



CHARLES DARWIN SCHOOL

'Life in Year 7'

Year 7 Induction Evening for pupils

ASPIRE



ENDEAVOUR



ACHIEVE



Concentration habits for the classroom...

S

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Questions**

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T

Track the Teacher

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pay attention!**



Key staff for Year 7

Mrs L Rees

Deputy Head Teacher

Miss N Dobney

New Year 7 Achievement Co-ordinator

Miss R Monk

Year 7 Transition Manager



My First day at Charles Darwin School

- Arrive 8.45 - 9.00am on
Monday 2nd September 2024
- You will be directed to the hall
- Full school uniform (remember – no jewellery), school bag and equipment.
- Introduction to tutor and find out who will be in your tutor group
- You will finish at 12:00.



What do I need to bring with me on the first day?

First Day of School

What to bring checklist

Fully equipped pencil case

Reading book (appropriate for reading ability)

£10 for a locker and padlock

£6.20 for blazer badge and £5.40 for a tie if not already purchased

'Who am I?' booklet, completed

Filled water bottle (water only)

A healthy snack for break (you will finished School by lunch time on the first day)

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My form group

- The most important person – **my form tutor**
- Class will be called after my tutor **eg 7JBI for Mr J Bidwell**
- Registration in the morning and after lunch
- My tutor will help me settle in
- My tutor will help with any problems
- My tutor will be the first person parents contact if there is an issue
- I will make new friends in my Form from different primary schools
 - You may not be with the same people you know from primary school- it is a chance to make new friends!



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Corridor Routines...

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Stay on the Left

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**Prompt and
Purposeful**

A

**Always use an
Indoor Voice**

C

**Courtesy and
Common Sense**

E

Example

**Every lesson change over, every day
and every week**

The expected behaviour of
everyone in our
community is based on

Mutual Respect

Students - Staff - Parents



Aspire - Endeavour - Achieve





How we talk to adults...

S

Speak and Smile

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Thank You

E

Etiquette

P

Please

S

Sorry

We are polite to you - you are polite to us



Rules I must remember..

- **Uniform** – wear it with pride. No false nails or make up. Natural coloured hair (no blue/green/lilac etc)
- **Jewellery** – not allowed until the 6th form. No piercings (not even covered with a plaster/tape)
- **Mobile phones- not seen/ not heard** - can be brought to school but are your responsibility- they are turned off at the gate on the way in and remain off until leaving at the end of the day
- **Appropriate (calm and sensible) behaviour** in class and around school (SLANT SPACE STEPS) consequences if not followed
- **Be on time** to school and lessons
- **Remember equipment** (Whole School Detention if forgotten)

Home School Partnership

Student Name:

1. The School

The school will undertake to:

- care for your child's safety and happiness;
- ensure that your child achieves his or her full potential, as a valued member of the school community;
- provide a balanced curriculum and meet individual needs;
- achieve high standards of work and behavior through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility;
- keep you informed about general school matters (e.g. through *The Link*), and your child's progress in particular;
- be open and welcoming and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the daily life of the school.

Signature(s)

Headteacher

Chair of Governors

2. The Parents/Guardians

I/we shall undertake to:

- see that my/our child goes to school regularly, on time, properly equipped and in the correct uniform;
- let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my/our child's work or behaviour;
- support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour;
- support my/our child in their homework and any other opportunities for home learning;
- attend parents' evenings and discussions about my/our child's progress;
- be involved in my/our child's life at the school.

Signature(s)

3. The Pupil

I shall undertake to:

- attend school regularly and on time;
- bring all the equipment I need every day and take good care of it;
- wear the school uniform with pride and be tidy in appearance;
- do all my classwork and homework;
- follow the school's behavior curriculum at all times i.e. **SLANT, STEPS and SPACE**;
- be polite and helpful to others;
- help to keep the school free from litter and graffiti;
- respect all school property;
- behave appropriately at all times, including to and from school;
(visit junior schools with prior permission only).

Signature:

Date:



Your responsibility....

