



14.06.2019

HEADLINES

DoE Qualifying Expedition

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award qualifying expedition last week. Despite the rain on the second day the students remained in good spirits and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done!

Year 7 Induction Evening and Parental Interview Day

Wednesday's Induction Evening for our new Year 7 students and their families was a great success. These induction evenings for the incoming Year 7 are always a really important occasion both for the parents of new entrants to the school and their children; early impressions formed on either side are of course important. It was good to meet our new intake and a number of parents spoke to me at the end to say how pleased they were that their children had secured a place with us. The following day we held interviews with the students and their families and whilst these are time consuming they are an extremely important part of the transition process. I look forward to meeting more of our new intake in September.

Sunil Chotai

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note:

The Year 11 Leavers' Breakfast takes place on

Friday 28 June 2018.

There will therefore be a late start for all other year groups who should register at 10:30am ready for Period 3 on this day.

Save the date Sports Awards 2019

celebrating sporting achievement in the 2018-19 season will be held on

**Wednesday 3 July at 7:00pm
by invitation only**

The PE department is in the process of issuing invitations to pupils who have made a contribution to sports at the school.

BRONZE DofE EXPEDITION



On Thursday and Friday the Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh participants successfully completed their qualifying expedition to pass this section of their award. Students had challenging routes to navigate on Thursday from Edenbridge to Ashurst as they carried all of their equipment across the countryside in the hot weather.



After a hot meal and a much needed night's sleep students were awoken by the rain which persisted throughout Friday. Students walked from Ashurst to Chiddingstone Causeway but no matter how soggy their socks became they remained in high spirits and were greeted with a hot chocolate as they got to the finish. Students were a credit to themselves and the School as their optimism was commended by members of the public and as staff we were particularly impressed by the way groups problem solved as a team and supported each other to complete the challenge successfully.

To complete and achieve the Bronze DofE Award students now need to deliver presentations on their expeditions and upload evidence about the skills, volunteering and physical activities they have been doing to the DofE website.

Mr Culver



BENEFITS OF A DofE AWARD

For the hundreds of thousands of young people who take part each year, the benefits of achieving a DofE Award at any level are endless. It's difficult to list them all but you should definitely know how much fun you'll have, how pushing yourself to do new things will help you to grow in confidence and develop useful skills. Why meeting new people will inspire you and lead to lasting friendships. And how a DofE Award can give you the edge when you apply for college, university or a job. Here is what some of our latest DofE Bronze Award students said . . .

"I found DofE really great! It's given me a confidence boost and it's been the most rewarding experience I've ever done" Gemma Read

"Painful but fun! Great opportunity to develop my team building skills and character" Pranava Koppula

"I found DofE really great, my group were lovely and it was really rewarding" Hannah Gurney

"A truly exhilarating experience! The expedition put me through some of the hardest mental and physical tests I've ever faced. I can now be proud to say I've done it" Sam Trigg

"I have learnt a lot of important skills from this experience" Paula Szczyrba

"It was very difficult but it made our group bond and we were able to work together in order to complete it" Niamh Robinson



Year 9 Perform to Years 5 and 6

On Tuesday 4th June, Year 9 GCSE Drama students performed at Biggin Hill Primary School. Over the last half term, students have been exploring the style of Theatre in Education and devised their own pieces of drama which would engage a Year 5 and 6 audience. Students performed confidently and interacted brilliantly with the younger students. The audience were really engaged and were very complimentary afterwards.

Erin Hartley, 9SAr said . . .

"After 5 weeks of intensely working on our T.I.E pieces we went to Biggin Hill Primary School. Each group chose the theme for their piece which ranged from bullying and friendship, road safety, staying safe online and starting a new school. The pieces had to have an educational message or a moral, hopefully leading the younger students in the correct direction. Overall I found the experience exciting and I think the audience found our performances interesting. Hopefully our pieces inspired them and made them think."

Miss Currie

DARWIN LEISURE CENTRE

Pay as you go (*gym use*)
£5 per session

Centre Member (*gym use & membership rates*)
£25 a year & £4.50 per session

GOLD Membership (*unlimited gym use & membership rates*)
£25 a month

A variety of private classes, facilities and pitch hire is available

Enquiries to 01959 540606
email: leisurecentre@cdarwin.com
See school website
www.cdarwin.com for full details

You are cordially invited to come and see a showcase exhibition of examination work comprising photography, art and textiles at this year's annual Creative Explosion on **Tuesday 18 June 2019 from 3.30pm to 6pm.**

A Level Art, Photography and Textiles



SHOWCASE

Tuesday 18 June 2019

3.30-6pm

In Ar3 and Ar4

There is to be NO photography of artwork or sharing of artwork on social media. This is a new examination regulation

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.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events - Summer Term 2019

JUNE

- 18 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews
- 18 June - A Level Art and Textiles Private View
- 21 June - Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations
- 21 June - Sixth Form Ball
- 23 to 25 June - Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition
- 26 June - Year 12 Driven by Consequences
- 27 June - Year 12 Ecology Field trip to Westerham
- 28 June - Year 11 Ball

