



17.05.2019

HEADLINES

Y13 Leavers Assembly

Thursday's final assembly for our Year 13 students was by all accounts a memorable event. Despite many courses having now finished there was almost a full turn out with some wonderful performances from some of the students. Everyone enjoyed a journey down memory lane, particularly the Year 7 photo album with photos of their tutor and Sixth Form team as their younger selves (I gather the length of skirts and staff who had hair back then caused some mirth!).

I would like to wish all our Year 13 students the very best as they take their final exams. They have been a wonderful year group and it has been an absolute privilege to witness them grow from Year 7 students into the confident young adults we see today. My very best wishes to them all.

Key Dates

After half term work will start on next year's school calendar. In the meantime parents may wish to be aware of the following dates which have been agreed:

Open Morning

Saturday 28th September

Presentation Evening

Thursday 17th October

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 21st November

Sunil Chotai

Netball Tour 2019



The Annual Netball Tour to Condover Hall was once again a resounding success. The Year 8, 9 and 10 girls settled quickly into their new surroundings and we were fortunate to have gorgeous blue skies for the whole weekend allowing them to enjoy the outdoor adventure activities provided by the centre.

The standard of Netball was high but the girls were not daunted. The Year 8/9's playing consistently well showing the skills that they have been using and developing throughout the season and were rewarded as runners up in the Plate Competition. The Year 10's played some of their best Netball and made us incredibly proud. They never gave up and turned possible defeats into victories with their tenacity, determination and excellent play. They came 3rd in a very competitive Year 10 Tournament.

All the girls were a credit to our School and were a pleasure to take on Tour.

Mrs Wray



Coaching success for Holly, Year 12

Huge congratulations to Holly Clark, Year 12, who recently completed her Level 1 Trampoline Coaching qualification. Holly had a tough assessor but with pure determination and with such a passion for the sport has now qualified.

Well done Holly and thank you for all the time you give to our students coaching at the school trampoline club, we are very proud of your achievement.

Miss Case

On Thursday 23rd May, Year 7 will be running a 50 minute race in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The race starts at 1.30pm and parents are invited to attend from 1.15pm. Please do not forget to bring your collection tube filled with 20p's!

Students are permitted to wear fancy dress to the event (for a donation of 50p), please continue to encourage the students to seek sponsorship and some spending money for the fair should be bought to school on the day!

Donations for a chocolate tombola would be gratefully received and should be given in to the Year 7 office by Wednesday 22nd May. **Please be aware there is limited parking on-site.**

We look forward to seeing Year 7 parents on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs Wheeler



U13 Cricket

Congratulations to the U13 boys Cricket team who beat Bishop Challoner by 35 runs in a Kent Cup game on Tuesday.

Year 7 boys, Sam Wilkinson, Sam Bussy, Sam Hards and David Hall played their first game for the school and were outstanding. The boys batted very well and showed some excellent fielding skills. Well done.

Mr Simpson

'INTO THE HEIGHTS'

Last Friday evening I had the privilege of witnessing five Darwin Students take part in Bromley Youth Music Trust's Musical Theatre performance of 'Into The Heights'. A Tony award winning musical, 'Into the Heights, is by the 'Hamilton' creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda.

The story is set over the course of three days, involving characters in the largely Hispanic-American neighbourhood of Washington Heights in New York City. The music is particularly complex and demanding, often involving rapid alternation between rap and a more lyrical singing style.

It was a real pleasure to see and hear Allana Ludgrove (Year 13), Lucy Coop and Kayleigh Weaver (Year 11) and Sam Bushell and Mel Quinn (ex Year 13) take on lead and significant roles and perform with such skill, confidence and enjoyment, representing Charles Darwin so admirably among the other Bromley Secondary Schools.

Mrs Kearney



KENT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Kelsey Pullin, Year 10, who competed in several events in the Kent County Championships last weekend.

Kelsey won Silver in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 46.5s, just 0.1s off the National Entry Standard and also beat the previous KCAA Championship record. The season has only just started so hopefully she can achieve entry standard by July.

Kelsey then ran the 300m (flat) and earned a place in the final with a new PB of 42.9s .

Just a few hours later she competed in the final, gained yet another PB of 42.7s and came 6th in a field where the top 3 were National standard athletes.

Kelsey is up for Kent selection in both events and fingers crossed she will be selected for the 300m Hurdles.

Miss Case



Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events Summer Term 2019

MAY

24 May - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

JUNE

6 and 7 June - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition

11 June - GCSE Art and Textiles Private View

12 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening

13 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews

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

AUGUST

15 August - A Level results day

22 August - GCSE results day

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
17.05.19

Hannah Kenton, Tony Webb and
Savannah Howell, 8MCR

Mrs Mills, Reception

SUMMER TERM CLUBS

Boys Cricket (all years)

Monday 15.00 - 16.15

Mr Burtonshaw/Mr Simpson/Mr Bidwell/
Mr Eckersall

Girls Cricket (all years)

Wednesday 15.00 - 16.15

Miss Dobney/Miss Case

Girls Rounders, Years 7, 8

Tuesday 15.00 - 16.15

Mrs Wray/Mrs Wheeler

Girls Rounders, Years 9, 10

Thursday 15.00 - 16.15

Miss Dobney/Miss Case

Trampoline Club

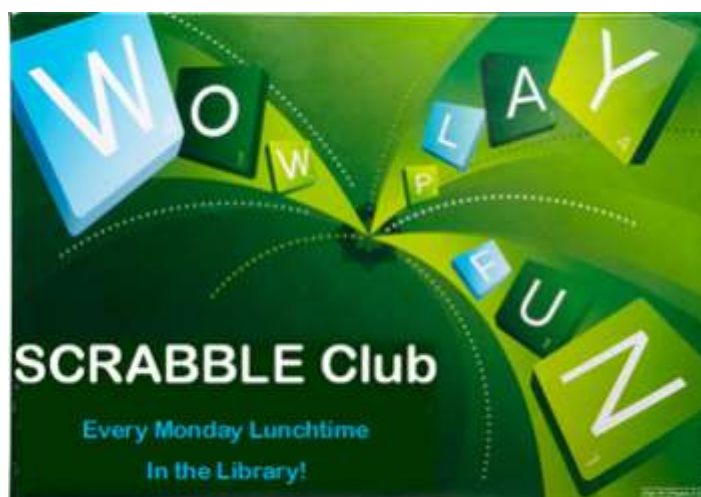
Thursday 15.00 - 16.00 - KS3

Thursday 16.00 - 17.00 - KS4

This is a paid club held in the Small Gym.

Students will need to speak to Mrs Wray to get a letter to join.

CLUBS



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.