no particular order)



Apple Air Pods  
£50.00 Cash  
Instax Instant Camera (and film)  
CPFC Junior Goodie Bag  
Christmas Hamper  
Tool Kit  
Restaurant Vouchers  
Plus others



The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (at the Christmas Production).

As always all funds raised are used to benefit the pupils.

Additional tickets are available on request from the main reception.

We hope that you will support this great fundraiser and wish you the very best of luck in the draw.



### Charles Darwin School

#### Evening Caretaker

27.5 hours a week

Hours: 2.30pm – 8.00pm Monday - Friday

Actual salary £17,043 rising to £18,303 per annum

We are looking to appoint an Evening Caretaker to undertake general handyman duties each night after school from December 2019. The successful candidate will join our committed and hard working Site Team. The Site Team is managed by the Premises Manager who is assisted by two Senior Caretakers, two Assistant Caretakers and a team of cleaning personnel.

The role of the Site Team is to ensure that the learning process of the pupils is underpinned by the effective discharge of duties and certain personal qualities are expected. Above all else the successful candidate is expected to have good practical skills, be honest and willing to work hard. A full driving licence and use of a vehicle is essential.

Application Forms and further details are available on our website [www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com) – key information – vacancies. Please note CVs alone will not be considered. Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

*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.*

### Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending 15.11.19**

Many thanks to Charlize Prata Neto and Jennifer Mills, Year 8.

**Miss Payne Reception**

### PARENTS EVENINGS 2019/20

Year 12: 27 November 2019 (1)

Year 13: 27 November 2019 (1)

Year 11: 23 January 2020 (2)

Year 8: 6 February 2020

Year 9: 4 March 2020

Year 12: 25 March 2020 (2)

Year 13: 25 March 2020 (2)

Year 10: 29 April 2020

Year 7: 7 May 2020

### HISTORY STAR OF THE WEEK

**Olivia James**  
Year 7



Olivia's effort in class work and homework is outstanding, she always takes on the more challenging questions in class. Olivia's work is presented to a very high standard, keep up the hard work.

**Mrs Furness**

### YEAR 7 BOOK BUZZ

We're excited to announce that we're taking part in Book Buzz again this year! Thanks to generous funding from The Friends of Charles Darwin School, all Year 7s will be given a brand new book – chosen themselves – to encourage their reading. The books will be given out during English lessons.

Please have a look at what they picked and maybe even read some of it with them! If you'd like more information on the Book Buzz initiative, please visit the website or contact Mr Waller.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books/>

**Mr Waller**

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