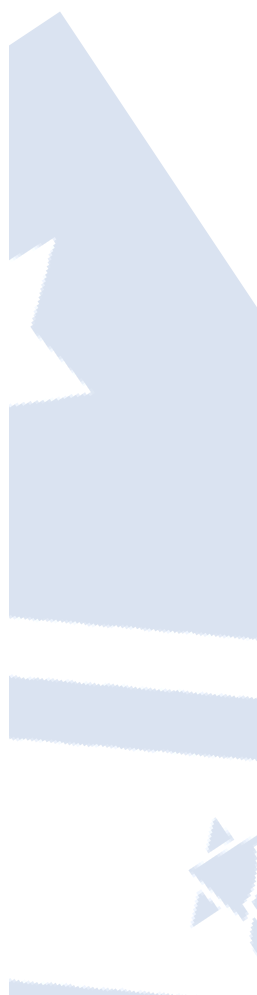
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My first week...



Ready to Learn Induction:

Charles Darwin Staff and Students will support the new year 7 students with their return to education. They will help with things like....

- Finding your way around, locating classrooms, toilets, student services, canteen playground etc
- How to move around school, line up outside classrooms, enter classrooms
- Developing organisational skills, using lockers, carrying equipment etc
- Presenting your classwork and homework
- How to use our ICT facilities, setting up your school email and SMHW accounts

How will I know where to go?

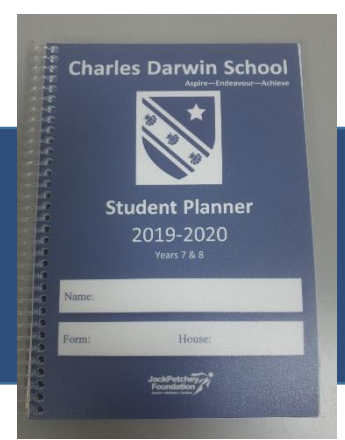
- Your timetable – it will show room numbers (which are also next to the classroom door) and names of teachers
- Map in planner
- Guided tour of the school
- Senior Prefects and Prefects available to direct
- Teaching groups escorted to lessons by teachers for the first two weeks



Homework...



Homework



- Planner can be used to remind you about Homework.
- Homework is recorded on Satchel one- online App where all homework and helpful documents are posted by your teachers
 - Homework is not an option
- Some homework is set as projects- do a section every week, do not leave it until the week before it is due in!
- Satchel one- online App where all homework and helpful documents are posted by your teachers

Other opportunities at CDS ...



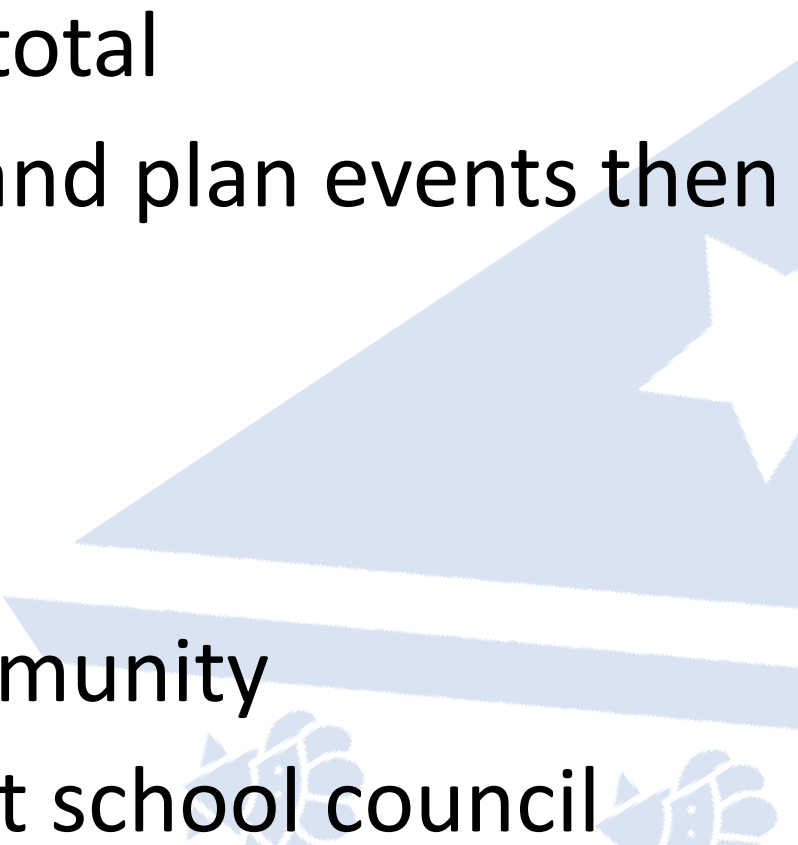
Form group competitions

Examples include:

