



27.09.2019

The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

HEADLINES

Open Morning

Arrangements are being finalised for our Open Morning this Saturday. My thanks to all students who have been helping us with the preparations and to those who will be assisting on the day. Student involvement is incredibly important as we promote our school to prospective families. Of course if families of current pupils want to come along they are most welcome to do so.

Year 11 Information Evening

My thanks to all students and their families who attended last week's Year 11 Information Evening. The evening was very well attended and the feedback from parents and students at the end was extremely positive.

Sunil Chotai

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

On **Monday 30 September** there will be a late start for pupils who should be in school for 9.30am. Please note that the 664 and 684 buses are running an hour later to accommodate the late start after Open Morning.

Thank you.

WELCOME FROM THE NEW HEAD & DEPUTY HEAD PREFECTS



Welcome to Charles Darwin School, we are the Head and Deputy Head Prefects.

Charles Darwin school is a very supportive, welcoming and driven school. It is a very inclusive environment, where students improve both academically and as an individual in building character with the help of staff. Being from all different backgrounds and abilities, Charles Darwin School has helped us all to strive and achieve, setting us up for the best future possible with top competitive grades and experiences.

The school has given us such great experiences which will never be forgotten and have shaped us into the young adults we are today; equipping us with the necessary tools to aspire, endeavour and achieve.

Charlotte Brewster (Head Prefect)

Ben Reilly & Shanice Moore (Deputy Head Prefects)

ATTENDANCE

Pupils need to be in school to realise their full potential so, as well as encouraging and recognising hard work, we also invest time and effort in promoting and rewarding individual attendance.

Whilst we appreciate that the odd day of illness can be unavoidable, we rely on parents to ensure pupils attend school if they are just feeling a little under the weather.

- If your child is really not well enough to come to school, please remember: you must call the absence line (01959 574043 option 1) **before 08:30** for **each day** of your child's absence.
- If you felt your child was well enough to come to school, we will support them to keep them in school and learning.
- Students should not call home to be collected if they are feeling unwell. If this happens, please call the school first and ask to speak to the Lead First Aider. Students should not be using their phones in school and are all aware that they need to see the Lead First Aider who will assess their situation and call home if required.
- Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for your child. If there is an emergency at school, medical or otherwise, we need to be able to contact you.
- No holidays should be taken during term time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Paterson, Student Services

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events - Summer Term 2019

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 28 September - Open Day

Monday 30 September - Late start for pupils at 9.30am

OCTOBER

Monday 7 October - Year 10 Geography trip to Stratford

Monday 7 October - Year 10/11 Theatre Trip (evening)

Wednesday 9 October - Autumn Music Fest

Thursday 10 October - Year 7 Settling in Tea

Monday 14 October - Year 10 Geography trip to Stratford

Wednesday 16 October - Year 7 Growth Mindset Parents' Evening

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

NOVEMBER

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

Thursday 14 November - Sixth Form Trip to Chemistry in Action

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

Monday 16 December - Wednesday 18th - School Production

Thursday 19 December - End of Autumn Term

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending 27.09.19

Many thanks to George O'Neill, Ruby Jordan, Cameron Woods and Amelia Tranquada, Year 8.

Reception

HISTORY STAR OF THE WEEK



Phelim Davey, Year 11

For being an amazing student and starting Year 11 with a refreshed and motivated attitude. Significant amount of work has been completed with revision cards for the crime and punishment exam.

Hard work will pay off, well done!

Mrs Davies

Overdue Books

The Library currently has 136 books overdue which need to be returned to the Library asap.

Please can all students check if they have any books in their bags or at home.

Students can renew the books if they have not finished reading them, they need to come to the library to do this.



Many thanks

Mrs Adams

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

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 November 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 – key information – vacancies. Please note CVs alone will not be considered.

Closing date 4th October 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.

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.

CARDIO CLUBBERS

Wednesdays
8:15pm

Thursdays
7:15pm

@ Charles Darwin
Sports Centre

Do you miss
your clubbing
days?

Do you want to
get fit whilst
having fun?

Are you too
self-conscious
to go to
classes?

A fun - packed dance aerobics class in a club setting that's bound to get your blood pumping, heart racing and calories dropping.

Dance away to club classics, wave your glow sticks in the air—all whilst getting fit.

The best way to spend any night out!

Great Moves! Great music! Great vibes! Great results!



Ballet Bootiful



EVERY Thursday
18:00-19:00
@ DARWIN SPORTS CENTRE



A stunning fitness class based around the techniques of classical ballet, you will find muscles you never knew existed. Taught by fully trained ballet teachers, this fitness class will have you shaking, clenching and squeezing!
This brilliant art form will work on toning your muscles, working especially on your legs, arms and booties!