



11.01.2019

# The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## HEADLINES

### Welcome Back

Happy New Year to all parents and students - I hope that 2019 is an excellent year for all.

We start the spring term knowing that for students in our public examination year groups, namely Years 11 and 13, we only have about 16 weeks left before the public examinations start. This term is therefore vital for maximising their chances for success in the summer examinations. Both Year 11 and 13 are overall in a good position in terms of their preparation; having recently completed their pre-public examinations (PPEs) (mocks) they are in the process of identifying any significant gaps in their knowledge and understanding across all their subjects. The aim being to address these gaps as soon as is possible.

As I say, this term is crucial for maximising the much wanted success and therefore it is really important that students in these two years groups are totally focused on school work aiming to build on the work that they have already undertaken. In this regard it is really important that students are encouraged to take advantage of all the additional revision sessions that departments will be offering as this term progresses. My best wishes to everyone in these two years, we know the pressure is on but remember we are all here to support you!

### Strangers approaching students - incidents outside school

Parents will be aware from my email earlier this week and other messages that recently we have had a couple of serious reports from students that they have been approached by strangers enticing them to get into their vehicles on the way home from school. Obviously this is very worrying. We are, of course, working with the police, who have been very helpful. I would like to reiterate our advice and ask parents to reinforce the message of extreme vigilance and caution for all our students as they travel to and from school. Should they witness anything untoward or report anything to parents then do please let us know without delay.

Sunil Chotai

## Annie production huge success



Congratulations to all the members of the cast, backstage crew and orchestra who staged such a fabulous production of Annie. Your hard work and commitment was rewarded and the reviews have been fantastic. A huge thank you also to all the parents and families who supported in any way, either by making costumes or by

coming to see the show and to the Friends for providing welcome refreshments.

From everyone in Expressive Arts



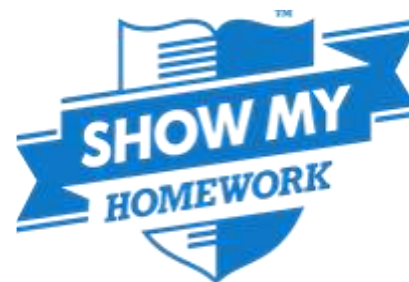
## Interior Design Club Cake Sale



A massive thank you to the members of the Interior Design Club who raised £100.00 with the Hot Chocolate and Cake sale and to Waitrose who also donated cakes. Thank you to Shanice Moore for organising this and the lovely Politics Sixth Formers. As well as the History staff who gave up their free time. A big

thank you to Anne Yin who has designed our lovely window display at the top of the stairs. Coming soon we have a growth mind-set tree!

**Sarah Davies**



If you or your son/daughter have had a new phone, tablet or laptop for Christmas and are now having problems accessing Show My Homework, either via the APP or the website, you may need your PIN number.

Your son/daughter's form tutor will be able to provide this, alternatively contact me at LKe@cdarwin.com. For security reasons, the PIN numbers expire after a set time, so your PIN from the start of the year is unlikely to work.

We recommend that all students with SMART phones download the APP and log in as they will then be able to access their own list of homework, which is listed in order of deadlines, and allows students to tick off completed work to help them to be well organised.

**Ms Kelly**

### Aspire - Endeavour - Achieve Rewards

Teachers have been nominating Year 11 students approximately every 2 weeks to receive reward postcards for either Aspire, Endeavour and Achieve. In the final collection in December the following students had achieved all 3 and were mentioned in Assembly and given a reward in January.

Aimee Lineker, Abbie Summerscales, Leo Murrell, Jamie Cox, Oliver - Helps and Jess Doyle.

Well done to those 6 pupils and we will continue rewarding Year 11 in those categories throughout the next 2 terms.

**N Tsang**



### 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

### TERM DATES 2019

#### Spring 2019

Monday 7th January – Friday 15th February  
Half term: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February  
Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April

#### Summer 2019

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May  
Bank holiday: Monday 6th May  
Half term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May  
Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

#### INSET Days (school closed to pupils)

Monday 22nd July 2019  
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

#### Notes:

Good Friday – 19th April 2019  
Easter Monday – 22nd April 2019

**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.**

## Teaching Information Event

### Are you thinking about a career in teaching?



Teaching information event

Wednesday 16th January  
Ravenswood School  
4pm to 6pm

To book your place email  
[administrator@gradteach.co.uk](mailto:administrator@gradteach.co.uk)

**BROMLEY SCHOOLS' COLLEGIATE**  
Excellence Through Experience

Come and find out more about training to teach with your local Outstanding Teacher Training provider. We are offering Primary and Secondary teacher training in a wide range of subjects for a September 2019 start. Details on the application process, entry requirements and current vacancies will be available on the day.



### 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 13<sup>th</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Please note: all applicants must complete the Charles Darwin School application form which is available on our website: [www.cdarwin.com](http://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.*

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## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Forthcoming events Spring Term 2019

#### JANUARY

- 11 January** - Year 9 DTP/MENACWY vaccinations  
**16 January** - Dance trip to see Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake  
**25 January** - Deadline for Sixth Form Applications  
**30 January** - KS3 & KS4 London Youth Games Dance Competition  
**30 January** - Year 9 Growth Mindset  
**30 January** - Dance Competition semi-final

#### FEBRUARY

- 2 February** - Trip to WW1 Battlefields of Ypres  
**6 February** - Spring Music Fest  
**7 February** - Year 8 Parents' Evening  
**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

- 6 and 7 June** - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition  
**12 June** - Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening

**Pupils for Praise**  
**Duty pupils of the week ending**  
**11.01.2019**

Jack Cox and Hebe Del Rio, 8AWs

**Mrs Mills, Reception**

### PARENTS EVENINGS 2019

**Year 11:** 24 January 2019 [2]  
**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

### Overdue Library Books

We currently have 162 overdue Library books. Please can you ensure these are returned to the Library as soon as possible.



Many thanks

**Mrs Adams**

The U14 Girls Kent Cup semi final against St Pauls Academy will be at Charles Darwin on Saturday 19th January kicking off at 10:30am. Any support would be appreciated.

**Wendy Case**

#### RE M I N D E R

### YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION (2)

Thursday, 24 January 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).

## 50/50 Club Membership

Welcome to our 50/50 Club – a great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works....

Each number costs £1.00 per month or £12 for the year. Numbers are drawn by lot and each number is entered into our monthly draw. You can either pay by cheque or Standing Order which you can set up through online banking or alternately complete the mandate and we will send to your bank for you. If you pay by standing order you can choose to pay monthly or annually.

If you wish to join, please complete and sign the attached membership form and let us know how many membership numbers you wish to apply for.

For every pound you pledge, the School/Friends get 50p.



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