- Notice board
- Inter form Quiz
- Attendance Donut Challenge
- Cake Sale
- Sport competitions (throughout) and Sports day (July)
- Charity events

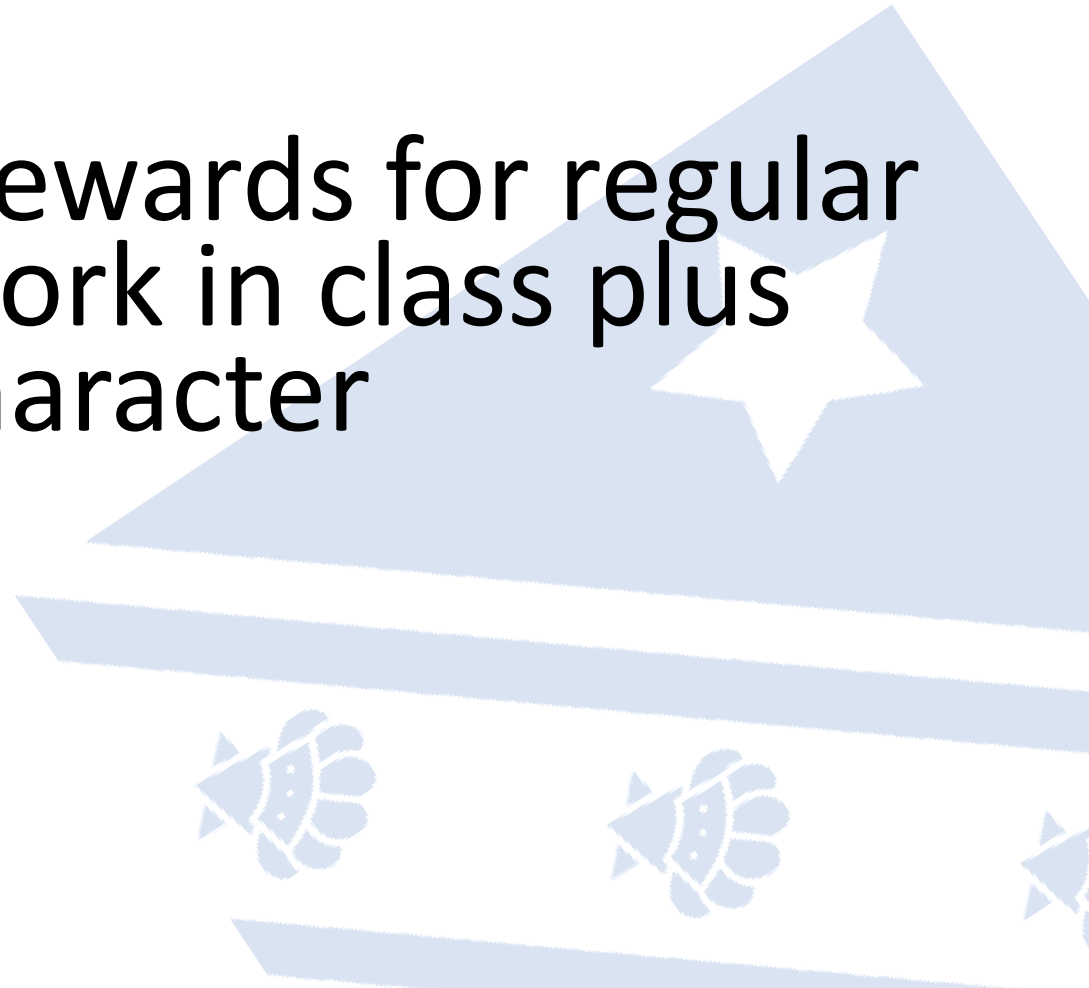


Student Voice

- 2 members from each form – 16 in total
 - Regular meetings to discuss issues and plan events then feedback to form group
 - School ambassadors
 - 24 hours volunteering during year 7
 - Trusted members of the year 7 community
 - 2 members go to represent year 7 at school council
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Competitions for the whole school

1. Achievement points- rewards for regular effort and quality of work in class plus recognition of good character
2. Attendance
3. Charity – Year based



There are 3 ways to be rewarded with Achievement points



**Aspire
points**



**Endeavour
points**



**Achieve
points**

ASPIRE points

For directing hopes or ambitions to achieve something through commitment and/or leadership

