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# Charles Darwin School

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## HEADLINES

### Year 7 Settling-In Tea

It was great to see so many of our new Year 7 parents at the Settling-In Tea on Thursday. The parents that fed back were extremely enthusiastic about the way in which their children had settled into secondary school life and they greatly appreciated this opportunity to meet their child's Form Tutor and the Year 7 Team.

My thanks to all those families who attended and also to those who kindly donated cakes for sale, raising approximately £200 for the Year 7 charity - Cancer Research UK.

### Presentation Evening

Next Thursday we will be celebrating the success of our ex-Year 11 and ex-Year 13 students at our annual Presentation Evening. Any students who have not yet returned their reply slips should do so urgently as we are making final preparations for this event.

**Sunil Chotai**



If you have not already done so, please ensure you activate your ParentPay account.

A range of items will be available on ParentPay including trips, revision guides and workshops. When places are limited, you may miss out on something popular for your child if you have not activated your account before you can book. Thank you.

**Finance Department**

We are delighted to announce that in the year 2018-2019 Charles Darwin School will be Bromley's Champion School for Healthy Relationships, taking an active role in ending abuse in relationships, particularly Violence Against Women and Girls, and promoting positive, healthy relationships. Charles Darwin will be working with Tender Education and Arts developing a preventative approach to relationship and gender-based violence and abuse. Since 2004, Tender has used theatre and the arts to engage with young people in Healthy Relationships workshops within schools and youth settings, enabling them to recognise and avoid abuse and violence.



As Bromley's Champion School, Charles Darwin will be the lead school in this Borough participating in a pan-London violence prevention programme – Ascent – funded by London Councils. This prevention programme engages students and staff members in different activities that will aim to develop positive and healthy attitudes towards relationships, raising awareness on abuse and promoting gender equality. Statistics show that young people between the age of 16 and 25 are most likely to experience abuse in a relationship, which makes this a fantastic opportunity for Charles Darwin School to further its leadership in this area.

Tamsin Larby, Tender's Champion Schools Manager, will be working with us during the year and is happy to invite parents to get involved and follow updates on the project in future newsletters. For more information, please contact: Tamsin Larby [tamsin@tender.org.uk](mailto:tamsin@tender.org.uk)

## Welcome to new staff

My name is James Bidwell, I have just graduated from the university of Brighton having completed a four year course in Physical education with qualified teacher status. I am a very sporty person and have been involved in sport all of my life, whether it is playing sport, coaching sport or watching sport. I am currently training for the Southampton Marathon in 2019 which will be my first marathon. I enjoy socialising with friends and watching films. I am really looking forward to working at Charles Darwin and that challenges that I will face.



**James Bidwell**

### Year 7 Science

In lessons pupils will be starting the reproduction unit which covers aspects of the reproductive system and puberty. Pupils are given a letter prior to the start of this unit and if there are any concerns or questions about these topics please do get in touch  
Thanks

**Kelly Mackay**  
**Science KS3 Co-ordinator**

### Presentation Evening Thursday 18 October

The Year 11 and 13 students from 2018 and their parents are cordially invited to attend this celebration of exam results and academic achievement.  
Drinks and canapés at 6:45pm in the canteen. Ceremony from 7:30pm in the main hall  
RSVP by email to [jho@cdarwin.com](mailto:jho@cdarwin.com)

## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Monday 15 to Friday 19 October

**Monday 15 October** - Healthy relationships workshops [selected Year 8s]  
**Tuesday 16 October** - Healthy relationships workshops [selected Year 8s]  
**Thursday 18 October** - Presentation Evening  
**Friday 19 October** - INSET—School closed to pupils

### Forthcoming events: autumn term

**22 to 26 October 2018** — Half term  
**Monday 29 October 2018** — INSET—School closed to pupils  
**31 October 2018** — Darwin's got Talent  
**7 November 2018** — Year 7 Growth Mindset  
**7 November 2018** — Year 11 Parents' evening [1]  
**9 November 2018** — Launch of annual Dance Competition  
**12 November** — Year 12 and 13 Chemistry in Action trip  
**12 to 18 November** — Anti-bullying week  
**14 November 2018** — Year 9 Your Choice Your Voice  
**15 November 2018** — Sixth Form Open Evening  
**16 November 2018** — Year 12 Photography trip to London  
**23 November 2018** — Year 9 and 10 Stand Against Violence  
**27 November 2018** — Year 12 and 13 Computer Science in Action trip  
**28 November 2018** — Year 12 and 13 Physics in Action trip  
**28 November 2018** — Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening  
**5 December 2018** — Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church  
**6 to 9 December 2018** — Year 9/10 trip to German Christmas markets  
**10 to 16 December 2018** — Year 7 penny collection  
**14 December 2018** — Year 7 Christmas Fair  
**14 December 2018** — Christmas Jumper Charity Day  
**17 to 20 December 2018** — performances of the school production  
**11 January 2019** — Year 9 DTP/MENACWY vaccinations  
**16 January 2019** — Dance trip to see Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake  
**25 January 2019** — Deadline for Sixth Form Applications  
**30 January 2019** — Year 9 Growth Mindset

### Phil The Bag

The Friends of Charles Darwin School have arranged a "Phil the Bag" collection for November.

Unwanted textiles can be brought into school inside black 'bin' sacks on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st October. Phil the Bag makes payment per kg – so every little helps. Please see the separate flyer which accompanies this issue of the Link for full details. We hope that you will be able to support this easy fundraiser.



### Amazon Smile



The Friends of Charles Darwin School have subscribed to the Amazon Smile fund-raising scheme. Simply log in to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) with your existing Amazon Account to sign up and select Friends of Charles Darwin School as your supported charity. In future do your shopping at [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and donations to our cause will be generated automatically. A very simple "How To" guide accompanies this week's Link.

## Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending 12.10.2018**

Tyler Skinner, Amy Strange,  
Matthew Gurney and Madison  
Dauris. 8JSt

Mrs Mills, Reception

### PARENTS EVENINGS 2018/19

**Year 11:** 7 November 2018  
**Year 12:** 28 November 2018  
**Year 13:** 28 November 2018  
**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

### FOOTBALL

Well done to Y7 boys George Tolland, Oscar Goodchild, Sam Wilkinson, Adam Barnes, Alfie Finch, Harrison Payne-Gilchrist, Aidann Fletcher, Sam Hards, Ben Harding, Sam Parish, Javian Le Neveu-Scott, Stanley Pratt, Jevan Addotey and Johnny-lee Hounsom on their 6-1 win against Knole Academy last week.

### JACK PETCHEY AWARD

Congratulations to Nyah Sawyer in Year 9 who received the Jack Petchey Award for girl guiding. A tremendous achievement.



### HISTORY STAR OF THE WEEK

Abbie Summerscales 11ARU  
Abbie is a super historian, she achieved a grade 9 in her recent Germany exam paper. She is a hard working student, who is always pushing herself to gain the best possible grade. All of her exam answers illustrated her knowledge and her understanding of the questions and of Weimar Germany. Keep up the excellent work Abbie.

Mrs Ruth

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.