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The Link Charles Darwin School

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HEADLINES

Year 8 Options Evening

My thanks to all families who attended the Year 8 Options Evening on Thursday. The evening seemed to go very well, with a positive, purposeful feel pervading the very many individual conversations that staff were having with our children and their families. I spoke with a number of parents during the evening who seemed really focused on making the most appropriate subject choices to suit their child's interests and aspirations.

The Big Read

To celebrate World Book Day last Thursday we again held The Big Read. This is the third year of The Big Read and feedback from the students was once again really positive.

Previous stories have been by Roald Dahl and Anthony Horowitz so it was more challenging to look at Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's 19th century tale, 'The Speckled Band'. Many staff have commented on how they enjoyed hearing the students' theories on how the story would end and we hope it has inspired many to go on and read more of these kinds of stories.

Sunil Chotai

Year 11 Parent's Information Evening

Invitation letters have been sent home this week inviting parents and carers of Year 11 students to an Information Evening on Tuesday 26th March at 6pm. This Evening will cover the following information:

- Exam arrangements and timetable
- Study Leave arrangements and expectations
- Revision and effective exam preparation, including English and Maths
- Time management and organisation
- Managing stress and well-being

Reply slips should be returned via form tutors.

Ms Kelly

RAISING FUNDS FOR ZANZIBAR



On Sunday 10th March, Sixth Formers and teachers braved the heavy showers and strong winds to take part in a sponsored walk event from Bromley to the Tanzanian Embassy in Oxford Street to raise much needed funds for Charles Darwin School's partnership school, Kojito Upele in Zanzibar. Everyone did exceptionally well and they walked the 12 miles in 4 hours (including a lunch break). Students are continuing to fundraise for their trip in the Summer so please look out for more events.

The event forms part of a 6 month sponsored fitness challenge to collectively run, walk, row and swim 7,000 miles from their school in Biggin Hill to their partnership school, Kijito Upele in Stone Town, Zanzibar. Team Zanzibar (staff and students) are embarking upon a challenge both mental and physical. It will test their commitment to the trip and, we hope, earn valuable funds to support the group trip to Zanzibar, and contribute towards a new perimeter fence for Kijito Upele school.

In July 2019 students will once again be returning to Zanzibar to volunteer with their partnership school, where staff and Sixth Form students will work together to make a real difference to the Zanzibari pupils they work with. The school has a student population of over 3,900 students, aged from seven to fifteen years old, with up to 200 children taught in each classroom, learning without tables and chairs, sitting on the floor. Whilst the most important work they will be carrying out whilst they are there is teaching, they would like to be able to take some resources for the school and to support their teaching.

If you would like to make a donation towards the resources for Kojito Upele please visit our fundraising page at: <https://www.fundmytravel.com/campaign/ax8rP44iMz>

Miss Candy

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events Spring Term 2019

MARCH

26 March - Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

27 March - Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening [2]

MAY

2 May - Year 10 Parents' Evening

8 May - Year 7 Parents' Evening

16 May - Year 13 Leavers Assembly

17 May - Year 7 Growth Mindset

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 - 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

Year 10 Harry, Finalist in Speak Out Challenge.

A very well done to Harry Clarke, Year 10, who represented Charles Darwin in the Speak Out Challenge Regional Finals at Langley Park School for Boys on Monday 11th March. Harry spoke thoughtfully, eloquently and with compassion. This is a culmination of several weeks worth of work Harry has put into the competition. Although I am biased, several felt Harry should have been placed in the competition. After the event, two English teachers from other Bromley schools congratulated Harry and informed him that he was a clear winner in their eyes. Very well done Harry!

Also a big well done to our school finalists who also worked very hard on their speeches and faced the daunting task of performing in front of the English teachers: Niamh Robinson, Sky Kilby, Nicole Wallace and Isabel Wilkins.

Miss Sales



Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending
15.03.2019**

Hannah Warner & Andrew Waddington, 8SHo and Jimmy Sellars and Emily Dickson, 8PWa.

Mrs Mills, Reception

Parents Evenings 2019

Year 12: 27 March 2019 [2]

Year 13: 27 March 2019 [2]

Year 10: 2 May 2019

Year 7: 8 May 2019

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Big win for the U16s



A huge well done to the U16 Girls Football team who beat Bishop Justus in a Bromley Cup game on Monday. The girls won 5 - 0 which is a great score. The girls still have to play Hayes, Haberdashers Knights and Bullerswood. The top two teams will play in the final after Easter. Scorers were Emma Spear, Izzy Franklin and Nanci Powley.

Miss Case

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.