- ✓ 3 points - Open day guide/helper
- ✓ 3 points - Prefect support at Parents evening
 - ✓ 5 points – Student Voice involvement
- ✓ 5 points - School production rehearsals & show
 - ✓ 5 points - Sports team for term
- ✓ 5 points – School mentor training and commitment
 - ✓ 10 points – School Council for year

ENDEAVOUR points

For trying hard to do or achieve something

✓ 10 points - Platinum effort for CAPP 1 report

Progress pen nominations and completion of Character passports

ACHIEVE points

For successfully bring about or reaching a desired result

- ✓ Excellent classwork and homework, improved behaviour, noticeable effort and kindness/helpfulness. These are given by teachers through Satchel one for immediate contact with home
 - ✓ 2 points for Jack Petchey nomination
 - ✓ 10 points for Jack Petchey winner

Examples of Rewards

- Good notes in my planner
- Achievement Points (Aspire, Endeavour, Achieve)
- Letters home
- Certificates
- Attendance Trips
- 'Break with a Cake' – Mr Smith
- Jack Petchey award
- Progress Pen
- Regular rewards throughout year for effort



After school and at lunchtime I can

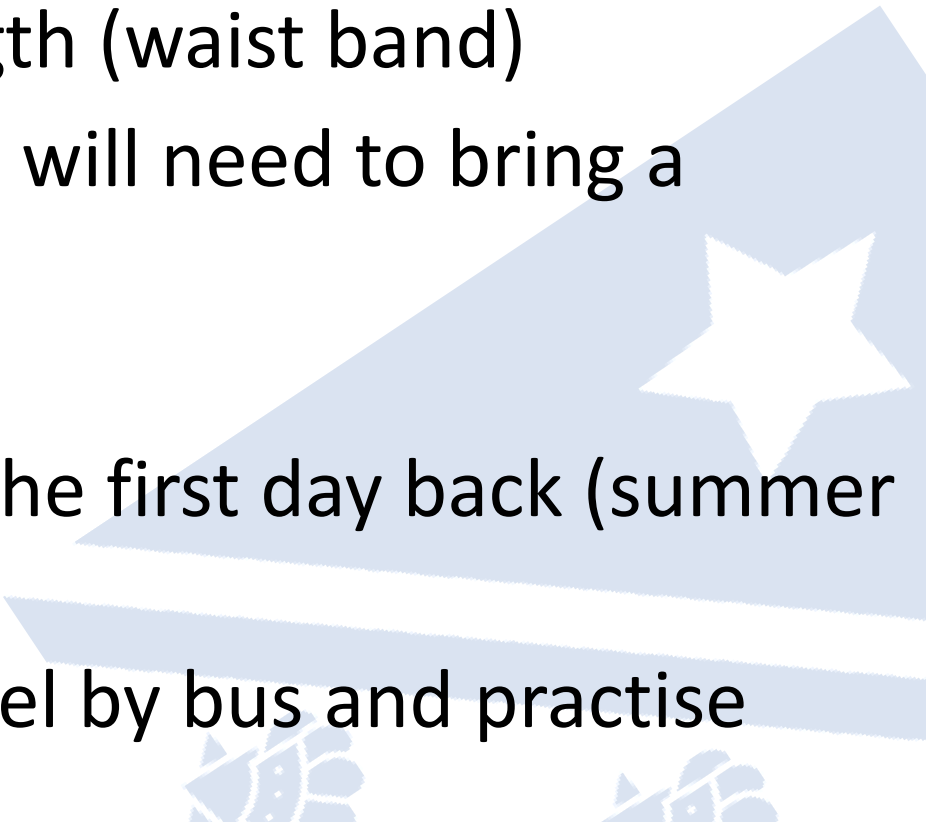
- Play a sport
- Do dance or drama
- Play an instrument or join the choir
- Do art or design
- Use the library or computer room to do my Homework
- Go to homework club
- Mindfulness club



Preparation for life at CDS...



And finally.. during the summer..

- Learn how to tie a tie to the correct length (waist band)
 - Buy some books or go to the library. You will need to bring a reading book into school every day
 - Buy a bag and stationary
 - Remember my 'Who am I?' booklet on the first day back (summer homework)
 - Order zip/ oyster card if planning to travel by bus and practise route
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Important dates

- Year 7 interviews
 - Thursday 6th June / Tuesday 11th June
- CAT testing days
 - Tuesday 25th June- Bromley schools
 - Wednesday 26th June- Croydon schools (including tatsfield) and Oaklands primary
- Summer School
 - Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July





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We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you as part of our school.

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