



HEADLINES

Y7 Growth Mindset

On Monday we held the first workshop on growth mindset for our new Year 7 students. The sessions looked at how the brain works to allow us to learn and the difference between growth and fixed mindset. The students embraced the tasks well and there was some excellent feedback from class teachers about the students' approach to their lessons in the afternoon following the sessions with comments such as "I'm going to give this challenge a go" and "this is hard but I am going to try". Growth mindset has such a positive impact across the school and it is super to see our Year 7 students embracing it so well.

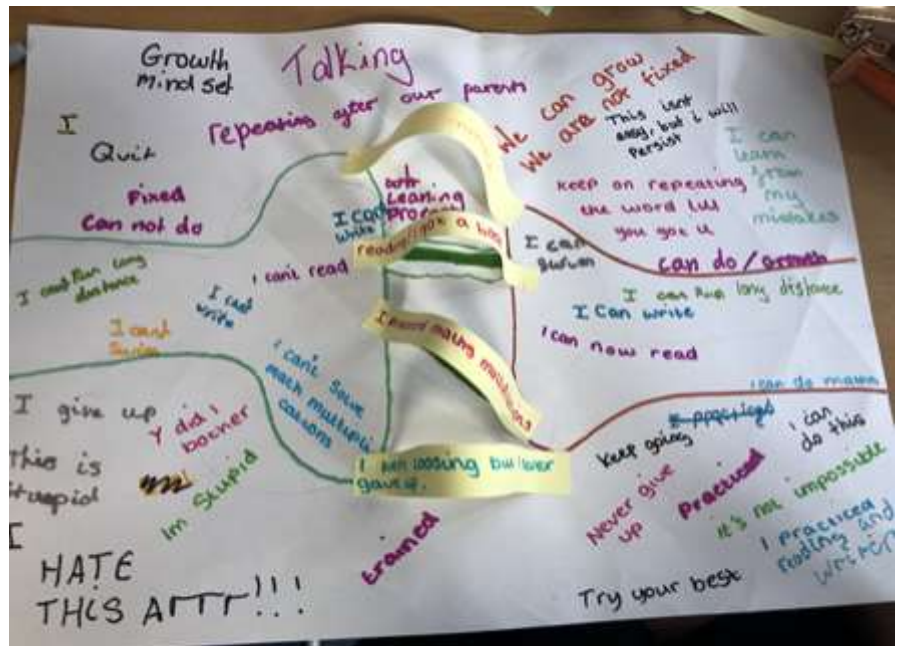
Uniform

As the colder season approaches a reminder that outdoor coats and scarves should be stored safely in lockers or in bags and should not be worn around the building.

Sunil Chotai

YEAR 7 GROWTH MINDSET DAY

On Monday 7th October Year 7 students had a drop-day off timetable to begin to develop their knowledge and understanding of Growth Mindset. We have been a Growth Mindset school for around five years and have seen a real change in student attitudes towards challenge, making mistakes and learning from failure. Year 7 students were working hard to challenge the 'Fixed Mindset' and to develop a mindset that, with effort, success can be achieved. Part of the students' work was to make a Synapse, a connection between two neurones, highlighting the differences between a fixed and a growth mindset.



We are following this up with a parents' workshop from 6-7.00pm on Wednesday 16th October in the 6th Form HUB. Letters have gone out to students earlier this week but if you haven't had one, or want to attend at the last minute, please email Assistant Headteacher Rob Jones rjs@cdarwin.com to confirm attendance. Otherwise, reply slips can be left at reception.

Mr Jones

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

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.



Presentation Evening Thursday 17 October

The Year 11, 12 and 13 students from 2019 and their parents are cordially invited to attend this celebration of exam results and academic achievement.

Students attending must give their names to Mrs Allum by Tuesday 15th October.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events - Autumn Term 2019

OCTOBER

Monday 14 October - Year 10 Geography trip to Stratford
Wednesday 16 October - Year 7 Growth Mindset Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 - Monday 21 October - GCSE Geography trip to Iceland
Thursday 17 October - Presentation Evening
Friday 18 October - INSET Day - School closed to students
21 - 25 October - Half Term
Monday 28 October - INSET Day - School closed to students
Wednesday 30 October - Autumn Music Fest (Hall)

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 - French Christmas Markets Trip
Monday 16 December - Wednesday 18th - School Production
Thursday 19 December - End of Autumn Term

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
11.10.19

Many thanks to Verity Hollands, Oliver Rooney, Aaron Abbey-Cripps and Abigail Benham, Year 8.

