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The Link Charles Darwin School

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HEADLINES

Impact/CDAT Merger Consultation Meetings

My thanks to those parents who attended the Impact/CDAT merger consultation meeting on Tuesday. The overall response to the consultation thus far has been largely positive, we can all see the potential benefits and we understand the risks. Both the staff and the parents' meetings have underlined that staff and parents would not be happy to be part of a larger trust that imposed day to day practices and was too ready to dictate changes that went against the schools' current ethos and philosophy.

Remember please that if there is any more feedback it needs to be sent to by email to: consultation@cdarwin.com by 15th February. Of course, if any parents would like to speak to me personally about the proposed merger please do let me know.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

My thanks to all families who attended Thursday's Year 11 Parents' Evening. The evening seemed to go very well and judging by the feedback from my discussions with parents, there was a positive and optimistic feel from the vast majority. This time of year in Year 11 is much pressured for many students and their families and so it was pleasing to evidence so many being optimistic and determined to act on the advice offered by subject staff. We know that between now and the examination season is going to be demanding for our Year 11 and so the good reaction from our students overall is heartening.

My thanks too to the Friends for supplying the most welcome refreshments.

Sunil Chotai

U14 girls reach Kent Cup Finals



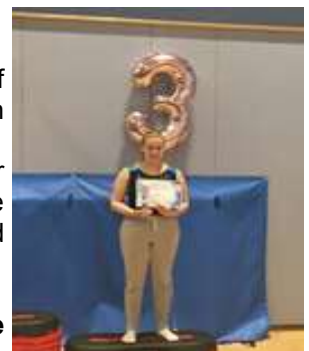
Congratulations to our U14 girl's football team who were victorious in their Kent Cup Semi-final with a 7-0 win against St Pauls Academy. The girls were fantastic and played really well. The amount of support we had on the day also helped the girls to come through on top. Goal scorers were Emma Spear x 4, Izzy Franklin (Captain), Georgina Walker and Nanci Powley. They are now through to the Kent Cup Final. Details of the venue and date for the final will be released as soon as it is confirmed.

Wendy Case

National Finals for Lucie

Well done to Lucie Monk who came 3rd out of 23 in the Zonal Trampolining Competition which took place in Southampton. This is an amazing result and she has now qualified for the National Trampoline Finals 2019 which are being held in Cannock on Saturday 2nd March. Good Luck Lucie.

Wendy Case



Overdue Library Books



We still have over 100 overdue Library books. Please can you ensure these are returned to the Library as soon as possible. Many thanks

Mrs Adams

Parents Evenings 2019

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

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 25.01.2019

Karson Reynolds and Archie Wood
8MHu

Mrs Mills, Reception

RE M I N D E R YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION

Thursday, 7 February 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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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 13th May – 28th 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 15th February 2019

Please note: all applicants must complete the Charles Darwin School application form which is available on our website: 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.**

CLUBS

Interior Design Club

Are you interested in Interior Design? Then come along to our club. All years are welcome - every Wednesday lunchtime in H14.

We are looking to renovate areas of Charles Darwin School and we need your help. Our first projects for 2019 will start in the History department. Our plan is to create a Growth Mindset Tree and a Butterfly Mural at the top of the staircase into Humanities.

We are currently working on a Blitz display and a Historical Power display. Our aim is to improve our School and use our talents collectively.

We are planning a Valentines event next month to raise money for our Club. Keep reading the Link for more updates soon.

Are you good at Business and Finance?

If so, we need your skills in our Club.

We are looking for students to act as Treasurer and to organise donations and charity events.



DANCE 2019

Charles Darwin School Year 7-13 Dance Competition

Monday 11th February
Main Hall 7.00 p.m.
(Doors open 6.30 p.m.)

Tickets: £4.00
on sale in PE corridor
at break time
on Monday 04 February

