



01.11.2019

The Link Charles Darwin School

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HEADLINES

Presentation Evening

Our Presentation Evening held on the Thursday before half term was absolutely superb. It was uplifting, emotionally moving, and pride evoking. It was great to see so many students from last year's Year 13 return to receive their awards. The key note speech from Alison Rose, the new CEO of Royal Bank of Scotland, was one of the highlights of the evening, being not only very engaging but also providing an inspirational message. Certainly the many conversations that I have had since with parents, staff and students confirm to me the value of the positive message that such an evening sent out. My congratulations to all our students who attended, it was the most wonderful evening.



Shay Royle receiving the Gaskell Transition Year Award

Iceland Trip

This year's trip to Iceland was a fantastic success. The students thoroughly enjoyed visiting the unique sites and seeing what they learn in class in real life. Highlights of the trip were walking behind waterfalls, lunch on a volcano and swimming by moonlight. I understand from staff that the students were a joy to be with and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

SPORTING SUCCESS ALL ROUND



Sam Kempster, Yr 7

TRAMPOLINING

During half term some of our students who are part of the Revolve Trampoline Club competed in the Bromley Schools Competition. Our Year 7 team came first with Sam Kempster coming first individually and Keira Dukes came 2nd for the Year 9's. Unfortunately we didn't have a Team for our 11+, but Lucie Monk, Year 13 did brilliantly coming 5th, and Matthew Kenton, Year 11 got through both routines with a lift and even a bit of form!!

They all really enjoyed it and are looking forward to doing it again next year!!!

Miss Case

FOOTBALL

Well done to the U16 Girls Football Team who won their second round Kent Cup game 4-2 against St Pauls Academy. It was an awful afternoon with the rain and wind howling but the girls dug deep and won convincingly. Round 3 will be against Coopers School, date to be confirmed.

The U13 girls also won their second round Kent Cup game against Farringtons. The first time this team had played together but the girls were brilliant, as the game went on the girls started to play well together. At the end of full time the score was 1-1 so we had to go into extra time. During extra time the girls came alive and won 7-1. A great result, well done to all the girls who played.

Miss Case

Buses to and from School

Transport for London have completed some spot checks on the numbers of students tapping in Oyster cards and the actual numbers of students on the 464, 664, 684 and R8 services. When buses are full, it appears that up to 25 students per trip are not tapping in their Oyster. This has some serious consequences for our transport provision at Darwin. We regularly report overcrowding to TfL head office and that further or more frequent services are required. Oyster statistics from head office reveal that buses are not full, based on tap-ins. Please can you check your child has a valid Oyster card. New ones take 2 weeks to order from TfL.

Whilst the vast majority of students travel to and from school on the buses with good behaviour, a small number of students are choosing to use their travel time to be disruptive. May we remind students and parents that all buses are fitted with CCTV and that students causing concern could be seen to be damaging the reputation of the vast majority of well behaved students and may have their Oyster cards cancelled/voided by TfL.

Mr Jones

JUDO

On Saturday 19th of October Charleigh Roberts, Year 8 took part in the Southern Area Regional Schools Tournament representing Charles Darwin School. You will be pleased to hear that she secured Gold in her category, she is a character and a pleasure to teach and I look forward to supporting her and further pushing her Judo career.



Gareth Merredew
Head Coach Addington
Judo Club

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events - Autumn Term 2019

NOVEMBER

Thursday 7 November - Year 11 Parents' Evening (1)

Friday 8 November - Year 12/13 Biology in Action Conference

Thursday 14 November - Sixth Form Trip to Chemistry in Action

Thursday 14 November - GCSE PE Cycling - Gravesend Cyclopark

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

Tuesday 10 December - Student History Conference

Friday 13 December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13 December - French Christmas Markets Trip

Monday 16 December - Wednesday 18th - School Production

Thursday 19 December - End of Autumn Term



Charles Darwin School

Administration Assistant
25 hours per week (term time only)
Salary: £12,625

We are looking to recruit an Administration Assistant to join our busy school Admin team as soon as possible. Candidates must have a professional attitude to work, excellent secretarial and administrative skills and a good standard of English. Knowledge of SIMS would be advantageous.

The successful candidate will be required to work every pupil day plus 7 additional days. We can offer some flexibility with regard to actual hours but the post is for 5 days a week.

Further details and an application form are available on our website www.cdarwin.com – key information – vacancies and should be sent to jho@cdarwin.com. Closing date: Wednesday 6th November 2019. Please note CVs alone cannot 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.



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.

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Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
01.11.19

Many thanks to Elleigh Rose Murphy, Sydnee Smith and Tamira Kimera, Year 8.

Miss Payne
Reception

PARENTS EVENINGS

2019/20

Year 11: 7 November 2019 (1)

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

RE M I N D E R

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING (1)

AND REPORT COLLECTION

Thursday, 7 November 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)

(Oz Schoolwear do not sell uniform at the Year 11 Parents' Evenings).

HISTORY STAR OF THE WEEK

Max Derbyshire,
Year 12



Max has made a superb start to Year 12. He has risen to the challenge of A Level, great in class discussions, keeping up with all his reading homework and amazing efforts with note taking including Cornell type notes, which shows his dedication and determination to do well in History.

Well done Max.

Mrs Quinn

Teaching Information Event 12th November Ravenswood School

Oakley Rd, Bromley BR2 8HP

Live local, train local, work local!

Graded as outstanding by Ofsted with partnership schools in Bromley, Lewisham, Greenwich and Bexley.

There will be an opportunity to meet BSC staff to discuss the following routes that we are recruiting for:

Primary (4-11) - Tuition fee routes only

Middle years (7-14) - Tuition fee routes only

Candidates for 7-14 must have a degree in a secondary curriculum subject or at the very least have an A Level. Unfortunately, this is not open to candidates offering PE. Part of the placement will be in secondary up to Yr 9. The lengthier placement will be in Primary. Bursary payments are awarded to some subjects.

Secondary (11-18 or 14-19 for some subjects)

Subjects with vacancies:

Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Dance, Drama, Design and Technology, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, MFL (French, German, Spanish) Music, Physics, RE

Please note, not all subjects are available for School Direct Salaried.



DANCE

**Charles Darwin School
Year 7-13 Dance Competition
Monday 10th February 2020**

**For more information and to collect
an entry form ~ come to the
main hall at break time
(10:30am) on
Wednesday 6th November 2019**

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The poster features a large, colorful mosaic figure of a dancer in a dynamic pose, with a smaller, grey silhouette of a dancer in a similar pose to its right. The word 'DANCE' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters at the top left. The event details are in blue and black text, and the year '2020' is in large, bold, blue capital letters at the bottom right.