Reception

HISTORY STAR OF THE WEEK



Jack Messenger, Year 9

Jack has made an excellent start to GCSE history. He completes all his work to a high standard and he gained full marks in his recent Anglo Saxon test.

He makes valuable contributions to discussions and extends his knowledge by making links between factors. Keep up the good work Jack.

Mrs Ruth

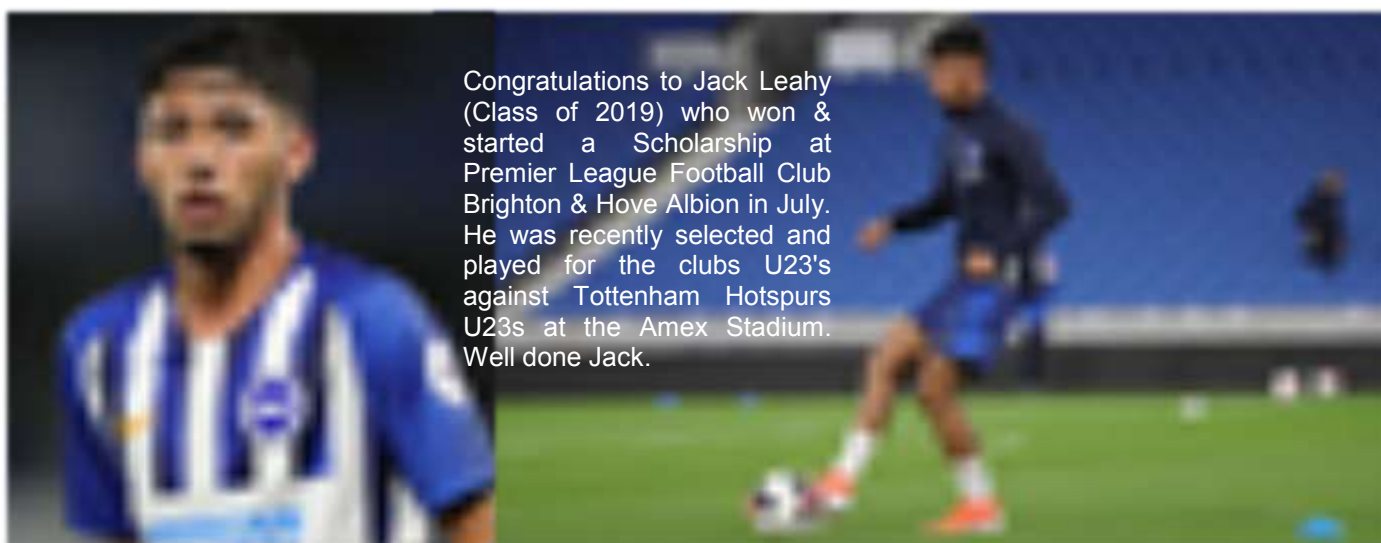
GIRLS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the U15 Girls Football Team who beat Harris Bermondsey on Monday in the first round of the National Cup. The girls played a strong second half beating Harris 2-0. Emma Spear scored both goals which is a great start to the season. Well done to all the girls who played in the game, a great team effort.

Also well done to the U14 Girls Football Team who beat Thomas Tallis last week in round one of the Kent Cup, it was a great game where the girls had a hard second half but kept battling. The girls won 3-2 with Siobhan Dwyer-Burchill scoring a hat trick.

More games coming up next week - watch this space.

Miss Case



Congratulations to Jack Leahy (Class of 2019) who won & started a Scholarship at Premier League Football Club Brighton & Hove Albion in July. He was recently selected and played for the club's U23's against Tottenham Hotspurs U23s at the Amex Stadium. Well done Jack.

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.

Christmas Raffle



The Friends of Charles Darwin are holding a Christmas Raffle to raise much needed funds for the school. After half term each student will be coming home with raffle tickets to sell amongst family and friends.

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

Extra tickets will be available from Main Reception
*The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 18th December
(at the Christmas Production)*