JULY

- 1 July - Year 12 Taster Day
- 1 to 5 July - Year 7 Penny - Collection
- 3 July - Sports Awards
- 5 July - Sports Day
- 8 to 10 July - Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition
- 17 and 18 July - Enrichment days
- 18 July - Year 10 Mock interviews
- 19 July - Year 12 trip to Zanzibar
- 19 July - Celebration of Success Assemblies
- 19 July - End of Term
- 22 July - INSET Day - School closed to students
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AUGUST

- 15 August - A Level results day
- 22 August - GCSE results day

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
14.06.19

Thank you to all the Year 9s who stepped in and helped this week.

Mrs Mills, Reception

History Star of the Week

Alfie Humphries, Year 8



For being extremely positive in History lessons and engaging with the topics. For having a can do attitude towards the examination. Alfie has also been extremely good at sharing the extra information he has found out about World War Two at home.

Well done Alfie! You are a Historian in the making.

Mrs Davies

YEAR 11 LEAVERS

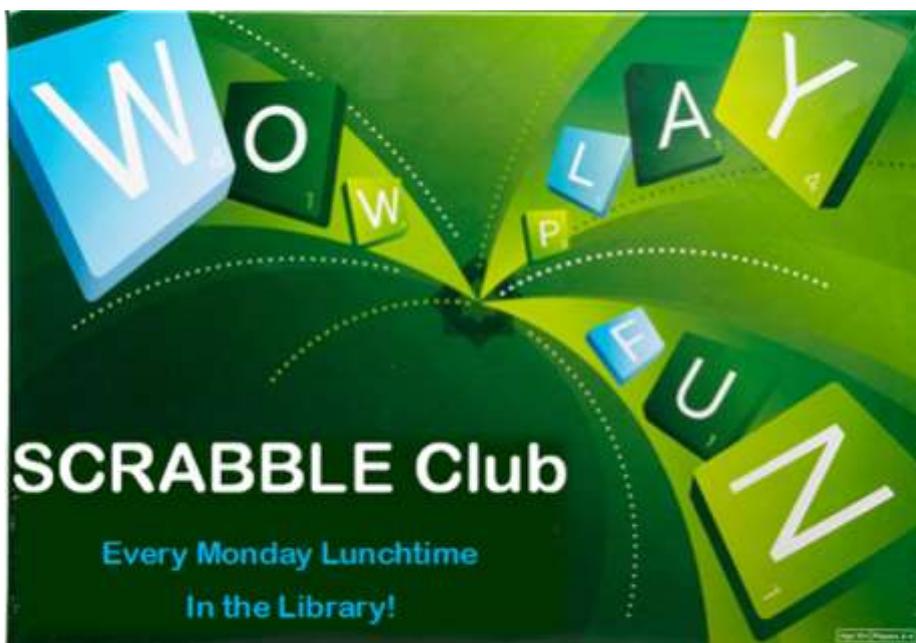
If you are a Year 11 student we would be very happy if you would consider donating your school uniform at the end of the Summer term.

Blazers, trousers and skirts **only**, can be handed in to Student Services.

Many thanks.

Mrs Paterson

CLUBS



Open Morning 2019

Saturday 28 September

9.30am - 12.30pm

Headteacher's talks at
9:30am and 11:15am

Open Week:

Tuesday 1 – Friday 4 October

A daily guided tour of the school in action at 08.40 followed by a Headteacher talk at 09.30.



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BIGGIN HILL FESTIVAL

CHARITY

FANCY DRESS

**3K FUN
RUN**

SATURDAY 6TH JULY

@12PM

Registration opens at 11am
at The Recreation ground,
Fun Run starts at 12pm

ENTER ONLINE

£5 PER ENTRY

£5

Participants must be 4 or
older Please see further
details on the website

START & FINISH THE REC

**MEDAL FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
SPOT PRIZES FOR BEST FANCY DRESS**

Gather together as a community, raise some money for
charity as well as having some fun along the way.

**BIGGIN
RUNWAYS**

Organised by local running group 'Biggin Runways' there
are just 150 tickets available to take part, don't delay and
visit the website to register for this fun event.

www.bigginrunways.co.uk/events

Improve your rugby skills
before the start of the
new season with senior
coaches from across the
club!



Spend your summer
holidays having fun with
your team mates and
make new friends along
the way!

Westcombe Park RFC

Summer Holiday Rugby Camps 2019

22nd-26th July & 12th-16th August 2019!

Open to Girls and Boys between ages U6 & U15



See www.westcombenarkrugby.co.uk for more information & download [application form](#)

Email completed application form to summercamps@westcombenarkrugby.co.uk

Or for any queries call [Joe Simpson 07913993662](tel:07913993662)

Two weeks of camps available: Week Beginning 22nd July & Week Beginning 12th August 2019

£30 per day, discounts available for multi day bookings